

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 03, 2015**

- 1. CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Trott called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- 2. ROLL CALL:**
 - PRESENT:** Councilors Dedrick, Farnsworth, Ray, Fenton, and TenEyck.
 - ABSENT:** Councilor Lougee.
 - STAFF PRESENT:** Recorder Sandoval, City Manager Ward, Finance Director Ince, Planner Searles, Public Works Director Pelleberg, and Chief Huxel.
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited at 7:01pm.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** It was moved by Councilor Fenton to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Voted 5-0. Motion carried.
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilor TenEyck moved to approve minutes from February 17, 2015. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Voted 5-0. Motion carried.
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - 6.1 Karen Hutchinson – Talaski – Tickets were still on sale for Distinguished Citizens Award Ceremony. Friends of the Library were conducting a book sale. McNary Elementary was having McTeacher night. The Chamber was collecting gently used stuffed animals and books. Landing Days meetings were being held on the first Thursday of every month at the Chamber office. They were still looking for volunteers for parking and clean-up.
 - 6.2 Boyd Sharp – Announced that he has worked Landing Days for the last 9 years, and would not be doing the boat rides at Landing Days this year because he was tired, and had handed the reigns over to Judy Simmons. Requested from Councilor TenEyck to help with Landing Days. Also, wanted to commemorate the City Staff for the new edition of the Newsletter. Stated it was well written, broad in scope, and well informed. Suggested that we place some at the Library and the Front Desk. Also, our City Reporter from the newspaper, Sean Hart, did an excellent job of outlining what we have done, where are, and where will be in the next months.
 - 6.3 David Wildman – From Anderson & Perry. Wanted to introduce himself. Working on various projects with the City, which include, 6th street revitalization, storm drainage, and streetscape for safer pedestrian traffic.
- 7. CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - 7.1 Paid Invoice.
 - a. It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve the CRIS, Inc. invoice. It was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Voted 4-0-1. Motion Carried.
 - b. It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve all remaining invoices. It was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted 5-0. Motion Carried.
- 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

10.1 Port Zoning Correction. The Port of Umatilla had written the acreage as 3.1 for tax lot 5N2811-2600 in the original Purchase and Sale Agreement. The actual acreage is 4.48 acres as shown by county records. In order to move forward with purchasing agreements, we need to approve the Acknowledgement of Amendment. Councilor TenEyck moved to approve the Acknowledge of Amendment. Councilor Dedrick seconded the motion. Voted 5-0. Motion Carried.

10.2 Ordinance 797 – It was moved by Councilor Farnsworth to hear the first reading for Ordinance No 797 by title only. It was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted 5-0. Motion Carried. Recorder Sandoval made the first reading of Ordinance No. 797 - AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO UMATILLA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NONEXCLUSIVE RIGHT AND FRANCHISE FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY (20) YEARS TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE, IN, ON AND UNDER THE PRESENT AND FUTURE STREETS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, ELECTRIC LIGHT, POWER LINES AND APPURTENANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLYING ELECTRICITY AND ELECTRIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF UMATILLA, THE INHABITANTS THEREOF AND OTHERS, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND TO THE MAKING OF THE PAYMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 640 OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, PASSED AND APPROVED MAY 7, 1996. Manager Ward reported that this is a unique ordinance because there is a convergence of several things. UEC is one of the oldest standing franchise agreements. Amazon overlooked franchise fees when they started their business. Councilor Ray questioned how close we were to cap on the franchise fees and Amazon was supposed to build more warehouses. Manager Ward stated that he was not intimately familiar with their building plans, but the \$500,000.00 cap was suggest by Amazon. They have not been pressuring us for that cap, but they have made it clear that there are other locations, to which they can move their business. It's not a concession to Amazon but more of a recognition that there are other places available to them. Mayor Trott opened the floor for public comment.

Boyd Sharp – Wanted to know if we were going to take a reduction from property taxes. Manager Ward explained that the County does not asses those properties, they are assessed by the State. Yes, we might see further breaks for them, but we will still see a tremendous boost to tax base.

Kevin Ince – Manages Finances at UEC. UEC made sizeable investments to bring electrical capacity to that area in anticipate to full build out plans. They appreciate the Council's consideration to the cap because leaving the cap or not proposing the cap may lead Amazon invest more heavily in other areas, which is not in the best interest of the City of Umatilla or UEC. Councilor Fenton questioned Mr. Ince, if the saving would be passed on the customers. Mr. Ince stated that operating business or an industrial customer those are separate line items on the bill. The residential portion get rate based, so they get collected as rate based. Mayor Trott closed the public hearing after seeing no further questions or discussions. Councilor Fenton moved to approve Ordinance No. 797. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Voted 5-0. Motion Carried.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

13. MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

13.1 When you go to a barbershop, you always seem to pick up on the pulse of what is going on in town, and overhear some pretty heavy discussion. He was hopping to see some

outspoken people sitting in the audience tonight, but unfortunately, he did not see them. He was asked why there were so many empty buildings in town. Mayor Trott did not have an immediate answer, but mentioned that the City Council and Staff are aware, and discussion would be occurring in the future. The other question that was asked by a resident was, why it took so long to get things done. Of course, everybody was well aware of that, and we have moved some things along fairly quickly, but others need to be pushed forward. Mayor Trott made a promise to the folks, that we would look into these things, and see what projects and wishes we had going on to attempt to move some of them along. There are people who are aware in town and seem sincerely concerned. So, if you want to get the real pulse of the town, go get your haircut.

14. STAFF REPORT:

14.1 Manager Ward announced that there have been informal discussion about the Tribe Party Agreement between the Tribes, the City, and the State. He was able to obtain a copy of the Agreement, and there will be a meeting held on March 4, 2015 along with the City Attorney and Public Works Director Pelleberg.

Old Town Site is taking forever. They are looking at the prospect at a second 3rd party partnership agreement with the Tribes and the Corps that will eventually bring help from the Corps to help develop that site. The Corps of Engineers need \$2,000.00 to develop an estimate for the cost of the for vegetation management.

The Code Improvement Board is looking at a major rewrite of their policies. It will accomplish two things. One, it will streamline our Code Enforcement Officer's duties and responsibilities. Two, it will get more involvement from the Code Improvement Board to serve as a judicial board and make them more active. The process will be slow, but eventually enhance the image of the community.

Mayor Trott inquired if the Corps had completed an environmental assessment on Old Town Site. Manager Ward stated that the short answer was no, because of the whole relocation of the community happened before any of the NEPA acts. One benefits that we do have is that the Tribes have done a lot of the Cultural Assessments.

Mayor Trott stated that the cultural assessment was a major part of NEPA, spending 2-3 years and finding out that we are in a categorical exclusion condition seems like it would be a waste of time and does not want to waste time. Wanted to know if there were any other ways to appeal the path. Manager Ward stated that it was not brought up, and we will still be required somewhere along the way to deal with the NEPA process.

15. COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

15.1 Councilor TenEyck – We need to figure out a solution to the panhandling issue. Challenging the community to come up with a solution. Believes it is something that needs to be fixed. At the end of the month is our Slam Dunk the Junk event, and volunteered to be a zone captain again. We need to help folks with moving items, picking up items, and we need to make this another huge success. There is a new artist that will be showcased at the Distinguished Citizen Award and 5 of his prints will be auctioned at the event. Special note to Mr. Sharp that Landing Days is an event where the Umatilla Yacht Club help host, but he pledges to be on his best behavior.

15.2 Councilor Farnsworth – Wanted to know if we had had any feedback from the Newsletter. Manager Ward said he had some positive feedback from community members. Thanked Judy Simmons for stepping in to help at Landing Days.

15.3 Councilor Dedrick – Agrees that panhandling but that the State had regulations that

would stop us from taking action. Her concern was at night at the truck top when they are panhandling, they need to be drug tested or something.

16. AJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

17. RECONVENE: None.

18. ADJOURN: Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Budget Committee meeting being held on March 17, 2015. It was moved by Councilor Dedrick to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted 5-0. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

David Trott – Mayor

ATTEST:

Nanci Sandoval – City Recorder