

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

- 1. CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Trott called the regular council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL:**
  - PRESENT:** Councilors Dedrick, Farnsworth, Ray, Fenton, Lougee, and TenEyck.
  - STAFF PRESENT:** Recorder Sandoval, City Manager Ward, Finance Director Ince, Planner Searles, and Public Works Director Pelleberg.
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited at 7:01pm.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** It was moved by Councilor Ray to approve the agenda with exception of items 8.3c and 10.1. The motion was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilor Fenton moved to approve minutes from February 03, 2015. Councilor TenEyck seconded the motion. Voted 6-0. Motion carried.
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
  - 6.1 Karen Hutchinson – Talaski – Reminded everyone that the second Landing Days meeting is being held at the Chamber on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. The meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. On March 7<sup>th</sup>, the Chamber will be hosting their Distinguished Citizen Award Banquet. The theme this year is Oscar Night.
- 7. CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - 7.1 Court Report. It was moved by Councilor Farnsworth to approve the Court Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Voted 6-0. Motion Carried.
- 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - 8.1 Mayor Trott acknowledged the resignation letter from Jane Starner from the Library Board.  
He also recommended to the Council to appoint Jaime Olvera and Cinda Stefani to the Parks and Recreation Committee; and to re-appoint Judy Simmons and Keith Ames to the Code Improvement Board.  
It was moved by Councilor Fenton to approve items 8.1 through 8.3, as recommended by Mayor Trott. The motion was seconded by Councilor TenEyck. Voted 6-0. Motion Carried
- 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.
- 10. NEW BUSINESS:**
  - 10.2 Transient Room Tax Grant Request. Council Dedrick questioned the fundraising efforts of Umatilla Museum and Historical Foundation and Umatilla Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center going wayside. Manager Ward reassured her that it had not gone wayside, but

both grants qualified under the grant guidelines and discussion needed to occur in the near future. It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve 10.2 (a) and (b), the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center and Umatilla Museum and Historical Foundation grant requests. The motion was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted 6-0. Motion Carried.

10.3 Ordinance No. 796. It was declared by Councilor Ray that there may be a potential conflict of interest for him because he had business contracts with the Port of Umatilla and also the City of Umatilla, which was acknowledged by Mayor Trott.

It was moved by Councilor Lougee to have a first reading by title only on Ordinance No. 796. The motion was seconded by Councilor TenEyck. Voted 6-0. Motion Carried.

Recorder Sandoval made the first reading for Ordinance No. 796 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE PORT OF UMATILLA INDUSTRIAL PARK. Mayor Trott requested Manager Ward for a staff report on the issue. Manager Ward stated that it had nearly been a year since the zoning issue with the lands on Draper Subdivision and the Port of Umatilla first came to light officially with the Port of Umatilla and the City of Umatilla. The road has been winding and very rocky to get to the point at which they were at the current meeting. There was actually an agreement to resolve the dispute, to null and withdraw the appeals to LUBA. The terms of the agreement had been condensed to into a purchase and sale agreement, whereby the City of Umatilla would purchase all the affected properties within the Draper Subdivision, with the exception of one lot, that was currently occupied by Aramark. The lot is currently owned by Hammer Properties, but was not included in annexation in 2010 with the rest of the Draper Subdivision. The City would also be acquiring a 3.1 acre parcel at the northeast corner of the golf course, the northwest end of Bud Draper Road. The terms of the agreement were that the City would pay Hammer Properties \$40,000.00 for their lot, plus \$3,687.00 in attorney fees. The rest of the properties the City would purchase from the Port of Umatilla for \$176,00.00 in four installments of \$44,000.00 with the first payment starting at the closing of these documents to Hammer Properties. The first payment to the Port would be in July of 2015 which gets us into the next budget year. In exchange, the Port and Hammer Properties would withdraw their appeals of the decision on site plan application presented to the Planning Commission from LUBA and the City of Umatilla would withdraw the site plan division decision on that property. Basically, we were back to where we started. There was an issue with the plan designation with the County now, as opposed to the City. Nonetheless, now was the time to sit back and take a deep breath. The City has no plans with the land, but the City will work collaboratively, with the Port, the adjacent property owners, and together, to determine the future of those properties. Manager Ward believes it is a good decision for the City and will make us partners with the Port. He encourages the Council to vote in favor of this Ordinance.

Mayor Trott recognized Councilor TenEyck for getting things on track on his own personal accord, for his tenacity and caring, and seeing things through. He also recognized Joe Farnell who is the CEO for Oregon Telecom, and the facilitator-mediator extraordinaire and who has helped the entire group through the negotiations. He recognized and thanked the City Manager, Bob Ward, for his leadership, patience, and seemingly valid integrity for never giving up.

Mayor Trott opened the floor for public comment.

Larry Nelson - Manager of the Museum. Wanted to thank the Council for continuous financial support in keeping the museum operational and open. They will continue to support the city.

Mayor Trott asked the audience if there were any further comments on Ordinance No. 796. Seeing none, he closed public hearing for Ordinance No. 796.

Manager Ward announced that there was a revised Escrow Agreement for the Port of Umatilla, but it was not material to the Ordinance itself.

Councilor Dedrick questioned where the money was coming from. Manager Ward responded by stating that the initial payment would be a loan from the River Front Development Project, to the City that we will pay that back. The additional monies will be budgeted for in the next four budgets and the City will see, as we go through the budget process, where the revenue sources for those additional funds would come from. Councilor Fenton moved to approve Ordinance No. 796. Councilor Dedrick seconded the motion. Voted 6-0. Motion Carried.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Karen Hutchinson Talaski – wanted to say how impressed she was with the City and Port have finally come to an agreement and thank you to those who worked hard to make this happen.

**13. MAYOR'S MESSAGE:**

13.1 Mayor Trott feels that what we have accomplished through the negotiations and discussion with the Port, has really shown in terms of the ability, willingness and desire, and the like, for the City, that we can effectively partner with the Port. This is the beginning to what one would hope anyway, to a lasting relationship maybe with not all the cobblestones and the like that had been in the way in the past, as Manager Ward had indicated. This is a good day for the City of Umatilla and the Port. Congratulations again, to those who played a key role in the effective discussions and negotiations to a job very well done. There are still vacant seats in the audience, but it is getting better.

**14. STAFF REPORT:**

14.1 Manager Ward would like to remind the Council that League of Oregon Cities Training is on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Most Council Members have responded, but a few have not. He will also be attending the training. At the last meeting Councilor Lougee wanted to inquire why there was not reports from the rest of the staff. Normally, what is done is that any issues are funneled through Manager Ward, as the City Manager is the spokesperson for the administration, so that Department Heads are not placed in a situation that could result in controversy either real or imagined, by reporting to the Council. Quarterly Newsletters should be out either by the end of the month or early March.

**15. COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:**

15.1 Councilor TenEyck – would like to congratulate everyone on the Port negotiations. It will have positive repercussions for a long time. Also, encourages the audience to attend the Distinguished Citizen Award Banquet. It is a chance for us to honor one of our own. IF you

have someone who you would like to nominate do so. It is also a chance to dress up and have fun.

15.2 Councilor Lougee – Thanks everyone for Port negotiations and is glad to be moving forward.

15.3 Councilor Fenton – Is glad that Ordinance No 796 was successfully passed. Maybe we can get new businesses in Umatilla now.

15.4 Councilor Ray – Inquired about community cleanup day. Manager Ward responded by stating that it was a week, and that our cleanup week would begin on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. We used a total of 7 dumpsters last year. Those dumpsters are \$172 dollars each. The City paid for all of those last year. Manager Ward would like to encourage individuals, business, and organizations to sponsor those dumpsters. It defaulted to a City event last year, but he would like to see this more of a community function. Councilor Ray inquired if the price was \$172. Manager Ward affirmed. Councilor Lougee inquired if the \$172 was to dump as many times or if it were every time. Manager Ward stated it that was every time the container was taken to the dump. Councilor Ray then inquired about a workshop to be held, and Mayor Trott responded by saying the date had not been set.

15.5 Councilor Farnsworth – Thanked Councilor TenEyck for getting things going with the Port. Also, thanked Joe for helping. Thank you form the bottom of her heart. She also wanted to acknowledge the Planning Commission for all their hard work.

15.6 Councilor Dedrick – Everyone stated wanted she wanted to say.

**16. AJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**17. RECONVENE:** None.

**18. ADJOURN:** Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, 2015. It was moved by Councilor Ray to adjourn meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Voted 6-0. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

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David Trott – Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nanci Sandoval – City Recorder