

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Council President Meade, Councilors Fenton, Dufloth and Johnson
STAFF: City Recorder Gettmann, Public Works Director Frances,
Finance Director Glover and Police Chief Huxel

At this time Council President Meade declared himself a voting member to constitute a quorum.

MINUTES: Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2010 regular Council meeting and the September 21 and September 24, 2010 special Council meetings. Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

GAZEBO PRESENTATION: Dan Hash presented the Hash Family's proposal to build a gazebo at Hash Park in honor of George and Alice Hash. The family proposed to construct a gazebo and walkway to serve as a site for family gatherings, weddings, community activities, concerts and shelter. The Hash family would bear the cost of the gazebo and oversee the construction which would be made in conjunction with the City. The family asked if the City could provide the addition of the lawn beyond the existing grass to the gazebo and the extension of the sprinkler system.

Councilor Dufloth made a motion to approve the Hash family's proposal and to proceed with construction plans for the gazebo. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously approved. Roll call: Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Hutchinson-Talaski reported on the list of upcoming community events.

Karen Steen asked about the selection process and the reason Mr. Ward was selected by the Council. Response was that Mr. Ward had a very good background in city management and had been the director of tourism in Skagway, Alaska.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included the annual audit, the annual DEQ fee for operation of the wastewater treatment facility, Lexipol policy updates and the final payment for Becker Construction. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the consent agenda which included the paid invoices. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dufloth and unanimously approved. Roll call: Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

NEW BUSINESS: Committee Appointments – Rick Funderburk submitted an application for appointment to the Code Improvement Board and Sharon Farnsworth submitted an application for appointment to the Library Board. Councilor Dufloth made a motion to confirm the appointments and was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Roll call: Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Downtown Revitalization Small Grant Program – After a brief discussion, Councilor Dufloth made a motion to table action on the Downtown Revitalization Small Grant Program until the next Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Roll call: Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Phil Rand expressed his comments regarding the Small Grant Program, empty buildings and eyesores on the main street and the need for the downtown area to be upgraded.

Larry Nelson agreed with Phil Rand that the downtown area needed upgrading.

Karen Skeen commented on the municipal codes for code enforcement and encouraged Phil Rand to apply for appointment to the Code Improvement Board.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE: Council President Meade encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

STAFF REPORT: Finance Director Glover reported that the League of Oregon Cities awarded an "Award of Excellence" for the new library/city hall facility project.

Police Chief Huxel reminded everyone that different people have different standards. She then reported on the "Tip-A-Cop" fund raiser for the Special Olympics, the GREAT program for funding of the safe routes to schools, the reserve academy, Officer Campbell's graduation from training on October 15, the Port of Entry's reopening on October 18 and the Power Marathon on October 23.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Discussion items included code enforcement on Buck's Corner, radio communication funding, voting and "meet the candidates" forum.

ADJOURN: There being no further business discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

WM. M. MEADE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder