

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-tem Fenton opened the regular Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE: The oath of office was administered to Pat Lafferty as Mayor and Mary Dedrick as Council Position #1. They then took their respective positions on the Council.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Lafferty, Councilors Dedrick, Meade, Fenton, Smith and Johnson.
ABSENT: Councilor Stokoe
STAFF: Manager Ward, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Director Glover,
Police Chief Huxel and Planner Lunden

MINUTES: Councilor Meade moved to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011 regular Council meeting as presented and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Dedrick – abstain; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson - aye. Motion carried by majority vote with 4 yes votes and 1 abstention.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Nelson questioned the status of Public Works Director Roger Frances. He then gave an update on the museum, reported a bent street sign and commented on trucks using open lots on 6th St. for parking. He also commented on the speed change request for Highway 730.

John Nichols commented on the cyclone fence on the corner of Switzler and Main Street creating a vision clearance problem and commented how unsightly the dumpsters were by apartment complexes. He also reported that the street lights project was finally making progress.

Virgie Jarrell announced that the senior center needs support from the community.

Sam Nobles commented on the senior center charges of \$5.00 per meal, the museum and that the museum and Chamber of Commerce need community support.

Karen Hutchinson-Talaski of the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce listed the upcoming community events.

Libby Bovent thanked the Chamber board for their support and had decided to stay on as Chamber of Commerce President until the end of her term.

Jack McWhinnie commented on speeders on Highway 730.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included restitution payments, billed costs to property owners, auto repair costs, electric power costs, playground equipment that was funded through a grant and police car decals. Councilor Smith moved to accept the consent agenda which included the paid invoices. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson - aye.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution #04-2012 – Downtown Revitalization Flex Grant Support. Manager Ward explained that Planner Lunden was working on a grant through Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT's) \$21 million flex grant program. The funds would be available to projects that are indirectly transportation oriented. The application would be for \$1.9 million that would be matched 10% by the City to increase street trees along Highway 730, increase pedestrian style historic street lighting and improve the aesthetics of the sidewalk system. Councilor Johnson moved to adopt resolution #04-2012 and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson - aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Highway 730 Speed Control Request – The Southshore Drive Homeowners Association requested the City to support lowering the speed limit on Highway 730 from about Apricot Lane (milepost 182) to the Umatilla/Morrow County line. After some discussion, Councilor Johnson made a motion to send a letter of support to reduce the speed limit to 45 mph from Apricot Lane to the urban growth boundary and request Umatilla County to support the

request. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick and unanimously accepted. Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson - aye.

Citizen Survey – Planner Zach Lunden gave a presentation explaining the results of the citizen survey.

Election Certification – Councilor Fenton moved to certify the results of the September 20, 2011 election. Motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson - aye.

CORRESPONDENCE: Manager Ward submitted a memo regarding issues concerning the Transient Room Tax Committee.

Mary Dedrick submitted a letter of resignation from the Planning Commission. Councilor Smith moved to accept her letter of resignation and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson - aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Nichols thanked Councilor Fenton for filling in as mayor and reported a motorcycle speeding on Powerline.

Karen Steen 1531 8th Street, John you might want to check if that motorcycle is parked on the corner of Powerline and Monroe because I've seen it during the day, he starts on Monroe, starts out of that driveway and heads up like a race motorcycle. I want to congratulate Mayor Lafferty and Councilor Dedrick on your election to public office. Thank you in advance for your service and Mr. Fenton for stepping in. I also want to thank Mr. Fenton for the careful attention always paid month after month to the invoices and City expenditures. I so appreciate that as a citizen and tax payer and because it's really educational, I find it very informative. Thank you so much for the advance preparation and review and for your questions.

Libby Bivent commented on the survey and expressed concern for supporting the senior center. She suggested that transportation for seniors might help boost more support.

Larry Nelson congratulated Councilor Dedrick and Mayor Lafferty and thanked Councilor Fenton. He then addressed issues regarding Highway 730.

Mayor's message – Mayor Lafferty announced the vacancy on the Planning Commission and an upcoming vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Committee.

STAFF REPORT: Manager Ward reported on the Old Town site volunteer project, the street light project, election balloting, the West End Mayors /Managers meetings and the Morrow County Mayors/Managers meetings, the Transient Room Tax Committee, Planning Commission appointments and terms of office, attendance policy and personal matters.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Discussion items included the manager evaluation process, a mobile home removal, and removal of the building next to Harvest Foods.

ADJOURN: There being no further business discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

PAT LAFFERTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder