

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
October 16, 2018**

- 1. CALLED TO ORDER:** President Ray called the council meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- 2. ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Councilors Keith, Ray, Wheeler, and TenEyck.
ABSENT: Councilors Roxbury and Torres – Medrano, and Mayor Dufloth.
STAFF PRESENT: Recorder Sandoval, Community Development Director Mabbott, Deputy City Manager Ince, City Manager Stockdale, and Attorney Spicerkuhn.
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 7:02pm.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
Councilor TenEyck moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Councilor Keith.
Voted: 4-0. Motion carried.
- 5. PRESENTATION:**
Introduction of new City Manager, David Stockdale.
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None presented.
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.
- 9. CONSENT AGENDA:** None.
- 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.
- 11. NEW BUSINESS:**
Councilor Keith moved to remove Interim City Manager/Community Development Director Mabbott from all City bank accounts and add City Manager David Stockdale as a signatory on all city bank accounts. Motion seconded by Councilor Wheeler. Moved: 4-0. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 17 – 2019 - Deputy City Manager Ince explained the City was applying for a grant for the first phase for the feasibility study for a well to connect hydraulically to the Columbia River. The grant application was due tomorrow, and the City had to prove it would match fifty percent of the funds necessary to complete the project. We were applying for \$364,000.00. To date, we had spent \$10,000.00 in consulting fees for the project. Staff estimated we would provide \$35,000.00 worth of in-kind staff work. That left a balance of \$319,000.00 of funds that we actually submitted a loan intake today through Business Oregon. This resolution showed our commitment to those funds so, that they knew what to expect.

Deputy City Manager Ince asked Council to amend the signature line to allow Council President Ray to sign this resolution because to application was due the next day.

Councilor Keith wanted to know what budget line item the matching funds for grant applications came from. Deputy City Manager Ince explained this was not one we budgeted for originally, it would be done through a supplemental budget. She further elaborated the 1978 water bond was paid off in December of 2018. This would free up about \$63,000.00 worth of cash every year into annual debt service payments. It gave the City some leeway to do this without having to do a rate increase. Councilor Keith asked Deputy City Manager Ince if she felt good about it. She responded yes.

Deputy City Manager Ince explained the intake completed today would not lock the City into a loan. The next step would be for Business Oregon to do a one stop. The way that looked, was they brought all the different funding agencies to us, and they show us their proposals of the best way they could fund the project, they give us different options, and we pick which option works best for the City.

Councilor TenEyck moved to approve Resolution No. 17-2019 - A Resolution Documenting City's Commitment to Matching Funds for a Water Feasibility Grant Application to Oregon Water Resources Department with changes to allow Council President Ray to sign the resolution. Seconded by Councilor Wheeler. Voted: 4-0. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18 – 2019 – Councilor Ray asked why Deputy City Manager Ince was the one being authorized to sign the agreement. We had an outstanding thing in the City where two people were allowed to sign for the City and that was the Mayor or the Manager. Deputy City Manager Ince explained the majority of the work done for the project was on the interim. She had been the one who signed all the paperwork on the loan paperwork and everything related to JUB. For consistency sake, she was the one authorized to sign this one. She did not have a problem with Council authorizing City Manager Stockdale to sign the paperwork. This resolution was just for consistency purposes.

Moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve Resolution No. 18-2019 - A Resolution Authorizing Finance Director/Deputy City Manager Ince to Sign a Contract Amendment for the Sixth Street Waterline Project. Motion seconded by Councilor Keith. Voted: 4-0. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 19 -2019 – Community Development Director Mabbott was happy to say the County Tourism and Economic Development folks finally discovered Umatilla. We are included in their tourism promotion efforts. Kari Walchli is submitting a grant application. The two chambers, Hermiston and Umatilla have already submitted their letters of support. A Rural Tourism Studio is similar to the Destination Management Plan we did last spring. It brings the tourism professionals of Travel Oregon, out to this area and this entire west side of the county together to look at outdoor recreation and other tourism assets. It would be an amazing boost to have an outside party to bring all those entities together. It might be a little duplication of efforts for us, but that was okay. It is another opportunity to get our

stakeholders and business at the table to show what we have. We are that much closer to being able to market as a tourism destination. All the county was asking at this point was a letter of support.

Moved by Councilor Keith to approve Resolution No. 19-2019 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support for A Travel Oregon Rural Studio Grant Application. Seconded by Councilor Wheeler. Voted: 4-0. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 20-2019 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers with Recommendations on the Mid-Columbia River Regional Master Plan Update

Community Development Director Mabbott stated there was a public meeting last week in Dallas Port. The US Army Corps of Engineers would be updating the Mid-Columbia River Regional Master Plan. This was an opportunity for us to do a couple of things. The letter that is drafted is consistence with comments previously made by the City. As a priority, we are asking they remove invasive species so we can enjoy the view from Army Corps lands of the Umatilla and Columbia rivers.

The priorities in the letter were to move the non-native invasive species, the Russian Olive Trees. Also, included in the letter was for them to consider the landscape management plan submitted by the City and the Tribe. It asks them to adopt the landscape plan as part of the Master Plan. The last piece stated the City Planner and Community Development Director would be reviewing the map, parcel by parcel. They are not sure if they have changed some classifications. They just wanted to make sure that their classifications were consistent with the City's plan. City staff would be presenting a GIS quality map before the deadline.

Moved by Councilor Wheeler to approve Resolution No. 20-2019 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers with Recommendations on the Mid-Columbia River Regional Master Plan Update. Motion seconded by Councilor Keith. Voted: 4-0. Motion carried.

12. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

14. MAYOR'S MESSAGE: None.

15. STAFF REPORT: Deputy City Manager Ince explained there would be a transformation of City Hall next week. We were gearing up for Trick-or-Treat Sixth Street.

16. COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

Councilor TenEyck – Councilor TenEyck welcomed new City Manager David Stockdale. He thanked him for coming and being at the helm of a great ship. He wanted to thank the rest of the staff for keeping the sheets in the wind while we were in some stormy weather.

Hats off to staff. In addition, he wanted to remind everyone Thursday, October 18, there would be a candidate forum and he encouraged and invited everyone to be there to bring their questions to the candidates. It warms his heart to see the City and residents getting involved. He anticipated more people to be present tonight. He got off a boat in Garibaldi at 2:06 today, and he made it to the meeting. He wanted it to be an example to the rest of the Council because often time there were vacant seats, and it bothered him. He feels like it was not being taken as seriously as it should be. He hoped when the new candidates joined, they would feel the same and take it seriously.

Councilor Wheeler – Councilor Wheeler welcomed City Manager Stockdale. She was excited to have him here. Staff has been phenomenal the last few months. She felt this was a power team with what is going on at this point. City Manager Forum was fantastic and she thought we would be able to do the same thing. There was a flyer going around on Facebook. She was asking everyone to share and to show up.

Councilor Ray – Councilor Ray welcomed City Manager Stockdale. He felt we had the right team in place. He was optimistic for the City. He felt the City would be the biggest city in the County one day.

He wanted to know what steps staff had taken to be reimbursed from the engineers. Deputy City Manager Ince explained we would not be paying any additional work to correct plans. We were still going back and forth on the billing aspect, but it is being addressed.

Councilor Ray wanted to know if they had talked about staff time. Deputy City Manager Ince clarified we had not. Community Development Director Mabbott stated that as a team they needed to talk about the legal bill to piece out what it took Attorney Spicerkuhn to have to redo and rebid. Deputy City Manager Ince stated she did not expect any pushback from JUB. They knew the mistake was theirs, and they have done a good job on owning it and making it right.

Councilor Keith – Asked the rest of the Council if they knew about the errors from the engineers. He felt out of the loop, about staff time, and the attorney time. Deputy City Manager stated the issue had been discussed at the previous workshop about the errors. We had put the project back to bid for a second time because we originally had put it out on a much smaller scale. When we put it out for a second time, we put the project out to bid whole.

Community Development Director Mabbott elaborated that during the interview process for the Public Works Director, staff had to disclose the error in the context that one of the applicants was partly responsible for the error. Therefore, that was why some more information than others.

Councilor Keith also wanted to confer on commitment to show up. He was sharing with a friend about how much time it takes to be on Council. He has not missed a meeting. He is committed to that and spending personal time.

Community Development Director gave an update on Lind Road.

Councilor Keith invited Mr. Michael Ritzer to discuss issues he was having on Lind Road. Mr. Ritzer discussed his flooding issues. His basement would flood by the runoff ditch that was on Lind Road. He was attempting to find out whose jurisdiction it was because last year the ditch overflowed and flooded the basement of his house. It was those things where things happened, but he wanted to know whom he needed to talk to about it.

17. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

18. RECONVENE: N/A

19. ADJOURN: Councilor TenEyck moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Keith seconded the motion. Voted: 4-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Daren Dufloth, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nanci Sandoval, City Recorder