

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Trott, Councilors Meade, Fenton and Johnson
STAFF PRESENT: Recorder Gettmann, Public Works Superintendent Frances, Police Chief Huxel and J.R. Cook

Mayor Trott declared himself a voting member to constitute a quorum.

MINUTES: Councilor Meade moved to accept the minutes of the July 7, 2009 regular Council meeting and the July 16, 2009 special Council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously approved. Roll call: Meade – aye; Trott – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brian Waite presented examples of cartoon poster drawings of communities, cities and counties to promote businesses and asked whether the City of Umatilla was interested in being represented.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included the purchase of rifles, radar units which were purchased through grant funds, annual backflow testing and liability insurance premium, graffiti removal, a sewer pump and liquor license renewals. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the consent agenda which included the paid invoices, court report and liquor license renewals. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Meade – aye; Trott – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

NEW BUSINESS: Request for Funds – CTUIR “Salmon Walk”. The Department of Natural Resources of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) planned to host a large community event on Saturday, August 22, 2009 to celebrate the homecoming of salmon to the Umatilla River basin. The event is a fund raiser for transportation and materials for more than 1000 students to attend CTUIR’s Salmon Expedition. Councilor Fenton moved to contribute \$500.00 for the event and was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Roll call: Meade – aye; Trott – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Cartoon Proposal – The Council’s consensus was to purchase a standard display for the City of Umatilla in the amount of \$295.00.

Transient Room Tax Revision/Chamber of Commerce Management of Welcome Center – Umatilla Chamber of Commerce President Libby Bivent announced that the contract was signed to allow the Chamber of Commerce to manage the State Welcome Center in Umatilla. She explained that this was a good move for both the Chamber of Commerce and the State of Oregon but that additional funding would be needed for manning the facility.

Mayor Trott then explained that an option for funding could be by revising the Transient Room Tax ordinance. After a brief discussion, the Council’s consensus was to refer the matter to the Transient Room Tax Committee.

MAYOR’S MESSAGE: Mayor Trott announced a vacancy on the Planning Commission and reported that west Umatilla County had positive testings for West Nile Virus.

STAFF REPORT: Public Works Superintendent Frances reported that the Corps of Engineers would provide \$14,000 annually for the cleanup, maintenance, machine rental and herbicide application of the Old Town Site project. He also reported that he proposed a project for the stimulus funds from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for pedestrian walkways around the new library/city hall.

Police Chief Huxel reported on the annual training, drug testing through the wastewater system and that the City did not receive the COPS grant. She also invited everyone to the National Night Out celebration.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Discussion items included a house on Switzler Avenue with a fence in disrepair and tumbleweeds collecting, the traffic lights at Crossroads, maintenance of property between sidewalks and curbs, and Rita Walker's property near the intersection of Highways 730 and 395.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:15 Mayor Trott adjourned the regular Council meeting to Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(a) and ORS 192.660 (2)(j).

RECONVENE: At 8:35 the regular Council meeting was reconvened.

Resolution #02-2010 – Employment Contract with J.R. Cook for City Manager Position. Councilor Fenton moved to approve Resolution #02-2010 and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Meade – aye; Trott – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Council's consensus was to continue making application for a pre-treatment facility.

ADJOURN: There being no further business discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

DAVID P. TROTT, MAYOR

ATTEST;

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder