

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 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, and Smith.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Johnson

**STAFF:** Manager Ward, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Officer Ince, Police Chief Huxel, Planner Searles and Public Works Director Frances

**MINUTES:** Councilor Fenton moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2012 regular Council meeting as presented and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Larry Nelson commented on the events during the Landing Days celebration which included the jail, tours of the Old Town site, the weather and the City taking the county seat back.

Karen Talaski-Hutchinson thanked everyone for attending the Landing Days celebration and expressed appreciation for all the help for the event. She then listed the upcoming community events for the month of July.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Discussion items included a payment for the VEBA account, credit card accounts, legal services for Almega, reflective paint and dispatch services. 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.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Electronic Payment Options – Finance Officer Melissa Ince (Anderson) did more research into several methods that the City could use to accept electronic payments of utility bills and citations. She recommended using Invoice Cloud for which there would be no set up cost and monthly fees would be \$50.00 for an internet biller portal. Additional benefits included a mechanism for cost recover, online bill presentation and paperless options. Councilor Fenton moved to accept the proposal from Invoice Cloud and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ordinance #774 – Prohibited Businesses. Manager Ward explained that this was to amend the municipal code to prohibit mobile vendors. Councilor Smith moved for the first reading of Ordinance #774 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye. Motion carried unanimously. After the first reading, Councilor Dedrick moved for the second reading of Ordinance #774 by title only and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote. After the second reading, Councilor Smith moved to adopt Ordinance #774. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokoe and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye.

Ordinance #776 – Franchise Agreement with Eastern Oregon Telecom. Councilor Dedrick moved for the first reading of Ordinance #776 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote. After the first reading, Councilor Smith moved for the second reading of Ordinance #776 by title only and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye. Motion carried unanimously. After the second reading, Councilor Smith moved to adopt Ordinance #776. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye.

Resolution #01-2013 – Establish John Hancock Deferred Compensation Program. Manager Ward explained that Hartford Life had been the employee’s deferred comp program through Edward Jones Investments but was in the process of getting out of the deferred comp program. The John Hancock program would provide the same investments and would include additional benefits and options for the participants. Councilor Fenton moved to accept Resolution #01-2013 and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

InterMountain ESD Proposal for Hispanic Outreach – Manager Ward reported that he had been approached by InterMountain Educational District to contract with them to improve communications with the Hispanic community and include Hispanics in local government programs. InterMountain ESD employee Maria Duran would provide her services in recruiting Hispanic community members, improve communication with Hispanic families and other outreach programs. Funding for the program would come from franchise fees. Councilor Smith moved to approve the Inter-Governmental Service Agreement with InterMountain Education Service District. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye.

League of Oregon Cities Legislative Priorities – The Council’s votes were tallied and the one that got the most votes was A-Jobs/Economic Development Initiative that supports funding for industrial site development. Next was C-Allow local governments a more flexible use of transient lodging tax revenues, then F-Reform the court fines system in a manner that recognizes the value of both state and local courts and Q-Recapitalize the Special Public Works fund, water conservation, reuse and storage grant program and the clean water state revolving fund.

Petting Zoo – Manager Ward explained that the Farmer’s Market had a petting zoo over the weekend and the question came up on whether that was an allowed use. Technically, it could be interpreted to be a violation of the code but the intent of code was not to prohibit petting zoos. Council concurred to allow a petting zoo but that the code needed to be updated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Larry Nelson added that the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation want to continue tours of the Old Town site..

Karen Talaski announced that the next Chamber of Commerce meeting would be at Freestyle Pizza.

**MAYOR’S MESSAGE:** Mayor Lafferty expressed his appreciation for all the help and everyone involved in the Landing Days celebration.

**STAFF REPORT:** Manager Ward reported that he would be on vacation for 2 weeks beginning July 9, 2012. Other items included the Landing Days debrief meeting, taking the County Seat back to Umatilla County and Elections for Council positions 2, 4 and 6 and the Mayor’s position.

**COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:** Discussion items included Landing Days comments.

**ADJOURN:** With no further business discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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PAT LAFFERTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Linda Gettmann, City Recorder