

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
July 03, 2018**

1. CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Dufloth called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilor Keith via conference call, Councilors Roxbury, Ray, Wheeler, Torres – Medrano, and TenEyck.

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder Sandoval, Manager Pelleberg, Rec Planner Tsui, Public Works Director Barron, Planner Seitz, Community Development Director Mabbott, Community Development Coordinator Horn, Attorney SpicerKuhn, and Chief Huxel.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of allegiance was recited at 7:02pm.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Councilor Torres - Medrano to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATION:

5.1 There was a presentation by Caryn Appler on the Energy Trust of Oregon. She explained that Energy Trust was an independent nonprofit organization, serving 1.6 million customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural, Cascade Natural Gas, and Avista. She talked about their Heat Pump On-Bill Repayment program. She talked about Energy-Saving Actions, which allowed up to a \$10,000 loan to be repaid on the utility bill for homeowners in Oregon.

5.2 Amy Word, presented on the Umatilla County Animal Control District. They were seeking to form a special district. They wanted the Council's consent to allow citizens to vote on the formation of the county service district at the rate of \$ 0.10 per \$1000 assessed value tax.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved by Councilor Torres - Medrano to approve minutes for June 19, 2018 and June 19, 2018 workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

7.1 James Magoteaux – Mr. Magoteaux let the Council know he had lived on Southshore Drive for about 25 years. He was a businessman with 5 businesses in the area. He talked about a flyer that had been given to him. It explained that there was a group working on what the Corp of Engineers took away from the City, but he was also hearing that the City was trying to take away what the Corp of Engineers took away from the Southshore Drive owners, and had nothing to do with the City way back then or even today. It is something that is dear to him because he has been there 25 years and has 5 homes there.

Mayor Dufloth explained that it was something that was being worked on by an individual group. It was not by the City, but it may be supported by the City at a later date.

Manager Pelleberg stated that Mr. Magoteaux should reach out the folks who were involved with the group.

8. CONSENT AGENDA: None.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mayor Dufloth reassigned the standing council committees with terms to expire on December 31, 2018.

9.1 Standing Council Committees

- a. Personnel - Chair Councilor TenEyck with Councilor Ray
- b. Community Development – Chair Councilor Wheeler with Councilor Torres -Medrano
- c. Finance – Chair Councilor Roxbury with Councilor Keith
- d. Public Works – Chair Councilor Ray with Councilor Roxbury
- e. Police – Chair Councilor Torres – Medrano with Councilor TenEyck
- f. Information Technology - Chair Councilor Keith with Councilor Wheeler

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 Community Development Grant Amendment – Alanis Auto Detail – Community Development Director Mabbott explained Mr. Jose Alanis had turned in an amended community development grant.

Community Development Coordinator Horn explained Mr. Alanis had originally submitted the application for façade and landscaping/irrigation improvements. He completed the façade work and submitted the supporting documentation to be reimbursed for 50% of the total. As a result of the need to purchase a storage unit, he did not complete the landscaping/irrigation.

It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve the amended community development grant. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler. Voted: 5-1-0. Councilor TenEyck voted against the motion. Motion carried.

It was moved by councilor TenEyck to approve the amended grant in the amount of \$1,875. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 2-4. Councilor Keith and Councilor Torres-Medrano voted for the motion. Councilor Roxbury, Councilor Ray, Councilor Wheeler and Councilor TenEyck voted against the motion. Motion failed.

11.2 Resolution No. 01-2019 – A Resolution in Support of the Community Service Fee Distribution Formula Approved by Umatilla County for the VADATA Center McNary/Bonney Sites – It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve Resolution No. 01-2019 – A Resolution in Support of the Community Service Fee Distribution Formula Approved by Umatilla County for the VADATA Center McNary/Bonney Sites. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

11.3 Resolution No. 02-2019 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Five Year Enterprise Zone Agreement with a Ratified Effective Date of February 7, 2017 with VADATA for Extended Property Tax Abatement Under the Enterprise Zone Provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes 285C.050 to 285C.250 – It was moved by Councilor Torres - Medrano to approve Resolution No. 02-2019 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Five Year Enterprise Zone Agreement with a Ratified Effective Date of February 7, 2017 with VADATA for Extended Property Tax Abatement Under the Enterprise Zone Provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes 285C.050 to 285C.250. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

11.4 Resolution No. 03- 2019 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter Requesting Transfer of Tax Lot 5500 of Assessor’s Map5N 28 17AD to the City of Umatilla – It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve Resolution No. 03- 2019 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter Requesting Transfer of Tax Lot 5500 of Assessor’s Map5N 28 17AD to the City of Umatilla. Motion was seconded by Councilor Torres – Medrano. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

11.5 Accept City Manager Pelleberg’s Resignation and Remove as Signatory from All City Bank Accounts – It was moved by Councilor Ray to accept City Manager Pelleberg’s resignation and remove him as a signatory from all city bank accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilor Torres – Medrano. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

11.6 Appoint Interim City Manager and Add as Signatory on All City Bank Accounts – It was moved by Councilor Ray to table the appointment of interim city manager until after executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

12.1 Letter to City Manager Pelleberg - Mayor Dufloth wished Manager Pelleberg good luck on his future endeavors. The City Council had a letter for Manager Pelleberg.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

14. MAYOR’S MESSAGE: Tomorrow was Fourth of July, and it was funny how it is on the cusps of a huge transition. He reminded the audience that they are just human and they were doing the best they could. He asked the community to be patient.

15. STAFF REPORT:

Manager Pelleberg stated we had gone over everything in the staff report. He wanted to take the time to thank the staff who worked for him. In the two and half years of him being city manager revenues had increased without having to raise taxes. A lot of the utility projects and street projects that were being funded were going to help this town grow. He wanted to thank everyone for being supportive.

16. COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

16.1 Councilor Keith – Let Manager Pelleberg know he did an amazing job.

16.2 Councilor Roxbury – We have had city managers in the past and we will have city managers in the future, but he was unsure if he could point to one who had moved the bar as far as Manager Pelleberg had. He believed Manager Pelleberg had done a lot more than anyone they have had in quite a while. Councilor Roxbury has lived in Umatilla since 1968. Everyone has always talked about how Umatilla needs to grow. We need to develop. We need to do this. We need to do that. We need to be up front, and now we are finally growing and experiencing some growing pains. Everyone is acting surprised, but this is as predictable as the sunrise. When things start going good, and the money starts rolling in, everyone and their brother is going to have an opinion on how the money should be spent. We are just trying to do the best we can.

16.3 Councilor Ray – Councilor Ray asked if the Sixth Street Project was still on hold.

Manager Pelleberg stated the project was still moving forward, we were just waiting to get a full report on all the expenditures. We need to talk to some funding folks and it will be in front of the council soon. We have time.

Councilor Ray stated he read Umatilla had three 9-1-1 calls about fireworks. We needed to do something about the fireworks. Cities around us were cracking down. We needed to get a plan together. He really appreciated the presentation by the Energy Trust of Oregon. He would like to sit down with Ms. Appler and ask more questions. He also appreciated the animal control district. He wished Manager Pelleberg good luck.

16.4 Councilor Wheeler – She was very excited for the growth to come. She has lived in Umatilla for almost 10 years now. It was exciting to see the physical labor come to fruition.

16.5 Councilor Torres – Medrano – She wanted to touch a little bit on freedom. It looks a little different to people. She owed it to her community to bring it up. Recently, there have been things nationally that disturb the peace in some of our communities. She was talking about immigration. A few weeks ago she went to the farmers market in Hermiston, there was a huge banner placed in the parking lot that stated let's make Hermiston great again. To a lot of people it's just a slogan, but to some members of our community it is threatening. There was a Facebook group named Umatilla Great Again. She believed this Facebook group sent out the wrong message to at least half of our residents. We should keep in mind the message we send out with social media.

16.6 Councilor TenEyck – Councilor TenEyck thanked Manager Pelleberg for his service and for getting the big ball rolling. He cautioned everyone and asked the community not to start fires. He has stated this numerous times and wanted to reiterate it again, put the phone down when you're driving. There is nothing worth dying for that can't wait while you're driving.

17. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Dufloth adjourned to executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, and ORS 192.660 (2)(n) to conduct labor negotiations at 8:26pm.

18. RECONVENE: Mayor Dufloth reconvened to regular council meeting at 9:03pm. It was moved by Councilor Roxbury to appoint Tamra Mabbott as the interim city manager with a 5% salary increase. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler. Voted: 4-2. Councilor Torres – Medrano and Councilor TenEyck voted against the motion. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilor Roxbury to honor Manager Pelleberg's contract and pay the one-month salary severance pay. The motion was seconded by Councilor TenEyck. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dufloth explained Community Development Director Mabbott would assume interim city manager duties effective July 14, 2018.

Councilor Ray explained it was one of the hardest decisions they have had to make. They looked at every angle possible. He thanked everyone for their patience and hopes they've made the right decision.

19. **ADJOURN:** The next regular meeting will be held on August 07, 2018 at 7:00pm. It was moved by Councilor Roxbury to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Torres - Medrano. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Daren Dufloth, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nanci Sandoval, City Recorder