

**CITY OF UMATILLA
PUBLIC HEARING AND COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Trott opened the public hearing to receive public testimony regarding the annexation of a 16 acre parcel owned by Buck’s Consumer Supply located directly south of the property known as “Buck’s Corner” (southeast corner of Highways 730 and 395 intersection). It was noted that the planning commission reviewed the application and recommended approval.

There being no public testimony, the public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m. and the regular council meeting was called to order immediately there after.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Trott, Councilors Roxbury, Jorstad, Meade, Fenton and Sutton
Councilor Johnson arrived at 7:30 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Clucas, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Director Glover,
Police Lt. Kennedy and Public Works Superintendent Frances

At this time, Mayor Trott opened discussion regarding the “Statement of Economic Interest” form to be completed by members of the council and planning commission as well as the city manager and municipal judge. New legislation required all elected officials, certain appointed positions and certain public employees to complete annual and quarterly statements of income sources, owned real estate, members of household and family, etc. Council members and audience members expressed their concern regarding this new legislation.

MINUTES: Councilor Fenton moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2008 council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously accepted. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Sutton – aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Nelson commented on ODOT’s (Oregon Department of Transportation) Corridor Refinement Plan for Highway 730 between Umatilla and Irrigon. His recollection of the discussions included mention of ODOT purchasing up to 8 feet of property along either side of Highway 730 for widening. His perception was that the plan had been changed to a “minimum” of 8 feet on either side of Highway 730. He requested that Resolution #16-2008 address the change.

(Councilor Johnson arrived at this time.)

LaVonne Star Meyers of the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce requested the City to begin a dialog with the Chamber of Commerce about plans for developing a partnership for projects with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR). She also proposed the formation of a committee for Umatilla’s 150 year anniversary celebration.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included cage placement in and painting of a police car, purchase of wood for the Landing Days Wall-eyes, a state court assessment payment, and a bill for the Village Square design. Councilor Jorstad moved to approve the consent agenda to include the initialed bills and lien search report. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously approved.

Gaming Table Application – Desert River Inn. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the gaming table application submitted by Desert River Inn and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Sutton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Community Development – The committee discussed a downtown loan/grant program, a paving agreement termination with Crossroads Truck Stop, selling a portion of the 26 acre parcel where Hash Park is located to the golf course, the Old Town Site proposal and renewing the enterprise zone.

NEW BUSINESS: Ordinance #748 – Annexation of Buck’s Consumer Supply Property. The property to be annexed was located just south of Buck’s Corner (southeast corner of Highways 730 and 395 intersection) along Highway 395. Councilor Fenton moved for the first reading of Ordinance #748 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor Jorstad. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Sutton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously. After the first reading, Councilor Fenton moved for the second reading of Ordinance #748 by title only and was seconded by Councilor Jorstad. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Sutton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously. After the second reading, Councilor Fenton moved to adopt Ordinance #748. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jorstad and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Sutton – aye; Johnson – aye.

Resolution #14-2008 – GASB Actuarial Services Agreement with City County Insurance Services. Councilor Jorstad moved to approve Resolution #14-2008 and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Sutton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #15-2008 – Termination of Agreement with C & A Koppamy, Inc. and Crossroads Truck Stop, Inc. It was noted that the Crossroads Truck Stop parking lot had been paved as defined in the agreement in 1993. With that completion, Mr. Koppamy requested the agreement be terminated. Councilor Fenton moved to approve Resolution #15-2008 and was seconded by Councilor Sutton. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Sutton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution #16-2008 – Accept ODOT’s US Highway 730 Corridor Refinement Plan. Councilor Fenton moved to approve Resolution #16-2008 with a cover letter addressing concerns expressed regarding 8 feet of property on each side of Highway 730. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jorstad and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Sutton – aye; Johnson – aye.

Resolution #17-2008 – Contract Agreement with Sargent Architects for Library/City Hall Facility. Councilor Jorstad moved to approve Resolution #17-2008 and was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Sutton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Trott read letters of resignation from the planning commission submitted by Melvin Ray and Ramona Anderson.

MAYOR’S MESSAGE: Mayor Trott expressed his support of forming a committee to address the marina and RV Park and got a consensus of the council to continue with the project. He also announced there were 2 vacancies on the planning commission.

STAFF REPORT: Manager Clucas gave an update on the library/city hall facility fund raising, goal setting session and the Old Town Site project. He also reported that Pacific Corp was planning to construct a new power line from the Touchet, Washington area to the BPA substation in McNary.

Public Works Superintendent Roger Frances gave an update on the McNary water service line replacement project.

Finance Director Glover reported that a budget committee workshop was planned for March 18, 2008.

Police Lt. Kennedy reported that the department was conducting a seatbelt emphasis program at the high school.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Items of discussion included the Ethics Commission's "Statement of Economic Interest" and clearing trees and brush along the pedestrian path along the Umatilla River.

ADJOURN: With no further business for discussion, the regular council meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

DAVID P. TROTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder