

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 7, 2012  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lafferty, Councilors Dedrick, Stokoe, Fenton and Johnson  
**ABSENT:** Councilors Meade and Smith  
**STAFF:** Manager Ward, Recorder Gettmann, Public Works Director Frances, Police Sgt. Wright and Finance Director Glover

**MINUTES:** Councilor Fenton moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2012 regular Council meeting as presented and was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Tim Fetterhoff requested a waiver of business license fees for non-profit vendors renting space at Rocking D Garden Center. Response was that the issue would be addressed at the next Council meeting.

Hasu Mistry introduced Dave Meade as the new president of Umatilla Chamber of Commerce. He also commented on the Transient Room Tax funds and that the Chamber of Commerce needs help.

Dave Meade also said the Chamber of Commerce needs help to access funding and would like to better utilize the Transient Room Tax funds.

Mel Ray of the Transient Room Tax committee also said council direction was needed for expenditure of the funds. After some discussion, a meeting with the Council and Transient Room Tax committee was scheduled at 6:30 Friday, February 17, 2012 in Council chambers.

Cathy Putnam of the Umatilla Kiwanis Club stated the flower boxes were falling apart and the Kiwanis Club didn't have the funds to make repairs. She expressed a plan was needed to renovate the boxes. Public Works Director Frances said he would work with the Kiwanis to get the flower boxes repaired.

Karen Hutchinson-Talaski listed upcoming events for the month of February and Landing Days events and activities.

Kipp Barron expressed concerns regarding municipal management.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Discussion items included a slide gate replacement, G.R.E.A.T. training, street light repairs and the Kiwanis Park sign repair. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the consent agenda which included the paid invoices and the court reports. Councilor Stokoe seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Arnell Eynon submitted an application for appointment to the Transient Room Tax committee. Mayor Lafferty made the appointment and Councilor Dedrick moved to confirm the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stokoe and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Credit Card/Debit Card Payment Options – Manager Ward summarized a prepared report on the costs involved with accepting plastic payments of municipal bills. The investigation was limited to Banner Bank. There were noted budgetary impacts that could not be reclaimed because a surcharge cannot be assessed for credit card/debit card payments. After further discussion, Councilor Dedrick made a motion to table the debit card/credit card issue for further investigation of additional options and an analysis of the number of requests for two months. Motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Elect Council President – Councilor Johnson moved to nominate Councilor Fenton for Council President. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokoe and unanimously accepted. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

**Ordinance #768** – Governing Telecommunications Services. Manager Ward explained that the telephone franchise agreement had expired and with circumstance changes to allow use of rights of way for telecommunications, the City needed more adequate protection. Councilor Fenton moved for the first reading of Ordinance #768 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously. After the first reading, Councilor Fenton moved for the second reading of Ordinance #768 by title only and was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. After the second reading, Councilor Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance #768. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

**Ordinance #769** – Franchise Agreement with CenturyLink. Councilor Fenton moved to have the first reading of Ordinance #769 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously. After the first reading, Councilor Fenton moved for the second reading of Ordinance #769 by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokoe and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. After the second reading, Councilor Fenton moved to adopt Ordinance #769 and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Cable Internet System Offer from Eastern Oregon Telecom** – Rob Tooley of Eastern Oregon Telecom announced that EOT currently provides fixed wireless internet service and would like to expand service in Umatilla. They plan to offer telephone and television service over the internet. EOT would like to take over the abandoned Almega infrastructure to provide an additional source of high speed internet, telephone and television service. EOT would be willing to make repairs to put the infrastructure back into service. After further discussion, Councilor Johnson made a motion to direct the City Manager to continue investigating other options for use of the Almega infrastructure. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and was unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Larry Nelson discussed the 150 year celebration, museum updates and Hwy 730 speed control investigation.

Jack McWhinnie also discussed the Highway 730 speed reduction request.

Hasu Mistry commented on school zone speeds and EOT providing needed competition in telecommunications.

**MAYOR'S MESSAGE:** Mayor Lafferty reported that the committees were up and running and interviews for the City Planner position were being conducted.

**STAFF REPORT:** Manager Ward reported on the planner search update and the budget process.

**COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:** Council members discussed allowing mobile vendors in Umatilla. Manager Ward proposed to look into how other communities deal with the issue.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:41p.m

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PAT LAFFERTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Linda Gettmann, City Recorder