

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2014**

CALLED TO ORDER: Council President Fenton called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Council President Fenton, Councilors Dedrick, Farnsworth, Meade, Smith and TenEyck.

ABSENT: Mayor Lafferty.

STAFF: Recorder Hughes, Manager Ward, Finance Officer Ince, Public Works Director Pelleberg and Chief Huxel.

PRESENTATION: Fire Chief Mike Roxbury gave a short presentation as to why they ambulance services are going to be contracted out to Hermiston effective July 1, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT – John Nichols encouraged the city to stay on the county about getting the washouts on Powerline fixed before the road starts crumbling.

-Karen Hutchenson-Talaski with the Chamber of Commerce thanked public works for their work on clearing the parking lot at the welcome center during the last snow storm. She also noted that there is community website where all the local events are posted.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilor Smith moved to approve the paid invoices and court report as presented. Councilor Dedrick seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye and Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Transient Room Tax Committee, Library Board and Budget Committee – Councilor Smith moved to appoint Christine Harding to the Transient Room Tax Committee, and Library Board and Ramona Anderson to the Budget Committee. Councilor Dedrick seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye. Motion Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution 06-2014 adopting a compensation plan for fiscal year 2014-2015 and repealing pay plan and position levels of Resolution 08-2012. Councilor Smith moved to adopt Resolution 06-2014. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye. Motion Carried unanimously.

Ordinance 787 – City’s Tax-exempt bond post issuance compliance policy. Councilor Dedrick moved for the first reading of ordinance #787 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor

Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye. Motion Carried unanimously. After the first reading for Ordinance #787, Councilor Farnsworth moved to adopt Ordinance #787 and was seconded by Councilor TenEyck. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye. Motion Carried unanimously.

Downtown Revitalization Grant Application – Mr. Martin Pitney has a business at 220 6th Street and is planning to do some upgrades to his business and has applied for the \$10,000 downtown revitalization grant. The grant committee has reviewed the application and recommends approval of the full \$10,000 to Mr. Pitney. Councilor Dedrick moved to approve the grant application and Councilor Meade seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye. Motion Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Hutchenson-Talaski reminded everyone that landing days is coming up and they are still in need of volunteers. The committee meets the first Thursday of each month and encouraged people to get involved.
-Jack McWhinnie spoke briefly about the April clean up and encouraged everyone to pitch in and help.

MANAGER’S REPORT – Manager Ward informed the council that the bond sale is finished and the city received an A rating. The initial savings from the refinance was estimated to be \$400,000 and ended up being closer to \$450,000; Manager Ward commended Finance Officer Ince on all her work with this project. Town clean up on April 5th is coming together; the city has been divided into six zone with a leader for each zone. The school is going to help by doing a door to door campaign with information on the clean up. The 5th grade class came up with a good selection of slogans for this years campaign but the one chosen was “Slam Dunk the Junk”. The city is also working with Freestyle Pizza to put on a spaghetti feed for the volunteers at the end of the day on April 5th. Councilor TenEyck stated that Hermiston is doing a clean up day on the same day as the City of Umatilla.

ADJOURN: There being no further business discussion; the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Council President – George Fenton

Attest:

Angie Hughes – City Recorder