

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lafferty called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Lafferty, Councilors Dedrick, Stokoe, Meade, Fenton, Smith and Johnson
STAFF: Manager Ward, Recorder Gettmann, Public Works Director Frances, Planner Searles and Police Chief Huxel

MINUTES: Councilor Meade moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2012 regular Council meeting and the March 15, 2012 special Council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously accepted. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Nelson expressed his comments on plans for the 150 year celebration, bus tours of the Old Town site and that the Landing Days celebration needed volunteers. He also expressed his opinion that mobile vendors should not be allowed in Umatilla.

Virgie Jarrell of the Umatilla Senior Center announced an upcoming barbecue on April 21, 2012 and asked for participation at the senior meals. The center needs help and she wants to see the center stay open.

Tim Fetterhoff asked to be on the next agenda for the farmers market.

Karen Hutchinson-Talaski listed the upcoming community events for the month of April.

John Nichols expressed his opinion that he did not want mobile businesses to be allowed in Umatilla and encouraged the Council to accept credit/debit card payments.

Jack McWhinnie also announced that he did not want mobile vendors in town but said that swap meets were great.

Gloria Rodriguez announced that she owns a mobile business in Hermiston and would like to set up business in Umatilla.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included materials purchased for the reading program, the wastewater treatment plant slide gate replacement, grant funds returned to the Wildhorse Foundation and street lights in McNary Mobile Manor. Councilor Fenton moved to accept the consent agenda which included the paid invoices. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Parks & Recreation Committee – The committee discussed the Citizen Survey as it pertains to community interest in a variety of park projects, and the Capital Improvement Plan as it pertains to community priorities of existing park planning. Other discussion items included vandalism, playground equipment upgrades, hazardous trees in the parks, Earth Day, River Clean-up, Landing Days and the Parks & Recreation budget.

Transient Room Tax Committee – The committee discussed a grant request submitted by the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce for \$6826.46. The committee recommended approval of the grant request in the amount of \$5800.00 from the Transient Room Tax fund to the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution # 08-2012 – Compensation Pay Plan for FY 2012-2013. Manager Ward announced that this was for a 3% increase for non-union employees. Councilor Fenton moved to approve Resolution #08-2012 and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #09-2012 – Intergovernmental Agreement with State of Oregon for Electrical Inspector. Manager Ward explained that after the death of Richard Russell who formerly was the contracted electrical inspector, the State of Oregon took over electrical inspections. The State now wants to formalize an agreement for electrical inspection services. Councilor Dedrick moved to approve Resolution #09-2012 and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #770 – Regulating Vendors for Farmers Markets, Flea Markets, Swap Meets, etc. Manager Ward explained that this was in response to the Council’s consensus to require a no-charge vendor permit so that the City would have vendor information. Councilor Johnson moved for the first reading of Ordinance #770 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously. After the first reading, Councilor Johnson moved for the second reading of Ordinance #770 by title only and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. After the second reading, Councilor Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance #770 and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Transient Room Tax Grant Request – Chamber of Commerce. Umatilla Chamber of Commerce submitted a grant request in the amount of \$6826.46. The Transient Room Tax committee recommended approval of \$5800.00. Councilor Smith moved to accept the Transient Room Tax committee’s recommendation to grant \$5800.00 to the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce. Motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Councilor Dedrick expressed her opinion that only 1 person should attend the Travel Oregon spring conference.

Mobile Businesses – Manager Ward reported that he had researched some other cities who allow mobile vendors. All of the cities researched defined mobile vendors as businesses in a temporary location and not allowed to remain in a location for months. After some discussion, Council’s consensus was to not allow mobile vendors. Council directed Ward to prepare new code language that clarifies this prohibition.

Credit/Debit Card Payment Options – Manager Ward reported that since the February meeting, there were 109 requests in the court and 46 requests in utility billing for credit/debit card payments. The costs involved in accepting credit card payments would not be recoverable. After additional discussion, council members requested additional information regarding bank charges and other available options.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Hasu Mistry offered his suggestions for acceptance of credit/debit card, commented on the Chamber of Commerce, the Transient Room Tax committee and mobile vendors.

Karen Hutchinson-Talaski of Umatilla Chamber of Commerce expressed her gratitude for the grant funds.

John Nichols, member of the Parks & Recreation Committee commented that there were no places for children to play in the South Hill area and that additional patrols were needed in the area.

Jack McWhinnie expressed his opinion of the Amazon tax break.

Larry Nelson extended an invitation to visit the museum.

David Holden planned to build dugouts at Hash Park for his Eagle Scout project and requested funding from the City in the amount of \$200 for materials.

MAYOR’S MESSAGE: Mayor Lafferty announced that a newsletter would be sent out in May for Landing Days and the museum. He also reported that the City street lights were in the process of being repaired and announced the proclamation to proclaim May 6 through May 12, 2012 as TRCI Employee Recognition Week.

STAFF REPORT: Manager Ward reported on the Budget Committee work session, Centurylink’s franchise ordinance, other franchise vendors, Almega RFP, Stuart Bonney’s re-zone, and the posting for the Finance Officer position. A special Council meeting was scheduled for April 19, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Fenton moved to grant \$200.00 for David Holden's Eagle Scout project and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN: There being no further business discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

PAT LAFFERTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder