

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2014**

1. **CALLED TO ORDER:** Council Vice President Smith called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - PRESENT:** Council Vice President Smith, Councilors Dedrick, Farnsworth, Ray, Fenton, and TenEyck.
 - STAFF PRESENT:** Recorder Sandoval, City Manager Ward, Planner Searles, Public Works Director Pelleberg, and Chief Huxel.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited at 7:02pm.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Councilor Ray to approve agenda. Seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Voted 6-0. Motion Carried.
5. **PRESENTATION:** None.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilor Fenton moved to approve minutes from November 4, 2014. Councilor TenEyck seconded the motion. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - 7.1 Boyd Sharp – 1651 2nd Street. Read letter directed to Council Members. Requested that Council Members vote on supporting negotiations with the port, and that approval has been given for continuation of any further negotiations to attending members. The Port of Umatilla declined mediation and failed to return with a request for a zoning change, which had been urged by the Planning Commission before it was decided to proceed with the legal Land Use Rules, currently under appeal.
 - 7.2 Karen Hutchinson Talaski – Wanted to thank everyone on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.
 - 7.3 Ron Hosek – 3120 Myrtle Wood Lane, Hermiston. Wanted to accurately relay opposition to secret meetings being held between the City and the Port of Umatilla. He believes it was in violation of ORS 193.630 in regards to having quorum for such meetings to take place. Wanted to let Council Members know that he found it perturbing as a tax payer and business owner that agreements could not be reached between the City and Port of Umatilla. He a
 - 7.4 Tamara Mabbott - Stated that this all came down to zoning issues on the map.
 - 7.5 Heidi Sipe – Volunteered as a mediator between interested parties, and voiced hope for resolution between City and Port officials.
8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - 8.1 Paid Invoices:
 - a. CRIS, Inc. Moved by Councilor Fenton for approval. Seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted 5-0-1. Councilor Ray abstained. Motion carried.

- b. All Remaining Invoices. Moved by Councilor Fenton for approval. Seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Court Report. Moved by Councilor Fenton for approval. Seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- 10.1 Moved by Councilor Dedrick to have Public Works Department and NOWA officials work on an agreement. Seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- 11.1 Railroad Right of Way Disposal – No motion made, but consensus from Council Members was to keep Right of Way until further plans develop for that piece of property.
- 11.2 It was moved by Councilor Ray to continue negotiations with the Port, replace Councilor Smith with Councilor Dedrick at next meeting scheduled on the 22nd of December. Seconded by Council Smith. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.
- 11.3 Moved by Councilor Dedrick to give City employees the 26th of December off as a Holiday. Seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted 6-0. Motion Carried.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 12.1 Consensus reached by Council Members that Manager Ward would send a letter of support for Restore Oregon

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- John Nichols – 2591 Blue Jay. Requested that everyone speak into microphones.
- Kathy Meharry – 607 SE 59 Drive, College Place, WA. Inquired if Council had reached a decision about selling Right Away. Consensus by Council Members was that the City would keep property until further plans were developed.
- Judy Simmons – 205 Yakima Street. Expressed concerns about marijuana becoming an issue within City limits due to recent law changes.

14. MAYOR’S MESSAGE: None.

15. STAFF REPORT:

- 15.1 Manager’s Report
- a. There was praise for the Police Department, more specifically Chief Huxel from Mr. Charles Morgan who was stranded roadside due to snowfall.
 - b. Statewide adoption of the recreational marijuana measure will open opportunities for local initiatives to ban the production, processing, and sale of pot within local jurisdictions. The city will be reviewing this issue underway at the Planning Commission.

16. COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Next meeting to be conducted January 6th, 2015.

17. AJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

18. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

George Fenton – Council President

ATTEST:

Nanci Sandoval – City Recorder