

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Steen called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Steen, Councilors Roxbury, Stokoe, Meade, Fenton, Smith and Johnson.

STAFF: Manager Ward, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Director Glover, Police Sgt. Wright and Planner Lunden.

MINUTES: Councilor Roxbury asked that the minutes regarding the public comment by Phil Rand be reworded to reflect in the public record that her manner of participation in the pledge of allegiance was questioned. She asked that “non-participation” be amended to say “manner of participation”. Councilor Smith moved to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2011 regular Council meeting as amended and was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cathy Putnam announced the Agape House project of Martha’s House for homeless people and asked to be on the March agenda for a presentation.

Karen Talaski announced the upcoming community events.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included monitor costs in a security agreement, advertisement for the PacifiCorp public hearing, deed for the library/city hall property, library funding, legal services for a street vacation, services by former City Attorney Gary Luisi and street lights. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the paid invoices and court report. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Parks & Recreation– John Nichols reported that the birch trees on the Powerline Road and Jefferson Street Park were diseased and needed to be replaced. Other conditions discussed were the drinking fountain at the park on the northeast side of Powerline Road and shingles/roof need replacement on the fishing shack on the Umatilla River. He also discussed applying for grants for parks & recreation.

OLD BUSINESS: Interchange Area Management Plan – After much discussion, Council’s preference was for relocation of the Port of Entry facility with a report from ODOT on the potential economic impacts to the Crossroads Truck Stop as a result of this relocation. While the Council supports relocation of Port of Entry south of Highway 730 they consider analysis of safety and cost considerations to be ODOT’s responsibility. The decision was based on the City’s primary interest being the revitalization of the commercial district, which goes beyond the State’s limited focus on the interchange.

Letter of Support – Irrigon Seat on Umatilla Chemical Depot ILRA. Manager Ward expressed his opinion that having a position on the Umatilla Chemical Depot Implementation Local Re-Use Authority (ILRA) was not warranted due to the potential risk of involvement exceeding the potential benefit of representation. He drafted a letter in support of Irrigon having a position on the board. Councilor Meade moved to approve the draft letter and to approve Manager Ward’s recommendation. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokoe and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution #06-2011 – Agreement with Anderson Perry & Associates for Water Rate Study. Manager Ward noted that the water rates had not changed since 1995. The current rates cover costs of maintenance only and does not allow for reserves. Any rate changes should be preceded by a rate study. Questions were raised regarding the automatic meter reading system. Also, it was noted that the mileage rate in the contract was conflicting with the rate of \$.585 on page 3 of the contract and the rate of \$.55 on the second page of Anderson Perry & Associates fee schedule. After further discussion, Councilor Smith moved to accept Resolution #06-2011 and the contract with Anderson Perry & Associates. Motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson and was unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

Authorization to Negotiate Water & Sewer Extension Agreement for Amazon.com – Amazon.com will extend water and sewer lines for their data center at their expense. The extension will be a benefit to future port developments. Amazon.com asked for negotiating latecomer agreements so they would be compensated by future developers when connecting to these utilities. It was noted that sewer capacity could become an issue when Amazon.com reached full build out. Councilor Stokoe moved to authorize Manager Ward to develop a Latecomer Agreement with Amazon.com for extension of the water and sewer lines. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

Budget Committee and Parks & Recreation Appointments – Applications were submitted by Arnell Eynon and David Trott for Budget Committee and by David Trott and Darel Harwell for Parks & Recreation Committee. It was noted that Jon Garrett planned to resign from the Budget Committee and the Parks & Recreation Committee creating a vacancy on each of these committees. Mayor Steen selected to appoint Arnell Eynon to the Budget Committee and Darel Harwell to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Councilor Meade moved to confirm the appointments and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR’S MESSAGE: Mayor Steen discussed committee meetings, setting up a tour of the public works facilities, the chemical depot shutting down and the relationship with Two River Correctional Institution.

STAFF REPORT: Manager Ward gave updates on the Library Board, Transient Room Tax Committee, Code Improvement Board and the Parks & Recreation Committee. He noted that Title 2 & Title 3 conflicted on the number of members on the Transient Room Tax Committee and an ordinance would be presented at the next Council meeting to correct that conflict. He also reported on the budget preparation, TRCI Public advisory Committee, fire district, Comprehensive Plan update and Chamber of Commerce representation.

Planner Lunden reported that Amazon.com had submitted an application for annexation.

Finance Director Glover reported that the budget calendar was established.

Police Sgt. Reported that Ivan Dyke had been hired as a new officer, the Umatilla Police Officers Association was co-sponsoring the Big Sky basketball tournament and students from Clara Brownell Middle school graduated from the Gang Resistance Education Awareness Training (GREAT) program.

Karla Nelson reported that she was working on a park, pedestrian, street, and bike Capital Improvement Plan. The plan will prioritize projects and list potential funding opportunities.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Discussion items included maintenance of Kiwanis Falls, parks & recreation activities and the pigeon mess at the entryway in city hall.

ADJOURN: With no further business discussion the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

KAREN STEEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder