

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 6, 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

COUNCIL POSITION #5 APPOINTMENT: Daren Dufloth submitted an application requesting appointment to Council Position #5. Councilor Roxbury made a motion to appoint Daren Dufloth to Council Position #5 and was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mayor Trott then administered the oath of office for Daren Dufloth and Councilor Dufloth took his seat on the council.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Trott, Councilors Roxbury, Meade, Fenton, Dufloth and Johnson

ABSENT: Councilor Jorstad

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Clucas, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Director Glover, Police Chief Huxel and Public Works Superintendent Frances

MINUTES: Councilor Johnson moved to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2008 regular council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Nelson announced his resignation from the planning commission effective immediately.

Amy Verley commended the Umatilla Police Department specifically Officers Fye, Prindle and Knight and Code Enforcement Officer Coffey on the way they handled a case and expressed her appreciation for their assistance.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included the water line replacement project, the architect contract attorney fees and Councilor Jorstad's trip to Washington DC with the City of Hermiston. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the consent agenda to include the initialed bills, court report, building permit report, lien search report and liquor license application submitted by Abel's Gotta Stop. Motion was seconded Councilor Roxbury and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Parks & Recreation Committee Appointment – Melissa Lee submitted an application for appointment to the parks & recreation committee. Councilor Fenton moved to confirm the appointment and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Finance Committee – The finance committee discussed Sanitary Disposal's request to increase rates for residential and commercial containers, Rapid Communications request to renew the franchise agreement for 15 years and a request for funding from the Landing Days committee for \$500 to be used for this year's festival. Sanitary Disposal's rate increase will be reflected in a resolution to be presented to the council on May 20, 2008. A public meeting would be scheduled in September to address future cable related community needs and to send the proposed franchise agreement for cable services to the attorney for review. The Landing Days request for funding would be addressed under new business.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution #22-2008 – Declare Surplus Property. Councilor Fenton moved to approve Resolution #22-2008 and was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution #23-2008 – Transfer Funds & Appropriations for FY 2007-2008. Within the Water Fund, \$5,500 was transferred from operating contingency to regular earnings, and \$10,000 was transferred from General Fund to the Building Department Fund. Councilor Johnson moved to adopt Resolution #23-2008 and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Auditor Proposal – Requests for auditor proposals were sent out to eight different auditing firms within the area but the only proposal was submitted by Barnett & Moro. Barnett & Moro’s proposal included a 3 year contract for auditor services. Councilor Fenton moved to accept the Auditor Proposal submitted by Barnett & Moro. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dufloth and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

Funding Request – The Landing Days committee submitted a request for \$500 to help fund the entertainment, magicians and bands for this year’s annual Landing Day celebration. Councilor Johnson moved to approve the funding request and was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: Larry Nelson submitted a copy of his letter to the Ethics Commission regarding the new legislation requiring public officials to file disclosure forms on a quarterly basis. Mr. Nelson also submitted a letter of resignation from the planning commission.

MAYOR’S MESSAGE: Mayor Trott read his summary of Umatilla High School Senior Civics Classes “Letters to the Mayor” and read a proclamation proclaiming May 12-16, 2008 as Police Week and Police Officers’ Memorial Day. Mayor Trott also appointed Councilor Dufloth to the personnel committee and the information technology committee and announced another vacancy on the planning commission.

STAFF REPORT: Manager Clucas gave an update on the funding for the library/city hall project, development of the Old Town Site and the enterprise zone. He also reported on the proposed gas tax ordinance and the City council goal setting session on May 9, 2008.

Public Works Superintendent Frances gave an update on the McNary water line replacement project.

Finance Director Glover reported that Bert’s Towing was having an auction on May 25, 2008 and the garden club was having a plant sale.

Police Chief Huxel reported that they were handing out flyers at the schools promoting the use of bike helmets and the department was again going to do a pedestrian enforcement program this summer.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Discussion items included the gas tax proposal, enterprise zone the Ethics Commission and resignations of council members and planning commission members.

ADJOURN: There being no further business discussion, the regular council meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

DAVID P. TROTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder