

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lafferty called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT; Mayor Lafferty, Councilors Dedrick, Meade, Fenton, Smith and Johnson
ABSENT: Councilor Stokoe
STAFF: Manager Ward, Recorder Gettmann, Police Chief Huxel, Finance Director Glover,
Public Works Lead Xavier Leos and Planner Bill Searles

MINUTES: Councilor Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2012 as presented and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye, Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Hutchinson-Talaski listed the upcoming community events.

Jack McWhinnie expressed his opinion that mobile vendors would not be good for the City.

Judy Simmons asked about planning for the 150 year celebration and requested that plans be noted in a newsletter. Response was that a newsletter would be sent out to the public.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included a gas leak repair in the library, travel and training expenses also covered other purchases, postage machine rate change expense, the electric bills, a radar speed sign grant from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the VEBA contribution. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the consent agenda which included the paid invoices and court report. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye, Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

NEW BUSINESS: Safe Routes to School Grant Agreement – Manager Ward reported that the City had successfully submitted an application through ODOT for this project. The award authorization will occur in October and construction funding would be obligated in October of next year with construction being completed by the following August. The City will work with ODOT for a design firm and contractor. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the “Safe Routes to School” grant agreement and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye, Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution #07-2012 – Declare Cannon Copier Surplus Property. A new copier was purchased to upgrade for faster speed and color capabilities along with other features. The Umatilla School District had expressed interest in the old copier and staff proposed to donate it to the school. Councilor Smith moved to declare the Canon copier surplus property and to approve Resolution #07-2012. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye, Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

Regulating Vendors for Farmers Markets, Flea Markets, Swap Meets, etc. – Staff prepared two options for hobby/craft/produce sellers at venues where someone else has obtained a business license and rents space to these small vendors on an event basis. One option was to allow an exemption for these types of vendors which would be more convenient for the vendors but would not provide a way for the City to have information on the vendors. The other option was to require a no fee permit which would provide information on the vendors. After further discussion, the Council’s consensus was to direct staff to finalize an ordinance requiring permits.

CORRESPONDENCE: Graig & Lezlee Gunsolley submitted a letter in support of not requiring business licenses for vendors in farmers markets, flea markets, swap meets, etc.

Regulating Motorized Foot Scooters – Information was provided for regulating motorized foot scooters. It was noted that these devices were regulated by the State of Oregon. After some discussion, Council concurred that Oregon’s State law on motorized foot scooters was sufficient.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Nelson expressed his opinion that no further regulation was necessary on regulating motorized foot scooters.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE: Mayor Lafferty welcomed Bill Searles as the City's new Planner and thanked Flo Glover for her service to the City.

STAFF REPORT: Manager Ward announced Finance Director Flo Glover's retirement effective March 30. He also reported on mobile vendors, street lights and the Eastern Oregon Telecom (EOT) franchise agreement.

Police Chief Huxel provided a summary report for the Police Department's activity and announced that Margaret Sutton was hired as the Police Department's new office administrator.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Discussion items included welcoming the planner and thanking Flo Glover for her service to the City. Other discussion items included the Umatilla River Bridge construction, the downtown grant application and the Port access road.

ADJOURN: There being no further business discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

PAT LAFFERTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder