

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 1, 2014**

CALLED TO ORDER: Council President Fenton Called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Mayor Lafferty

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

Council President Fenton stated that Councilor Meade was not in attendance because he has resigned from the council due to family health issues.

MINUTES: Councilor Smith moved to approve February 4th, February 18th and March 4th council meeting minutes. Councilor Dedrick seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Nichols spoke on behalf of the parks and recreation board and stated that they had put a lot time and effort into Ordinance 789 and encouraged the council to pass it. Mr. Nichols stated that it is a starting point.

Karen Hutchinson-Talaski reminded everyone that Friday April 4th is the free shred day. She also noted that the hospital district now has a free shuttle from the McNary area to Hermiston doctors for appointments.

Mr. Mistry gave a short explanation about the relocation of the sign for the Quality Inn from the McNary Market property to the center divider at the intersection of Highway 730 and Willamette Ave. He stated it would have more visibility and more businesses listed than the old one.

Eva Swain read a letter from her son who is the owner of the Big River Golf Course as he is ill and unable to make the meeting. The letter stated that he was in favor of the new sign and it's proposed location.

Larry Nelson asked that the museum get the phone booth that is located at the old sign location.

Michael Parker spoke in regards to Ordinance 788 on the Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Facilities within the city limits of Umatilla. Mr. Parker asked that the City of Umatilla carefully consider their decision.

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

Councilor Smith moved to approve the court report. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Ordinance #788 Declaring a Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Facilities – Councilor Smith moved for the first reading of Ordinance #788 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously. After the first ready for Ordinance #788, Councilor Smith moved to adopt Ordinance #788. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #789 Establishing a Tree Management Program - Councilor Dedrick moved for the first reading of Ordinance #789 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor TenEyck. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously. After the first reading for Ordinance #789, Councilor Smith moved to adopt Ordinance #789. Councilor Dedrick seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Transient Room Tax Grant Application – Manager Ward stated that the committee has looked over the application request and recommends approval of the whole \$7,500 to the chamber. Councilor TenEyck moved to approve the transient room tax grant application in the amount of \$7,500 to the chamber of commerce. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

TRCI Proclamation - Councilor Smith moved to accept the TRCI proclamation and was seconded by Councilor TenEyck. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Quality Inn Proposal – Mr. Mistry would like to remove the existing Desert River Inn Hotel sign that is located in the McNary Market Parking lot. He would like to put a new sign up in the median at the intersection of Willamette and Hwy 730. The new sign would be more visible and advertise more businesses than just the Quality Inn. After

reviewing the proposal Mr. Mistry submitted the councilors all agreed that this should be investigated further by Manager Ward.

CORRESPONDANCE: Manager Ward stated that we have a few people that have submitted applications for the open council position.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Hutchinson Talaski thanked the council for approving the Chamber of Commerce Transient Room Tax grant. She also noted that the Community Calendar is a huge success.

John Nichols thanked the council for allowing his unscheduled interruptions through out the meeting.

COUNCIL INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION: Councilor Smith moved to accept Councilor Meade's resignation from the City Council. Councilor TenEyck seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor TenEyck – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT: “Slam Dunk the Junk” clean up project from a planning standpoint is moving along great however the response from the community has been slow.

Manager Ward asked the council if they had any objections to correcting a small error in the wage scale. Waste Water Treatment supervisor was originally on H and should have been on G. The council had no issues with this being an administrative fix.

Next Tuesday April 8, 2014 will be the continuation of the Port of Umatilla Zoning/Site Plan review application.

Tourism Promotion Assessment is one of the items that should be on the next council meeting agenda.

ADJOURNED: The regular council meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Council President – George Fenton

Attest:

Angie Hughes – City Recorder