

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
April 16, 2019**

**1. CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Dedrick called the council workshop to order at 8:11pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilors Roxbury, Funderburk, Smith, Wheeler, and TenEyck.

**Absent:** Councilor Chavez (excused) and Mayor Dedrick (excused).

**Staff Present:** Manager Stockdale, Finance and Administration Director Ince, Community Development Director Mabbott, Community Development Coordinator Horn, Chief Huxel, Public Works Director Coleman, and Recorder Sandoval.

**3. MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Public Works Director Coleman touched base on the damage that was caused by the high water on the Umatilla River. He explained that a log hit the middle section and debris kept piling up, dislodging the middle section of the bridge. Once the water recedes, we would have to involve the Corps because anytime we moved more than 20 yards of material out of the river, there would need to be permitting processes followed. There would be a lot of work to do in the next months.

The area has been roped off by the Police Department. They have no trespassing signs on both sides of the bridge.

The Umatilla County Emergency Manager, Thomas Robert thanked the Council for taking the Emergency Declaration approach. The Umatilla County, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the City of Pendleton all had taken a similar approach. All this will push the threshold for FEMA requirements. He applauded them and thanked them for their efforts. We were all working as a team to try to deal with the situation. The bridge collapsing was a game changer for the County.

Manager Stockdale explained there were three engineers looking at the bridge to do assessment damage. They were estimating around 5 million dollars to replace the bridge because it was considered a total loss.

Councilor Roxbury stated we needed to build the bridge as a rainbow arch. The bridge had previously needed repairs because of the design. The middle channeled of the River was the deepest in the middle where the collapse had occurred. The middle channel of the River needed to be left open.

Manager Stockdale stated they would be looking at different design. The engineers would look at the options depending on if the bridge was declared a total loss or not. The piers were just walls. Those walls were battling the water every day. There needed to be a way to disperse the hydrology on the piers.

Councilor Roxbury stated that the bridge is 40 years, and we say it took 40 years for it to collapse, but it was incorrect, it took one day and the right set of conditions. It is not like it was 40 years of stress piling on the bridge and finally it broke. We had high enough water and plenty of logs coming down to take it down.

#### **4. ACTION ITEMS:**

Moved by Councilor Roxbury to approve Resolution No. 57 -2019 - A Resolution Declaring the City of Umatilla, Oregon to be in State of Emergency. Seconded by Councilor TenEyck. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Fee Resolution Updates – Finance and Administration Director Ince gave an updated report on the fee resolution.

6x26 – Community Development Coordinator Horn presented on a City-wide mural program. She gave examples on what other communities had done to beautify their community by commissioning an artist to paint murals on downtown buildings. The project, called 6x26, was suggesting six murals be completed by the year 2026.

Council gave the consensus to pursue the project.

IWW Easements – Community Development Director stated they would be routing the industrial waste water lines through different property than originally planned. She pointed out the new lines on the map presented to Council. The City would be dedicating itself an easement. This would help memorialize the easement if the City ever sold the property or decided to develop it.

WEID Draft Agreements – As part of the overall picture to build the industrial waste water systems the water line would go into a Bureau of Reclamation canal and West Extension Irrigation District.

Port of Entry Discussion – There was discussion about relocating the Port of Entry. Ideally, the new Port of Entry would still be in City limits. Several different locations were presented.

Chief Huxel stated we were not ready to write off the revenue that was coming from the citations.

Manager Stockdale surmised that retail opportunity was the higher value usage for that space. He was hoping to exchange more information and on properties when the State was ready to relocate. This was information that could be used for their future meetings.

Councilor TenEyck wanted to know how far apart we were from the 2011 estimated costs. Manager Stockdale stated about 30 million dollars from the original 21 million.

Moved by Councilor TenEyck to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Roxbury.  
Voted: 6-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:57p.m.

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Mary Dedrick, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nanci Sandoval, City Recorder

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