

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 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, Meade, Fenton, Smith and Johnson
ABSENT: Councilor Stokoe
STAFF: Manager Ward, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Officer Ince, Planner Searles, Police Chief Huxel and Public Works Supervisor Barron

PRESENTATION: Friends of the Umatilla Public Library (FUPL). Cathy Putnam and members of FUPL made a presentation regarding a bench donated by FUPL in honor of George Allen Curtis.

MINUTES: Councilor Meade made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 21, 2012 special Council meeting as presented and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Hutchinson-Talaski thanked the Transient Room Tax committee for accepting the Chamber of Commerce’s grant request and then announced the upcoming community events.

Cathy Putnam announced a reminder that the Lions Club was doing a haunted house again this year and asked for any volunteer help.

Hasmukh Mistry offered his compliments to the Chamber of Commerce and encouraged the Council to attend the Chamber’s general membership meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included Officer Tovey’s attendance to a Latino gang conference. Councilor Smith moved to accept the consent agenda which included the paid invoices. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Transient Room Tax Committee discussed a grant request from the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce. The committee recommended approval of the request on the condition that the required reports from the previous grant be submitted by August 29, 2012. It was noted that the City did receive the required reports from the Chamber of Commerce by the deadline.

Code Improvement Board – The Code Improvement Board discussed and finalized the nuisance code revisions.

NEW BUSINESS: Ordinance #778 – Nuisance Code Amendments. Manager Ward explained the changes that were made so the code would be easier to interpret and enforce. Councilor Fenton made a motion to introduce Ordinance #778, confirmed that the ordinance was available for public viewing for at least 7 days prior to this meeting and requested unanimous approval. Motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Councilor Fenton then moved to adopt Ordinance #778 and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Utility Billing Relief – Port of Umatilla. Manager Ward reported that all of the water on the east side of Quincy Avenue and the water to the floats were on the marina’s well. The park restrooms, the domestic water, fish cleaning station and the public park irrigation were all on City water. The boat harbor, restrooms and RV dump station are all on the City sewer system. After a lengthy discussion, Councilor Smith moved to grant the requested utility billing relief to the Port of Umatilla and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Motion failed by majority vote with 4 no votes and 1 yes vote. Roll call: Dedrick – nay; Meade – aye; Fenton – nay; Smith – nay; Johnson – nay.

Transient Room Tax Grant Request – Umatilla Chamber of Commerce. The Transient Room Tax Committee reviewed the request and recommended approval for the Council. Council requested that future applications be submitted and addressed before the funds are expended. Councilor Smith moved to approve the grant request in the amount of \$2500 from the Transient Room Tax fund. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Talaski discussed fund raising ideas and projects.

Hasmukh Mistry suggested a need for a committee to study the port's water relief request.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE: Mayor Lafferty expressed his appreciation to the Friends of the Umatilla Public Library for the bench donation and thanked the Code Improvement Board for their work on the nuisance revisions and thanked all of the boards and committees for their time and effort. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) had plans to clean up the lower Umatilla River area between the Umatilla River foot bridge and the school football field if anyone cared to join in the clean-up project.

STAFF REPORT: Manager Ward provided updates on the Stuart Bonney water line easement, the property sale on the end of Walla Walla Street, candidate filings for Mayor and Council positions and the Umatilla River Bridge project. He also reported on the LDS day of service proposed for September 8, 2012.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: There was no additional Council information or discussion.

ADJOURN: With no further discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:13.

PAT LAFFERTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder