

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
November 07, 2017**

- 1. CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Dufloth called the regular council meeting to order at 7:01pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited right after opening the meeting, followed by roll call.

- 2. ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Councilors Keith, Roxbury, Ray, Torres – Medrano, and TenEyck.
ABSENT: Councilor Ribich.
STAFF PRESENT: Recorder Sandoval, Manager Pelleberg, Deputy City Manager Ince, Planner Seitz, Public Works Director Barron, Community Development Director Mabbott, and Chief Huxel.

- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited at 7:01pm.

- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Councilor TenEyck moved to accept the agenda. Councilor Keith seconded the motion. Voted: 5-0. Motion carried.

- 5. PRESENTATION:** None.

- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was requested by Manager Pelleberg to strike item 6.2 October 17, 2017 workshop minutes from the agenda. He stated there was just some minor issues that needed to be corrected. Councilor Ray moved to approve the minutes for October 03, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Voted: 4-1-0. Councilor TenEyck abstained. Motion carried.

- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Heidi Sipe – She wanted to address two items. First, she wanted to thank the Council for their continued support and the approval of the CAB and CTB resolution for the school. She thanked Chief Huxel and her staff for all the work they did to help improve the school district. It was a great program which the school benefited from.

Second, she stated that the school had not been given the opportunity or did not know about the opportunity about the impact the program has on the school district. The number of programs they support were many; from helping students get to college, to nutrition for the children. If they are not funded to help with the programs, that means the school would have to make up the gap. So, she did email Mayor Dufloth asking questions about it. She wanted to make it clear that school bonds were exempt from Measure 5 and 50 from compression. The school district had a neutral position on OSU and the extension, because they do not take a stand on a political issue.

Craig Simson – He wanted to speak in favor of the OSU Extension. It has been a big part of agriculture since the land grant universities were started. He had some observations that had to do with Russia. He asked the audience to bear with him. Russia was a great adversary of

ours. They are a vast country with enormous acreages of excellent soil. Yet, there was a reason why their agriculture lagged so many years behind ours. Their agriculture was probably 50 years behind ours, in terms of productivity, quality, and the number of people who were invested. A lot of that is because they killed a couple generations of their farmers between the two wars and after, but a lot of that had to do with the fact that Russia did not have an extension. They did not have a way to advance the ideas of university to the border of the state, and that is one thing that our extension does.

Ryan Flores - He was representing Simplot Grower Solutions. Simplot Grower Solutions was a full service agriculture retailer for growers and sellers in the Umatilla Basin and beyond. Their products were dry and liquid fertilizer, crop protection products, soil fumigants, precision Ag products, and other specialty products, to compliment or enhance their products' results of efficiencies. Along with those products they provide crop consulting advice to their growers, this transfer of knowledge is only viable by constant learning and adapting to changes in our products replacing cancelled or obsolete products changes in crops and crop varieties. In other words, they were constantly adapting and learning from research results. They were told that by having their business in the City of Umatilla, if they don't contribute to the tax proposal they would be billed by the services rendered by the OSU extension service. This would be unfair and unfortunate would be getting service through tax. They believe the voting body in the City of Umatilla has the right to decide on how they want to vote on this measure to support the OSU extension. Many residents in the city work and are involved in agriculture and have a right to decide.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

8.1(a) It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve item 8.1(a) CRIS, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilor Torres - Medrano. Voted: 4-1-0. Councilor Ray abstained. Motion carried.

8.1(b) It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve item 8.1(b) All Remaining Invoices and Court Report for September and October. The motion was seconded by Councilor Torres - Medrano. Voted: 5-0. Motion carried.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 Resolution No. 08-2018 - It was moved by Councilor Ray to approve Resolution No. 08-2018 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign and update IGA with the City of Hermiston. It was seconded by Councilor Keith. Voted: 5-0. Motion carried.

11.2 Resolution No. 09-2018 - It was moved by Councilor Torres - Medrano to approve Resolution No. 09-2018 A Resolution Approving the Umatilla Community Accountability Board and the Umatilla Truancy Board Programs in Accordance with the Presiding Judge Orders 17-011 and 17-015 of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Oregon. Motion seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Voted: 5-0. Motion carried.

11.3 Resolution No. 10 – 2018 - It was moved by Councilor Keith to approve Resolution No. 10-2018 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement No. R93052. It was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 5-0. Motion carried.

11.4 Reconsider OSU Extension Service District – Manager Pelleberg explained that the motion to reconsider needed to come from someone from the prevailing side of this issue. Councilor Ray moved to reconsider the OSU Extension Service District issue. Councilor TenEyck seconded the motion. Voted: 3-1-1. Councilor Keith abstained. Councilor Roxbury voted against the motion. Motion carried.

11.5 Resolution No. 11- 2018 –

Councilor Keith just wanted to make it clear that he does not take a stand one way or another. He is neutral. His mind was budget oriented toward the goals on the wall and the issues of compression and the way the vote might flop with them putting it out the voters. He feels like there is a lot of good things coming to Umatilla and they were at a tough point. He decision was no last time. He was not against the farming side of it, because he owned a farm. He doesn't feel like from a budget standpoint he can support it.

Councilor Roxbury was wondering why the farming community, who is so large, so powerful, and so needed couldn't lobby at the State level to continue funding the Extension office like they needed. They don't need the City of Umatilla to vote yes, to form the district. Milton Freewater is not in the radio district. He suspects they would like the revenue, but they didn't need Umatilla because they could still get their district with or without them. There may be times when cities don't want to be included in that something. That is why the Council has final authority to opt in or out. Thirty-three cents was not a modest tax. He didn't care what anyone said. It was not a modest tax.

The bad thing about compression was that the City of Hermiston was in compression. So, a voter in downtown Hermiston can vote yes on this issue, and he will not pay the thirty-three cents because Hermiston is in compression. So, he will not pay more, but the other taxing entities would have to pay. So, you'll have people voting yes on this issue who will not pay anything into helping actually fund the district. If everyone in Umatilla votes no on this issue, and the rest of the county votes yes, Umatilla will still have to pay.

Lastly, he sympathizes with the guy from Simplot Grower Solutions. He has issues to take up with some of things he said. If OSU has to provide service so Simplot, Simplot will have to start paying and having accounting issues that will make their expenses go up, which is essentially saying that the tax payers are subsidizing Simplot Soil Builders which is a private entity. So, we are taking tax dollars giving it to OSU who are then in turn providing free services to Simplot Soil Builders. Maybe, Simplot Soil Builders should be paying for the services provided to them instead of taxing the people again.

Councilor TenEyck – Stated that it cannot be underestimated the impact agriculture has not just to our community but the entire region. Agriculture drives and touches every single one

of our lives, many times and most often without us realizing it. He has used this analogy before, the stone falls in the middle of the pond and the ripples reaches everyone. It cannot be underestimated. This decisions was not the Council's to make, it was the voter's decision to make.

It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve Resolution No. 11-2018 A Resolution Approving Umatilla County Order to Initiate Formation of Umatilla County Extension Service District. The motion was seconded by Councilor Torres - Medrano. Voted: 3-2. Councilors Keith and Roxbury voted against the motion. Councilors Ray, Torres – Medrano, and TenEyck voted for the motion.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

12.1 Craig Simson – Wanted to thank the Council for all their volunteer work. He let them know how much he appreciated them for the time they spend at meetings. He thanked them for reconsidering the Extension Service District.

12.2 Angie - She just wanted to share facts about what the Extension did for the community. She talked about how the Extension supplement SNAPEd Program and helped the local schools with national advice, 4-H, and many educational pieces to help out FFA.

13. MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

14. STAFF REPORT:

15. COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

15.1 Councilor TenEyck – Wanted to thank the audience for their support. He thinks that they have corrected a great wrong, and are allowing the voters to tell them what they want. There was not telling what the opposition

15.2 Councilor Torres – Medrano – She thanked the audience for coming out.

15.3 Councilor Ray – He was very proud of the Halloween Contest. He has lived in Umatilla for over 30 years, and had never seen downtown Umatilla that full. Great job to the City Staff and congratulations on winning the pizza party.

15.4 Councilor Roxbury – Had not comments for the evening

15.5 Councilor Keith – He thought the police patrolling in town was awesome. We had a really strong patrolling in McNary and he stated that over the last week he probably spent 30 hours on Rio Senda Street. The speeds on that street were still high, but he really enjoyed seeing the evening patrolling be as high as they were.

16. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660(2)

17. RECONVENE:

18. ADJOURN: The next regular meeting will be held on December 05, 2017 at 7:00pm. It was moved by Councilor Ray to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor TenEyck Voted: 5-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Daren Dufloth, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nanci Sandoval, City Recorder