

**CITY OF UMATILLA
PUBLIC HEARING AND COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: The public hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. to hear public testimony regarding State Revenue Sharing.

There being no public testimony regarding State Revenue Sharing, the public hearing was closed and the regular Council meeting was called to order.

At this time Mayor Pro-tem Fenton declared himself a voting member to constitute a quorum.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-tem Fenton, Councilors Meade, Smith and Johnson.
ABSENT: Councilors Roxbury and Stokoe
STAFF: Manager Ward, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Director Glover, Public Works Director Frances, Police Chief Huxel, Planner Lunden and R.A.R.E. Student Karla Nelson

MINUTES: Councilor Meade moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2011 regular Council meeting and the May 31, 2011 special Council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and unanimously approved. Roll call: Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Hutchinson-Talaski of the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce thanked the Council for granting funds for the Umatilla museum and then announced the upcoming community events.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included tires and repairs for patrol cars, an automotive repair reference manual for the library and an electrical power rate increase to fund the Klamath Basin dam removal project. Councilor Johnson moved to accept the consent agenda which included the paid invoices and the court report. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Transient Room Tax Committee – The committee discussed applications for funds from the Umatilla Museum and Historical Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce. The committee recommended a grant of \$3,500 to the museum and requested the Chamber of Commerce to resubmit their application. Councilor Meade moved to accept the Transient Room Tax committee's recommendation. Motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and unanimously approved. Roll call: Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

NEW BUSINESS: Code Improvement Board Appointment – Applications for appointment were submitted by David Trott and Lorie Sackett. Mayor Pro-tem Fenton chose to appoint David Trott to fill the vacant position. Councilor Smith moved to confirm the appointment and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation Committee Appointments – Applications were submitted by Lorie Sackett, Shelly Parmelee, Veronica Mejia and Shane Finck. Mayor Pro-tem Fenton selected Shelly Parmelee and Veronica Mejia to fill the two vacant positions. Councilor Smith moved to confirm the appointments and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution #10-2011 – Adopt FY 2011-2012 Budget

Resolution #11-2011 – Appropriations for FY 2011-2012 Budget

Resolution #12-2011 – Levy Ad Valorem Taxes

Resolution #13-2011 – Transfer Funds within Street Fund and Library Fund for FY 2010-2011

Resolution #14-2011 – Declare City's Election to Receive State Revenues

Councilor Johnson moved to adopt Resolutions #10-2011, 11-2011, 12-2011, 13-2011 and 14-2011. Motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and unanimously approved. Roll call: Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

Resolution #15-2011 – Amend Fee Resolution #02-2009 for Sewer Fees, Land Use Fees and Marriage Ceremony Fees. A fee of \$10.00 for single-family dwelling unit unoccupied residence was added, land use application fees were changed to help off-set the costs of the in-house planner and marriage ceremony fees were increased to be more comparable to other area agencies. Councilor Smith moved to adopt Resolution #15-2011 and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #16-2011 – Establish “No Parking” Zone on North Side of 6th Street. Fire Chief Mike Roxbury requested that parking be prohibited on the north side of 6th Street from “J” Street east 45 feet. The request was due to vision clearance for emergency vehicles leaving the fire station and for west bound traffic to see emergency vehicles leaving the fire station. The Planning Commission reviewed the request and recommended approval. Councilor Johnson moved to adopt Resolution #16-2011 and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: Philip Rand submitted a letter of resignation from the Code Improvement Board, Umatilla County Fair offered reduced rates for Umatilla residents on Saturday of the County Fair and Karla Nelson submitted an update report on the Capital Improvement Program. David Burns, Mayor of Irrigon requested July 7 for Irrigon and Umatilla City Councils to get together. Council’s consensus was in agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Nelson thanked the Council for the \$3,500 grant from the Transient Room Tax fund for the museum and noted that the funds would be used wisely.

Hasmukh Mistry commented on the community survey.

Jack McWhinnie commented on the Code Improvement Board meeting with representatives from Pasco and expressed his opinion that the codes need to be changed to improve the City.

Karen Hutchinson-Talaski noted that there has been a marked increase of visitors at the visitors center/chamber office and the City needs to look good for the visitors.

MAYOR’S MESSAGE: Mayor Pro-tem Fenton announced that Councilor Roxbury submitted her resignation from the Council. Councilor Meade moved to accept the resignation and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Ward reported on the meetings with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation as well as other local tribes. Planner Lunden and R.A.R.E. Student Karla Nelson met with the Corps of Engineers to discuss some proposed projects. He also reported on the Beach Access Road sewer development project and requiring annexation of properties needing to connect to City services.

Karla Nelson expanded on the Capital Improvement Project and funding for the “Safe Routes to Schools” project.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Discussion items included code changes process and the Comprehensive Plan update.

ADJOURN: With no further business discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

GEORGE FENTON, MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder