

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lafferty called the regular Council meeting to order 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Lafferty, Councilors Dedrick, Stokoe, Meade, Fenton, Smith and Johnson.

STAFF: Manager Ward, Recorder Gettmann and Police Chief Huxel

MINUTES: Manager Ward noted a correction on the last line of the first page of the minutes should read "...City was accurate but does not indicate whether the money was being spent on what it should be spent on" instead of "was supposed to be spend on." Councilor Smith moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2012 public hearing and regular Council meeting as corrected and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Hutchinson-Talaski of the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce presented the Chamber's newsletter and noted upcoming events in January.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included the incomplete power bills, attorney fees regarding Stuart Bonney and the annual sewer bond payment. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the paid invoices and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Gaming Table Renewal - Crossroads Truck Stop. Councilor Smith moved to approve the gaming table renewal application submitted by Crossroads Truck Stop. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokoe and unanimously accepted. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

OLD BUSINESS: Manager Ward noted that the credit/debit card issue would be on the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: 2012 Calendar Planner – Councilor Fenton moved to approve the 2012 Calendar Planner as presented and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Appointments – Mel Ray, Heidi Sipe and Boyd Sharp applied for re-appointment to the Planning Commission and Dave Trott and Melissa McAndrew submitted applications for appointment. Mayor Lafferty chose to re-appoint Mel Ray, Heidi Sipe and Boyd Sharp and to appoint Dave Trott to the Planning Commission with the expiration dates to be staggered to be in conformance with the City Code. The position expiration dates would be decided at the next Planning Commission meeting. Councilor Dedrick moved to accept the appointments and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Budget Committee Appointments – Arnell Eynon, Valerie Jorstad, Cathy Kaden and Janice Ball submitted applications for re-appointment and Mervin Beck submitted an application for appointment to the Budget Committee. Mayor Lafferty accepted the applications for appointment. Councilor Smith moved for confirmation and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Board Appointment – Linda Carraher submitted an application for re-appointment and was accepted by Mayor Lafferty. Councilor Fenton moved to confirm the appointment and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Transient Room Tax Committee Appointment – Angella Lambert submitted an application for re-appointment and was accepted by Mayor Lafferty. Councilor Smith moved to confirm the appointment. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Mayor Lafferty noted there was still a vacancy on the Transient Room Tax Committee.

Parks & Recreation Committee Appointments – John Nicholls submitted an application for re-appointment and Melissa McAndrew, Brandon Wilson and Janet Detwiler submitted applications for appointment to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Mayor Lafferty accepted the applications. Councilor Johnson moved to confirm the appointments and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ordinance #767 – Clarify Committee Member Removal For Good Cause. Manager Ward explained that this was to define committee member removal procedures and to clarify a definition of “good cause” to allow for replacement of underperforming members of the various committees. Councilor Fenton moved for the first reading of Ordinance #767 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously. After the first reading, Councilor Fenton moved for the second reading of Ordinance #767 by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. After the second reading, Councilor Fenton moved to adopt Ordinance #767. Motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Libby Bovent discussed a portable community stage and grants to help pay for it.

MAYOR’S MESSAGE: Mayor Lafferty expressed his appreciation to everyone for working together and discussed getting the neighborhood watch program started. He also announced the following Council committees: Personnel – Chairperson Dick Stokoe with Lyle Smith; Community Development – Chairperson Bill Meade with George Fenton; Finance – Chairperson George Fenton with Dick Stokoe; Public Works – Chairperson Steve Johnson with Mary Dedrick; Police – Chairperson Lyle Smith with Bill Meade; Information Technology – Chairperson Steve Johnson with Mary Dedrick.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Ward reported on the code improvement meeting, Chamber of Commerce funding, position vacancies, and updating the franchise fee.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Discussion items included the council committee appointments, Idaho Power and Pacific Power and cable TV service.

ADJOURN: There being no further business discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

PAT LAFFERTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder