

**CITY OF UMATILLA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Trott called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE: Manager Clucas administered the oath of office for Councilor Daren Dufloth.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Trott, Councilors Roxbury, Stokoe, Meade, Fenton, Dufloth and Johnson
STAFF PRESENT: Manager Clucas, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Director Glover,
Public Works Superintendent Frances and Police Sergeant Wright

MINUTES: Councilor Johnson moved to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2009 regular council meeting as presented and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included the water line installed for the Whitehouse Apartments, repairs for a public works pickup, police car lease/purchase agreements, a heater and fuel costs. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the consent agenda which included the paid invoices, court report, building permit report and gaming table applications submitted by Nick's Tavern and Crossroads Truck Stop. Councilor Stokoe seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Appointment applications were received from Cathy Kaden for appointment to the budget committee, Aaron Byers to the library board, Angella Lambert to the transient room tax committee, Jon Garrett to the budget committee and planning commission and Maureen Roxbury for appointment to the planning commission, budget committee and parks & Recreation committee. Councilor Fenton moved to confirm the appointments and was seconded by Councilor Dufloth. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee – Manager Clucas reported that the committee discussed installation of water and sewer lines to property on Powerline Road/ Radar Road. The property owner requested the City to participate in a portion of the cost. The committee recommended the City to share 50 percent of the cost not to exceed \$30,000. The committee also discussed construction of a sewer line under West Extension Canal to service a 30 lot subdivision and they discussed concerns raised by the owner of the 1300 Center Building regarding tenants of the Thoroughbred Apartments directly east of the 1300 Center Building. Councilor Johnson moved to accept the recommendation of the public works committee and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Finance Committee – The committee discussed consideration of extending up to a 15 year tax exemption for the Greater Umatilla Enterprise Zone. The committee recommended consideration of extending the 15 year exemption on a case by case basis. Councilor Johnson moved to accept the finance committee's recommendation and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Village Square Improvements – Manager Clucas reported that the proposal was for construction of a sign on the northwest corner of City owned property at 800 6th Street. The sign would include a LEDS reader board mounted between 2 stone pillars in the same material used on the retainer wall for the proposed library/city hall facility. The project also included a City Christmas Tree enclosed by a retainer wall with electricity and water to the site which would be the northeast corner of the property. Cost estimate of a 25 to 30 foot tall Austrian Pine was \$6,000 to \$8,000. Cost estimate of a 6 foot tree was about \$300. Councilor Roxbury expressed her opinion that money should be spent on other developments such as the water front to bring in more business and tourism. Chamber of Commerce President Libby Bovent reported that the Chamber of Commerce currently has no set plans for building an office for the Chamber of Commerce on the property. After much discussion, Councilor Johnson moved to proceed with the project to include a 6 foot Christmas tree. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dufloth.

Roll call: Roxbury – no; Stokoe – aye; Meade – no; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by majority vote with 4 yes votes and 2 no votes.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution #12-2009 – Accept Dedication of Phase III of Parkside Estates Subdivision. Councilor Meade moved to accept Resolution #12-2009 and was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

Resolution #13-2009 – Utility Easement with Don Walls for Whitehouse Apartments. There was a question regarding the legal description of the easement and staff requested this be tabled until the legal description issue had been resolved. Councilor Fenton moved to table Resolution #13-2009 and was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sam Nobles expressed his concerns regarding proposed power lines and property on Main Street that doesn't pay taxes.

Cathy Putnam reported that the clinic was set to open and an open house was planned for Dr. Meharry.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE: Mayor Trott announced the following council committee assignments: Personnel Committee – Chair Councilor Stokoe with Councilor Dufloth; Community Development – Chair Councilor Meade with Councilor Fenton; Finance Committee – Chair Councilor Fenton with Councilor Stokoe; Public Works Committee – Chair Councilor Roxbury with Councilor Johnson; Police Committee – Chair Councilor Dufloth with Councilor Meade; Information Technology – Chair Councilor Johnson with Councilor Roxbury.

STAFF REPORT: Manager Clucas gave an update on the library/city hall facility, power lines proposed by Pacific Power, the Cable TV franchise, sale of the library parking lot and the Old Town Site. He also submitted his letter of resignation effective June 30, 2009 due to his pending retirement and discussed recruitment for his replacement.

Finance Director Glover reported that the motel tax collection had been increasing and a budget committee was scheduled for March 17, 2009.

Police Sergeant Wright reported that the Police Department was working with the High School on a safe student driving program.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Council discussion included the proposed reader board, business development and the student representative program.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:30 p.m. the regular council meeting was adjourned to executive session in accordance with ORS 192.660 to discuss a clarification of the Manager's salary, sale of the library parking lot and the enterprise zone.

RECONVENE: At 8:57 p.m. the regular council meeting was reconvened. Councilor Fenton moved to extend the deadline for final settlement on the sale of the library parking lot until June 30, 2009 with a request for an additional payment from Kathy Meharry. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dufloth and unanimously accepted. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

ADJOURN: With no further business discussion, the regular council meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

DAVID P. TROTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder