

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
October 04, 2016**

- 1. CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Trott called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- 2. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Councilors Dedrick, Farnsworth, Ray, Ribich, Lougee, and TenEyck.
STAFF PRESENT: Recorder Sandoval, Manager Pelleberg, Deputy City Manager Ince, Planner Searles, and Chief Huxel.
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited at 7:01pm.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Councilor Ray moved to table the Land Division Application until April 4, 2017. Councilor Ribich seconded the motion. Voted. 6-0. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Ray moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Dedrick seconded the motion. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. PRESENTION:** None.
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was moved by Councilor Ribich to approve minutes for September 6, 2016. It was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted: 5-1-0. Councilor TenEyck abstained. Motion carried.
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - 7.1 Kristina Brown – She wanted to let the Council know that there were a couple events coming up called Trick-or-Treat on Sixth Street and the Pet Costume Contest the following Saturday.
 - 7.2 Sunita Parke – She wanted to introduce the new Hermiston Wellness Clinic. Services to be provided were acupuncture, massage therapy, and other holistic forms of medication.
 - 7.3 Craig Simson – He wanted to thank the City Council, city employees, the police department, and the fire department for all the hard work, and all the volunteers that work on the committees. He had a short wish-list he wanted to share. He wished that whoever it was that abandoned the old excavator tires would pick them up and take them home. Second item on the wish-list was that the sanitation contractor would fix the oil leak on his trucks. He leaves a big oil mark on the streets. He wished the Chenowith Street was spelled the same on both ends. Manager Pelleberg would like to point out that he lives on Chenowith Street and one side was an avenue and the other side was a street. He stated that it was on the public works' to-do-list. The last thing on Mr. Simson's list was the walk path around on Hash Park was really dark, and it would be great if there were some kind of funding available for some lights on that walkway.
 - 7.4 Sam Califf – He stated that there was a great movement in the exercise world to turn tires over as a workout. There was a great deal of expense in disposing of them. He just wanted

to suggest that one of the local gyms could use them. There was always a need for different ways to see a problem.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

8.1(a) Councilor TenEyck moved to approve CRIS, Inc. as a paid invoice. Councilor Ribich seconded the motion. Voted: 5-1-0. Councilor Ray abstained. Motion carried.

Councilor Lougee moved to approve 8.1(b) All Remaining Invoices and 8.2(a) August Court Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

10.1 Land Division Application - was tabled until April 4, 2017 earlier in the meeting.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 Ordinance No. 814 – Councilor TenEyck moved to have a reading on Ordinance No. 814, by title only. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorder Sandoval read Ordinance No. 814 by title only: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF HAMILTON STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE CITY OF UMATILLA, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON.

Councilor Ray moved to approve Ordinance No. 814. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

11.2 Transient Room Tax Grant Request – The Umatilla Museum and Historical Foundation submitted a transient room tax grant request. The Transient Room Tax Committee had recommended approval for \$ 3,500.00.

Councilor Dedrick wanted to know if there was ever going to be any fundraising to help with some of the costs. Mr. Keith Harding stated that they were trying to get other fundraising going to help with costs. Councilor Dedrick asked if they had been applying for grants. Mr. Harding stated that they had been. Councilor Dedrick stated that she knew they depended on volunteers. She stated that some people may disagree with her, but she believed that it may be a good idea to have it with the Visitor's Center for the simple fact that there is someone there all the time.

Mayor Trott stated that it had been some time since the City and the museum directors had sat down and had a discussion about funding. So, what he was suggesting to Council members was that they consider this request as the last one they were going to approve until they had an opportunity to sit down and discuss the future path of the museum.

Manager Pelleberg wanted to point out that perhaps in a future workshop they could have that discussion. He had some ideas, being in his position now, and would like to discuss those.

Councilor TenEyck moved to approve the request in the amount of \$3,500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

11.3 Resolution No. 08-2017 - County Dispatch Agreement – Manager Pelleberg explained that Chief Huxel and Deputy City Manager Ince had been attending meetings with the County to find a solution for the deficit. The City of Umatilla and the City of Helix were the only two cities which have not signed an agreement with the County. Chief Huxel and Deputy City Manager Ince have been firm on representing the City's needs, and this contract reflects their stance.

Councilor Dedrick asked Chief Huxel if she was okay with the agreement. Chief Huxel stated yes.

Councilor TenEyck moved to approve item 11.3 Resolution No. 08-2017 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Intergovernmental Agreement for Dispatch of Emergency and Non-emergency Communication Services. Councilor Ribich seconded the motion. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

11.4 EOTEC City Contribution – Manger Pelleberg explain that this had been discussed at workshops, but nothing formal had been decided. We were bringing it back on the table to figure out what dollar amount needed to be thrown out there. This donation or funding for this center would help the City of Umatilla. He believed that contributing \$5,000.00 a year would be enough to make our stand. He didn't believe it was a waste of tax dollars to make a contribution for at least 5 years.

Councilor Ray thought that we would be holding off until we had a number for the tax base abatement. Manager Pelleberg stated that it was a discussion that occurred when we were trying to ante up. He believed that this dollar amount would be something we could handle. There seemed to be a sense of urgency from the EOTEC folks for us to participate in this and they were more than happy with the amount we were attempting to provide.

Councilor Dedrick stated that there seemed to be a community concern because they were not progressing how they told the public they were going to be.

Manager Pelleberg explained that there had been a few bumps along the road, and they had been rolling with the punches. He had seen some of the bids for the project, and the bids for some of basics for the project were well above what they had anticipated. They had taken portions out and scaled back on some parts.

Deputy City Manager Ince gave details about how they had the meeting center open and they were well organized.

Councilor Ribich stated that he didn't believe we would get the benefits, but he was comfortable with the number being thrown out, and it was showing good faith in building a partnership with the City of Hermiston.

Manager Pelleberg wanted to add that there was more to what was going on with our partnership with the City of Hermiston than just our donation to EOTEC.

Councilor Ribich stated that it was more about the partnership. He didn't want to oversell it that we were going to get a lot of benefits from EOTEC, because that was not the case.

Manager Pelleberg stated that what we were doing with them already had reaped benefits for the City of Umatilla, and there were some very large things coming in the horizon that were in the works right now, to where \$25,000.00 were drops in the bucket to what was coming down the road.

Councilor TenEyck suggested that it would be a great idea to look this over every year when it was time to make a payment. He believed that we needed to make a stronger contribution than \$25,000.00.

Councilor TenEyck moved to approve a \$5,000.00 per year for 5 years with the potential to give more, if possible, depending on the status of EOTEC. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 5-1. Councilor Dedrick voted against the motion. Motion carried.

12. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

12.1 Domestic Violence Services Donation Request – Manager Pelleberg explained that this was solely up to the discretion of the Council, but if they chose to donate it could open up a can of worms for other organizations to request donations.

Councilor Farnsworth suggested that as individuals, Council Members could support their cause, but not as a City.

Councilor Lougee asked if there were ways to support them through in-kind donations as well.

Manager Pelleberg stated that Councilor Farnsworth hit it right on the head and it would be better to support the cause as individuals.

Councilor Ribich moved to approve item 12.1 Domestic Violence Services Donation Request. Motion was seconded by Councilor TenEyck. Voted: 0-6. Motion failed unanimously.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

14. MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

14.1 Mayor Trott read out loud the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation. No formal action was required by Council. He also encouraged all constituents to vote because

it was important and a privilege. Everyone had the opportunity to speak their will and every vote counts in terms of things that we have done as a community.

15. STAFF REPORT: Manager Pelleberg thanked Councilor Ray, Councilor Ribich, and Deputy City Manager Ince for attending the conference with League of Oregon Cities. He came away with very good contacts with some things that we were working on with this community. He heard good reports with folks around the community, that a lot of the little things we were doing from the movies in the park to the trick-or-treat event with the down town businesses. All those little things do not seem like much one at a time, but people were starting to make noise. He heard from people at the League of Oregon Cities conference that Umatilla was starting to make some noise, and that put a grin on his face, because if they were hearing that in Salem, that meant we were getting put on the map. It made it easier to get recognition and receive grant funding. He was very happy to hear that, and wanted to make sure Council heard it, too.

16. COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

16.1 Councilor TenEyck – He just wanted to share that in his observation and that when you were on the road, to be extra diligent. He spends most of his day behind a windshield. He sees it all day long, distracted driving. He can't tell you how many times a day he has to take evasive maneuvers. He feels like this is far more threatening to our culture than gun violence.

16.2 Councilor Lougee – He wanted to thank the Council for the opportunity to attend the conference. Being able to sit with other council members and talk about what they were doing and strategic planning was excellent. He also thought that it was a good idea to add lighting to the walk way and parking lot at Hash Park.

16.3 Councilor Ribich – He just wanted to tell Mr. Simson that his delivery of his wish list was exceptional. He wanted to go back to Councilor TenEyck's comments about distracting driving, and reiterate that it was an epidemic, and we needed to do everything we could to stop it. He attends at least 2-3 conferences every year, and he thinks that the League of Oregon Cities conference was by far the best run conference he has ever seen and it was very educational. He got a lot contacts and it was highly valuable.

16.4 Councilor Ray – He just cannot say enough about the conference. This is his second time and he will go to everyone he can get to. Everything was just top notch and it was as good as it gets.

16.5 Councilor Farnsworth - She just wanted to remind everyone that we had a ballot box outside our door. You do not have to mail them in, you could just drop them off.

16.6 Councilor Dedrick – She wanted to thank Mayor Trott for responding to an email she sent about her church helping paint the handrails at the high school. She said the comments from community members were that they would like to see events like that more often. The corner that was just vacated, there were kids that were crossing the street not at the crosswalk, and she was really afraid that a kid is going to get hit.

16.7 Chief Huxel – She stated that in the near future she would be asking for the Council’s support. One of the things that has come up, again was the closure of the crime lab in Pendleton. There was a new superintendent for Oregon State Police, who does not have ties to Eastern Oregon like the former superintendent did. He made a statement that if he were required to cut his budget he would close the Pendleton lab. So in the future she will be asking for their support to contact legislature to find funding for the lab.

17. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: ORS 192.660 (2)

18. RECONVENE:

19. ADJOURN: The next meeting will be held on November 01, 2016 at 7:00pm. The next workshop will be held on October 18, 2016 at 6:00pm. It was moved by Councilor Ray to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

David P. Trott – Mayor

ATTEST:

Nanci Sandoval – City Recorder