

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

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Trott, Councilors Roxbury, Meade, Fenton, Dufloth and Johnson
ABSENT: Councilor Stokoe
STAFF PRESENT: Manager Clucas, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Director Glover and Police Chief Huxel

MINUTES: Councilor Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2009 regular council meeting as presented and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Amy Verley announced that the Umatilla Chemical Depot Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) had issued a public notice of intent for disposition of depot surplus property. A fishing derby was being planned at the Umatilla Marina as a fund raiser for a deceased depot employee's family and she mentioned a dismantled vehicle on Columbia St.

Libby Bivent from the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce reported that the board of directors was checking other options for a building and that she would report back at the next council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included purchase of an armor vest, a stud-less snow tire, and a reader board sign. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the consent agenda which included the paid invoices, court report and lien search report. Motion was seconded by Councilor Roxbury and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

OLD BUSINESS: Resolution #09-2009 – Contract Agreement with Michael Becker for Construction of Proposed Library/City Hall Facility. Manager Clucas reported that the project was reopened for bids. Low bid was \$1,774,702 from Michael Becker, General Contractor from La Grande, Oregon. Councilor Johnson moved to adopt Resolution #09-2009 and was seconded by Councilor Dufloth. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #13-2009 – Utility Easement with Don Walls. It was reported that property owner Don Walls needed an emergency water line installation for the White House Apartments and this easement was for the utility lines to provide services to the property. Also, the legal description issues raised at the previous meeting had been resolved. Councilor Fenton moved to approve Resolution #13-2009 and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE: Umatilla Library employee Pam Johnson and her husband John submitted a request to purchase the pine tree to be planted near the new reader board for the proposed library/city hall facility. The request included a plaque to be placed with the tree in memory of their son, William Johnson who was killed October 19, 2008 near Pendleton. The council's consensus was approval of the request.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chris Cooper, Umatilla Kiwanis President, announced the Kiwanis Club was planning "The Mile of Hope" project in commemoration of Oregon's 150th birthday celebration. The project would be a community event on May 16, 2009 consisting of donations of food, clothing, blankets, cash, etc. between the Umatilla River Bridge to Umatilla River Road.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE: Mayor Trott outlined a proposed search strategy for a new city manager. His proposal included appointment of the search committee (Bill Meade, Chair with George Fenton, Dick Stokoe, Heidi Sipe and

Ramona Anderson). Mayor Trott would act as an alternate for a council member and the City Recorder would be the point of contact. The position would be opened initially as an internal City job posting, then if no candidates are selected internally, the position would be opened to the public. Proposed starting salary would be \$72,000 annually with a 6-month probationary period. No relocation assistance would be offered and the successful candidate would be required to reside within Umatilla city limits or urban growth boundary. Advertising would be about 30 days in the League of Oregon Cities monthly newsletter, local newspapers, Craigslist web site or other local/regional web sites. Councilor Roxbury made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of the search committee to include Bill Meade, George Fenton, Dick Stokoe, Heidi Sipe and Ramona Anderson. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dufloth and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

STAFF REPORT: Manager Clucas gave an update on the power line route proposed by Pacific Power, sale of the library parking lot and the Village Square reader board and tree.

Finance Director Glover reported that the Cable TV land lease was in arrears, the City had submitted preliminary information for a federal COPS grant and the budget workshop was scheduled for March 17, 2009.

Police Chief Huxel discussed the 2008 summary for the police department, a pre-budget meeting and labor negotiations.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: The council thanked Pam and John Johnson for purchasing the tree and offered condolences for the loss of their son, William. Other discussion items included bids for the proposed library/city hall facility and dismantled cars.

ADJOURN: There being no further business discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

DAVID P. TROTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder