UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS 700 6TH STREET, UMATILLA, OR 97882 NOVEMBER 16, 2021 6:00 PM

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Elected Officials Stipend Suggested Action: The workload of the City Council and Mayor has significantly increased in order to keep up with the demand of our rapidly growing City. Regular Council meetings and Workshops used to run about an hour in duration, on average, as little as just three years ago and prior; these meetings are now running closer to a two-hour average or more depending on demand. Action Items used to be able to be limited to just once a month, but have now, out of necessity, been required at nearly every meeting. Discussion items were once nearly exclusively at Workshops, but now exist at every meeting. We are also experiencing a critical need to increase training of our Elected Officials so that they are adequately educated/experienced to make a well-informed decision. With all this and more, staff would like to bring back the topic of a monthly stipend for further discussion.

The City Council and Budget Committee approved the expense of a \$100/month stipend beginning this fiscal year to leave open the option to adopt an implementation policy at a later time, should such a policy wish to be adopted and implemented.

5.b Poultry Code 4-1-5-18 Suggested Action: Discussion Only.

At the Council's Workshop in June 2019, there wasn't a strong enough desire to bring back an updated draft of the City's poultry and other animal codes. There was moderate interest from the community to allow for homeowners to have some chickens or other small animals. Since then, a worldwide pandemic has significantly increased the attention on self-sufficiency and several our community members have voiced renewed interest in this topic of raising chickens, rabbits, and other small animals for food, fur, feathers, or other self-sufficiency animal products for home use or education. Also, since 2019, we have adopted a new local zoning ordinance that allows these animals outright with certain restrictions. Staff is seeking further discussion and direction to determine if Council still feels the same as they did in 2019 or if you would like staff to bring back an updated draft ordinance to expand the raising of these animals in other zones under certain restrictions.

6. **RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

6.a Labor Negotiations - ORS 192.660(2)(d) Authorizes council to conduct deliberations with

persons designated to carry on labor negotiations. Suggested Action: Discussion only.

7. **RECONVENE**

8. **ADJOURN**

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