

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
March 07, 2017**

1. **CALLED TO ORDER:** President Dedrick called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: President Dedrick, Councilors Roxbury, Ray, Ribich, Lougee, and TenEyck.
STAFF PRESENT: Recorder Sandoval, Manager Pelleberg, Deputy City Manager Ince, Planner Searles, Rec Planner Tsui, and Chief Huxel.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited at 7:01pm.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** President Dedrick stated that they would move Mayor Trott's resignation to item number 11.5 under New Business and there would be no executive session. Councilor Ribich moved to approve the amended agenda. Councilor Roxbury seconded the motion. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **PRESENTATION:** None.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilor TenEyck moved to approve the minutes for January 02, 2017, January 25, 2017, and February 07, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
Councilor TenEyck moved to approve 8.1(a) Chris, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Voted: 5-1-0. Councilor Ray abstained. Motion carried.

Councilor TenEyck asked about item 965 – Movie Licensing USA page 18 and item 92 Banner Bank Master Card Movie License on page 11 of the agenda. He wanted to know why there was two licenses to show movies. Deputy City Manager Ince explained that we were never charged for the last movie in the park we did last year, and the Movie Licensing USA was an annual fee for the Library to show movies inside the library.

Councilor TenEyck moved to approve 8.1(b) All Remaining Invoices and 8.2 Court Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
9.1 Police Committee – Councilor Lougee they talked about the vision for the police department and incremental steps to achieve that plan. They talked about an Emergency Response Plan that Chief Huxel was working. The City's plan had not been updated since 2005. They discussed a mass casualty drill to be held on June 16 to include the school,

police department, state police, county sheriff department, and fire department. The drill should be informative and educational. They agreed on annual reporting which goes above the monthly statics that Chief hands out. This would report on trends and issues throughout the year.

Councilor TenEyck stated that they had discussed on the need to do background checks on volunteers that weren't exactly associated with the school system. There was a loop hole that needed to be closed and they weren't being vetted properly.

Chief Huxel stated that it would tie in the City with the school to make sure that all those folks that are dealing with our youth and community were being vetted properly. They were looking at facility use permits as well as some procedural things.

9.2 Public Works Committee - Councilor Ray stated they would try to meet at least quarterly because it has not been done before. They are working on language that has to do with the role of the committee. He hopes to have that brought to the Council for approval at one of the next meetings. The Sixth Street project was on schedule.

9.3 Personnel Committee Report – They discussed appointing Planner Searles as the building official to satisfy state requirements. Planner Searles will be attending a two day training course to bring him up to speed. The City of Hermiston will still be doing our inspections. Planner Searles will be doing the administrative work.

9.4 Planning Commission – Declare Vacancy. It was moved by Councilor Ribich to declare a vacancy on the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 Ordinance No. 817 - An Ordinance Amending Title 2 of the Umatilla Municipal Code to Add a Youth Advisory Council As a Standing Advisory Body to the Umatilla City Council

Mr. Robert Ward, the advisor to the Youth Advisory Committee, explained that it was a very self-explanatory ordinance and it would be an enabling ordinance. Each class would shadow departments. The freshman class would be involved with the Police Department, the sophomore class would be involved with Public Works, the junior class would be involved with the planning department, and the senior class would shadow the Council and administration.

It was moved by Councilor Lougee to have a reading of Ordinance No. 817. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ribich. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorder Sandoval read Ordinance No. 817 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE UMATILLA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL AS A STANDING ADVISORY BODY TO THE UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL.

It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve Ordinance No. 817. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ribich. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

11.2 Resolution No. 19-2017 – A Resolution Authorizing the Council President to Sign an Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement No 15-067 with the Department of Energy. It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve Resolution No. 19-2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Lougee. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

11.3 Resolution No. 20-2017 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Renewal License for the Public Trail known as the Lewis and Clark Commemorative Trail. It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve Resolution No. 20-2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Lougee. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

11.4 Resolution No. 21-2017 – A Resolution Authorizing the Council President to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Confluentis Planning and the City of Umatilla It was moved by Councilor Ribich to approve Resolution No. 15-2017. It was moved by Councilor Ribich to approve Resolution No. 21-2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

11.5 Mayor's Resignation Letter - It was moved by Councilor Ribich to accept Mayor Trott's resignation. The motion was seconded by Ray. Voted: 4-2. President Dedrick and Councilor Lougee voted against the motion. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilor Ray to appoint Councilor Ribich to sign checks and be added to the City's bank account. The motion was seconded by Councilor TenEyck. Voted: 5-1. Councilor Ribich voted against the motion. Motion carried.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

12.1 Boyd Sharp – He continues to struggle to listen to Councilors speak into the mic. He encourages councilors to talk to the mics and that way they can be heard.

12.2 Bill Meade – He wanted to speak to the resignation of the Mayor. He has been down the road once. The council can appoint someone or elect someone.

12.3 Darren Dufloth – The Booster Club will be holding their annual Steak & Auction on April 8th at the Hermiston Community Center at 5:30pm. Tickets will be sold at Java Junkies and at the School District officers or from any of the members.

12.4 Hasu Mistry – He was happy to see the City's newsletter. He thinks the town needs better communication between the business owners, the school board, fire department, police department, and other community members.

13. MAYOR'S MESSAGE: President Dedrick wanted to thank the audience for their attendance. The Council is available to answer any questions from the community.

14. STAFF REPORT: Manager Pelleberg stated there were a lot of projects on the books. We are continuing to work toward the implementation of the new department. He is putting that off for another month. This coincides with some of the work he and Councilor Ribich have been working on. There are a lot of things that will be happening pretty fast.

They are also working with the County planning department. They are working with the PSU students to help with the revitalization efforts downtown.

They are also working on the river trail along the Umatilla River, and conversations are open among the City of Hermiston, City of Stanfield and a little bit with the City of Echo. They were working on getting funding at the State level. There is a lot of support for this project.

15. COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

15.1 Councilor Lougee – He wanted to thank Mr. Trott for his service to the City of Umatilla. He provided a level of balance to the City Council that in his humble opinion was needed. Councilor Lougee didn't always agree with his position, or decisions or even his demeanor, but he believes that he is an honorable man that was trying to do what was best for the City. Second, he wishes to address a few issues over the past few years. He had read a lot of statements in the newspapers, or emails at our meeting, that go something like "The City Council believes, or wishes, or blah blah blah." There is nothing wrong with these states if they are made after an issues has been discussed and voted upon. The problem is when there are such statements made when there isn't unity on a matter, and it isn't actually known if there is unity. An example would be last year when they discussed transition of City Mangers, it was stated in a Council Meeting that the City Council wished to move up the date of the transition from June in July to March of 2016. This was a completely untrue state of which he knew nothing until hearing that statement. To his discredit and regret he never spoke up. He didn't agree to that, and he probably should have. While he was in favor of the transition he knew nothing until up to that point. This means that there are meetings behind closed doors between council members and city staff where decisions are being made by a few council members and city staff. Decisions should not be occurring at such meetings. We need to stop the secret meetings. We have a responsibility to do things in the open and with transparency. In spirit of transparency he would like to suggest that the allegations brought against the City Manager by the Mayor be looked at through an independent investigation. He is not suggesting that he is in favor of disciplinary action, but he does believe Manager Pelleberg to be innocent of all complaints. That is how we do things in this country we presume innocence until proven guilty. If we say we are going to be transparent here is our opportunity.

15.2 Councilor Ribich – It has been quite a week. It is apparent in our documentation, policies and procedures are lacking. We do not have some of the things in place that we should have. We should have a clear charter that tells us what the mission statement is for each committee, what the reporting responsibility is, and what the authorities are. We do not have clear guidelines. We need to dedicate some serious time in our upcoming workshops to help implement those. He cannot thank the Youth Council enough about dedicate their time to the community.

15.3 Councilor Ray - He appreciates that the minutes are up to date.

15.4 Councilor TenEyck – We are going through some tumultuous times with grand implications. He became a councilor to try to influence others into something positive and tangible for the community. We are a small town, with small town values with small town needs. We are a volunteer council. They are trying to do what is right and just. They will not have all the answers and they will make some mistakes. He will not stand by and let one person with a self-serving agenda try to destroy a career and tear his beloved city apart. We are on the verge on some exciting projects with potential for growth. He has not wavered from his belief that Manager Pelleberg is the right person for the job. Much of the information that has come out has been one sided. There is one individual who has attempted to take matters into his own hands and has created far worse problems the City and the Council that needs to be dealt with. We have to deal with the elephant in the room. One of the few things we can count on is change. We are on the cusps of new job opportunities and new expansions that will enable families to better themselves. This community deserves the chance to grow and become a better place, to even become great.

16. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660(2)

17. RECONVENE:

18. ADJOURN: The next regular meeting will be held on April 4, 2017 at 7:00pm It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Mary Dedrick – Council President

ATTEST:

Nanci Sandoval – City Recorder