

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2009  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Trott called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Trott, Councilors Stokoe, Meade, Fenton, Dufloth and Johnson  
**ABSENT:** Councilor Roxbury  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Cook, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Director Glover,  
Police Sergeant Wright and Public Works Superintendent Frances

**MINUTES:** Councilor Meade moved to accept the minutes of the November 3, 2009 public hearing and regular Council meeting as presented and was seconded by Councilor Dufloth. Roll call: Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cathy Putnam announced the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce open house on December 12, 2009, the Christmas tree lighting ceremony on December 12, 2009 and the Festival of Trees in Hermiston on December 5 & 6, 2009.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Discussion items included the purchase of a City vehicle, purchase of a new police car, costs of cleaning up the Walker property, water testing costs, and payments to the general contractor and architect for the new library/city hall facility. Councilor Fenton moved to accept the consent agenda which included the paid invoices and the court report. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokoe and unanimously approved. Roll call: Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Resolution #05-2010 – Sensus Contract for Water System. Public Works Superintendent Frances explained that this would equip the water meters with a radio transmitter at each meter to transmit meter reading data to a computer at city hall. The radio read system would read meters continuously and has a leak detection capability. Cost of the system was about \$500,000 and funds had been set aside in a reserve fund for this project. Purchase of the system had also been addressed and approved by the budget committee. After some discussion, Councilor Johnson moved to adopt Resolution #05-2010 and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll call: Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution #06-2010 – Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. The Umatilla County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan had been addressed by the Council at a previous Council meeting and this was to officially accept the plan. Councilor Fenton moved to approve Resolution #06-2010 and was seconded by Councilor Dufloth. Roll call: Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #07-2010 – Agreement with David Blanc for Legal Services. Manager Cook explained that David Blanc would provide basic everyday City Attorney type services and be the City's prosecuting attorney. He provides attorney services for the City of Boardman and provides some services to other small cities in the area. Rates for his services were comparable to the previous attorney's rates. Councilor Fenton moved to approve Resolution #05-2010 and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution #08-2010 – Allow Columbia River Logistics a Five Year Tax Exemption. Manager Cook noted that the Port of Umatilla sees this as an anchor business to keep the Port's dock operational. Negotiations were in progress with the Port of Umatilla to annex certain Port owned properties into the city limits in exchange for approval of this request. As this property was outside the city limits but within the Greater Umatilla Enterprise Zone, the City would not lose any tax revenues. After additional discussion, Councilor Meade moved to adopt Resolution #08-2010. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dufloth and approved by majority vote with 4 yes votes and 1 no vote. Roll call: Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – no; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

Resolution #09-2010 – Agreement with Beery, Elsner & Hammond, LLP for Legal Services. Councilor Fenton moved to approve Resolution #09-2010 and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR’S MESSAGE:** The Mayor’s discussion included the Christmas tree lighting ceremony, dedication of the new library/city hall facility, and the police officers who were killed in Washington State.

**STAFF REPORT:** Manager Cook announced that the city hall would be closed on Friday, December 18, 2009 for moving into the new facility and the grand opening was scheduled for January 9, 2010. ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) has determined that the turning radius on 6<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the business at 1226 6<sup>th</sup> does not meet ODOT standards for oversize vehicles. A public works committee meeting would be scheduled in December to address the issue. The IAMP kick-off meeting was scheduled for December 10, 2009 and two council members would be needed to serve on this committee. He also suggested the City should send congratulations to the newly elected representatives of the Confederated Tribes and have some work sessions on policy issues.

Public Works Superintendent Frances reported that a contract was awarded for the sewer line to go under the West Extension Irrigation canal on South Hill and City crews would be clearing brush and debris in the Old Town site.

Finance Director Glover reported that 90% of the taxes had been collected.

Sergeant Wright reported that a town hall work session was scheduled for December 2, 2009 and was open to the public.

**COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:** Discussion items included the parking lot for the new library/city hall facility, graffiti and the census.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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DAVID P. TROTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Linda Gettmann, City Recorder