

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 1, 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, Fenton and Johnson
ABSENT: Councilors Meade and Smith
STAFF: Manager Ward, Recorder Gettmann, Public Works Director Frances, Planner Searles and Police Chief Huxel

MINUTES: Councilor Fenton moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2012 special Council meeting as presented and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Nelson expressed his appreciation for how the City was being run and commented on the attendance of council members and budget committee members at the budget meetings.

Tim Fetterhoff requested use of the Village Square for a farmers market which was planned to be a community event.

Dan Daltoso of Umatilla-Morrow Head Start commented on the rate reduction request for the community garden and Shelly Hankenson of Umatilla-Morrow Head Start was available to answer questions.

John Nichols offered his opinion that a new meter was necessary to supply water to the community garden.

Karen Hutchinson-Talaski announced that she has application forms for the community garden and listed the upcoming community events.

Cathy Putnam announced that Martha's Run event raised \$3,000 with \$1,000 of that from Umatilla and expressed gratitude to the Mayor for showing his support. She also encouraged participation in the Museum golf tournament.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included pet rescue and purchase of VFW flags. Councilor Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda which included the paid invoices, court report and a gaming table application submitted by Nick's Tavern. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Parks & Recreation Committee – The Parks & Recreation Committee minutes were presented for the Council's information.

Transient Room Tax Committee – The Transient Room Tax Committee minutes were also presented for the Council's information. The committee reviewed and recommended approval of Umatilla Museum's grant request for \$4,625 from the Transient Room Tax funds.

NEW BUSINESS: Grant Fund Request for Museum – Umatilla Museum submitted an application to request Transient Room Tax funds for the restoration and renovation of the building. The Transient Room Tax Committee recommended approval of \$4,625. Larry Nelson reported the project included electrical updates, carpeting and painting. Councilor Dedrick made a motion to approve the request and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Telecommunications Proposals – Manager Ward reported that the only proposal submitted was from Eastern Oregon Telecom (EOT) for cable internet and telephone. An issue still to be resolved is that of ownership of the infrastructure and equipment abandoned by Almega. Joe Franell, General Manager and CEO of EOT was available to answer questions. He mentioned that there would be a significant amount of equipment replacement and EOT's

intention was to bring advanced telecommunications to Umatilla. After additional discussion, Councilor Johnson moved to authorize the City Manager to pursue negotiations for a final agreement with EOT for the proposed services. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

Community Garden Water Rate Reduction – Umatilla/Morrow Head Start requested a rate reduction for the community garden. Discussion items included separating the garden water usage from the school usage and having service totally dedicated to garden and a timed drip system. Also discussed was the need of a policy for reduced rates for non-profit organizations. After additional discussion, Councilor Dedrick made a motion to grant the poverty water rate for one year to be run off of the main meter for the first year. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter of resignation from the Transient Room Tax Committee and the Budget Committee was submitted by Janice Ball. Councilor Fenton moved to accept the resignation and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tim Fetterhoff announced that a certain percentage of table rental proceeds at the Farmers' Market would go to the senior center.

John Nichols questioned whether bids had been requested for a roofing contract and the location of the Beach Access water line extension.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE: Mayor Lafferty read the proclamation proclaiming May 14-20, 2012 and Police Week with May 15, 2012 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day. Mayor Lafferty also noted that he would be reading the Employee Appreciation proclamation at Two Rivers Correctional Institution and that he attended the barbecue at the senior center.

STAFF REPORT: Manager Ward reported that five candidates were interviewed for the Finance Officer position and he also reported on the Budget Committee meeting and recommendation for adoption of the budget, increased library costs, mobile vendors, the credit/debit card payment issue and the Code Improvement Board.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Councilor Fenton announced that former student representative Jacob Vandever was elected vice-president of the student senate at Oregon State University.

ADJOURN: There being no further business discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

PAT LAFFERTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder