

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

CALLED TO ORDER: Council President Fenton called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Council President Fenton, Councilors Dedrick, Farnsworth, Meade, Smith and TenEyck.

ABSENT: Mayor Lafferty.

STAFF: Recorder Hughes, Manager Ward, Finance Officer Ince, Public Works Director Pelleberg and Chief Huxel.

MINUTES: Councilor TenEyck moved to approve the January 7 and January 21, 2014 minutes as presented. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye and Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion Carried Unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – John Nichols highly encouraged everyone to attend the Oregon Department of Transportation open house that would be happening at City Hall. Mr. Nichols stated that he would encourage people to come ask questions and encourage ODOT to do things the right way.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilor TenEyck moved to approve the paid invoices and court report as presented. Councilor Dedrick seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye and Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion Carried Unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilor Dedrick moved to appoint Leslie Smith to the Transient Room Tax Committee and Thomas Stefani to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Councilor TenEyck seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye and Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion Carried Unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: North East Oregon Water Association Membership – Council deferred this topic to the February 18th Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Renewal of Nick's Tavern Gaming License – Councilor TenEyck moved to approve the re-issuance of the Gambling license for Nick's Tavern. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor

Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye and Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Resolution #05-2014 General Fund Transfer – This resolution would allow for the Police Department to take unused funds from their personnel wages and purchase a replacement police car and get it outfitted. Councilor Smith moved to approve Resolution #05-2014. Councilor TenEyck seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye and Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion Carried Unanimously.

EOTEC Tourism Promotion Assessment – Tourism promotion assessment on hotel rooms to help with the ongoing promotion of the EOTEC center that is due to be built in 2016 in Hermiston. In the past the hotel owners in the City of Umatilla have not been in favor of this additional tax however with some new owners of some of the hotels there is a growing interest. The council has asked that that all the local hotel owners are informed about this and get their feedback prior to moving forward with the possibility of enacting this additional tax.

2622 Pheasant Ridge Abatement- This is the address of a house that burned in the summer of 2013. The Code officer has tried without any luck to reach the owner to get the burned mess cleaned up. Councilor Smith moved to abate the property and place a lien on the property. Councilor Meade seconded the motion. . Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye and Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Community Wide Clean Up- Manager Ward updated the council on the April 5th city wide clean up day. He stated that the school has chosen a slogan “Dunk the Junk” and will have some students going door to door the week of April 1-4 to promote the campaign. Mr. Ward stated they Code Improvement Board has broken the city into six zones with a leader for each zone to make this project more manageable.

City Hall Foyer Ceiling Fans and Hazard Tree Removal- Public Works Director Pelleberg informed the council that the bids had been opened and contractors chosen for the two projects. The bid was \$7,700 for the tree removal and \$4,900 for the installation of the ceiling fans in City Hall. Mr. Pelleberg noted that these projects would begin as soon as possible.

CORRESPONDANCE- Letter from Mr. Nelson – Mr. Nelson has a small group of local patrons that would like to assist with the development of the Old Town Site in conjunction with the Tribes, Corp of Engineers and the City of Umatilla. The council agreed that this group holds a lot of Umatilla’s history and should work with the City of Umatilla’s representatives.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Judy Simmons encouraged that the museum be included in the promotions that EOTEC is going to be doing.

Larry Nelson reminded everyone of the helpful documents that are available to the public at the museum.

STAFF REPORT- Manager Ward reminded the council that February 5th is the ODOT open house for the Powerline Road re alignment project. Manager Ward also stated that he has spoken with the school Superintendant about taking over the senior center and they are very interested and will present the idea to the school board at the next meeting. Mr. Ward also said that the city has applied for a grant from Good Shepherd to help with the cost of printing up 2000 neighborhood handbooks. Also Perla the Utility clerk is leaving her last day will be the 13th of February.

ADJOURNED – There being no further business the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Council President – George Fenton

Attest:

Angie Hughes – City Recorder