

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 2012  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lafferty called the special Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lafferty, Councilors Dedrick, Stokoe, Meade, Fenton, Smith and Johnson

**STAFF:** Manager Ward and Recorder Gettmann

**MINUTES:** Councilor Fenton moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2012 regular Council meeting as presented and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**UTILITY EASEMENT:** Stuart Bonney. Manager Ward explained the circumstances regarding the water line easement. The water line along Highway 730 was installed in the 70's and at the time, it was assumed to be within the highway right-of-way. When Mr. Bonney purchased the property from the Cephas Buck family, he had the property surveyed and discovered that the Highway 730 right-of-way narrows at his property and therefore, the City's water line is about 8 feet inside his property line. Stuart Bonney proposed the City should pay him \$15,000.00 for the easement and reimburse the \$2,818.00 connection charges previously paid by him. He would ask for no future credits or rights to additional hook-ups. After some discussion, Councilor Smith made a motion to decline Mr. Bonney's offer and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – nay; Meade – nay; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by majority vote with 4 yes votes and 2 no votes. Further discussions included the City's support of a 25 foot turn lane on Hwy 730.

**ORDINANCE ADOPTION:** Manager Ward explained that according to the current charter, the procedure for ordinances requires adoption over 2 meetings unless passed by unanimous vote at the first meeting provided the proposed ordinance is available in writing to the public at least one week prior to the meeting. Staff proposed to eliminate the second ordinance reading by title only if adoption occurs by unanimous vote. The City Attorney would be consulted on this proposal to be sure that all city, state and federal regulations would be met. Council concurred with the proposal.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business discussion, the special Council meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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PAT LAFFERTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Linda Gettmann, City Recorder