

**CITY OF UMATILLA
PUBLIC HEARING AND COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Lafferty opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. to hear public testimony regarding the proposed reformatted comprehensive plan.

Planner Bill Searles explained that the comprehensive plan was reformatted with the approved amendments to date. The reformation would now allow for updates, amendments, etc. to be implemented into the document.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: There being no public testimony regarding the reformatted comprehensive plan, the public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m. and the regular Council meeting was called to order immediately thereafter.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES: Councilor Smith moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2012 regular Council meeting as presented and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Nelson expressed his appreciation to the LDS Church and to John Nichols for their help on the museum.

Carolyn Hojaboom announced that a fund raiser spaghetti feed at Freestyle Pizza was planned for the senior center.

John Nichols expressed his opinion that more effort was needed in getting the street lights working and commented on speeding on Powerline Road. He also expressed his opinion that the City should purchase pressure bottles instead of renting them.

Libby Bovent of the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce announced the Chamber's new name and mission statement then listed the upcoming events in November. She also stated that the Chamber of Commerce supports the efforts in keeping the marina/RV park facility open.

Roak TenEyck expressed his concerns regarding the future of the marina/RV park and wants to keep the facility open.

Cathy Putnam reported that the Lions Club's haunted house was successful, the Umatilla Kiwanis chili feed was scheduled for January and the community's "Martha's House" facility was nearly complete.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included the quarterly surcharge for the building department, a pump repair, county dispatch services and public works supplies. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the consent agenda which included the paid invoices and the court reports. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Temporary Code Improvement Board Appointment – Judy Simmons submitted an application for a temporary appointment during Mel Ray's absence. Councilor Fenton moved to confirm the appointment and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Appoint Angela Hughes as City Recorder – Manager Ward proposed the appointment as Linda Gettmann planned to retire December 1, 2012. Councilor Dedrick moved to appoint Angela Hughes as City Recorder and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution #02-2013 – Authorize Sale of Property on East Side of 422 Walla Walla Street. Manager Ward reported that as discussed at a previous meeting, the property was undevelopable because it was too small to meet minimum requirements and the adjoining property owner had expressed interest in it. An appraisal had been ordered but was yet to be completed. Councilor Smith moved to approve Resolution #02-2013 and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution #03-2012 – Amend Fee Resolution for Solid Waste Rates. Manager Ward explained that this was a follow up from the October 2, 2012 Council meeting’s presentation by Sanitary Disposal. The rates in the resolution reflect the proposed rates in the presentation. Councilor Fenton moved to approve Resolution #03-2012. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick and was unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

Proposed Reformatted Comprehensive Plan – Councilor Smith moved to accept application No. PA-1-2012 with the comprehensive plan changes to this point. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

Capital Improvement Plan – Councilor Dedrick moved to accept the Capital Improvement Plan through 2016 and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Marina/RV Park Discussion – The Council discussed different options for operation and management of the marina/RV park after the Port of Umatilla withdraws from the facility. There could be a high level of support for a parks & recreation district if it were to include soccer fields, ball fields, etc. Since formation of a parks & recreation district could not be placed on the election ballot before the May 2014 election, a plan needs to be in place for operation of the facility from September 2013 through May 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Nichols encouraged everyone to get involved with discussions of the Port of Umatilla and the Corps of Engineers regarding the marina operations.

MAYOR’S MESSAGE: Mayor Lafferty expressed his appreciation to Linda Gettmann and Dick Stokoe for their service to the City. He also encouraged everyone to attend the spaghetti feed to support the senior center.

STAFF REPORT: Manager Ward gave updates on the “Safe Routes to Schools” grant, the downtown revitalization grant, development of the Old Town site and credit card payments. He also reported on personnel replacement and the Police Committee meeting.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: The Council thanked Linda Gettmann and Roger Frances for their years of service.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:25 p.m. the regular Council meeting was adjourned to Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(i) for the City Manager’s annual review.

RECONVENE: At 8:42 p.m. the regular Council meeting was reconvene. Councilor Smith moved to increase the City Manager’s salary by \$500.00 per month. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

ADJOURN: There being no further business discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

PAT LAFFERTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Angela Hughes, City Recorder