

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 28, 2011  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-tem Fenton called the special Council meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Pro-tem Fenton, Councilors Stokoe, Smith and Johnson  
Councilor Meade arrived at 5:32 p.m.

**STAFF:** Ward, Gettmann Frances, Glover and Huxel

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

(Councilor Meade arrived at this time, Mayor Pro-tem Fenton was no longer a voting member.)

**ANNOUNCE COUNCIL POSITION #1 VACANCY:** Mayor Pro-tem Fenton announced Council Position #1 vacancy and after some discussion announced that the Council would consider appointment to the position at the July 5, 2011 Council meeting.

**WATER RATE STUDY:** Phil Baldner of Anderson Perry & Associates gave a presentation on the rate study. Council discussed the three options for a water rate increase presented by Anderson Perry & Associates in the rate study. Manager Ward recommended rate option #1 that would have raised the base rate to \$13.55 and the block rate to \$1.25 per thousand gallons. After a lengthy discussion a proposal was made for a 15% increase for both the base rate and usage. Also included in the proposal was to consider a hardship rate for low income households to remain at the current rate. The Council's consensus was in agreement with the proposal.

Manager Ward reminded the Council about the potluck with Irrigon's Mayor and Council on July 7.

**ADJOURN:** The special Council meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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GEORGE FENTON, MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

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Linda Gettmann, City Recorder