

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
December 05, 2017**

1. **CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Dufloth called the regular council meeting to order at 7:01pm.
2. **ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Councilors Keith, Roxbury, Ribich, and TenEyck.
ABSENT: Councilor Ray and Torres – Medrano.
STAFF PRESENT: Recorder Sandoval, Manager Pelleberg, Deputy City Manager Ince, Public Works Director Barron, Community Development Director Mabbott, GIS Coordinator/Rec Planner Tsui, and Chief Huxel.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited at 7:02pm.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Councilor Keith moved to accept the agenda. Councilor Roxbury seconded the motion. Voted: 4-0. Motion carried.
5. **PRESENTATION:** None.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve minutes for October 17, 2017 Workshop, November 07, 2017, November 21, 2017 Workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ribich. Voted: 4-0. Motion carried.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
Councilor TenEyck inquired about item 1053 Oregon Department of State Lands on page 18 of the council packet. Deputy City Manager Ince explained that refund checks that had not been cashed are reported to the state every year.

Councilor Ribich inquired about item 1629 Jordan Ramis PC Sept – Oct 2017 Legal Services. City Manager Pelleberg stated that it was the legal fee from our attorney. He was hired to work with our water rights.

It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve CRIS, Inc., and All Remaining Invoices. The motion was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Voted: 4-0. Motion carried.
9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
9.1 Parks and Recreation Committee -
Community Development Director Mabbott reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee and presented minutes from their previous meeting. She summarized the business portion of the meeting. There was confusion amongst the committee about the terms of their appointment, so that was clarified. The committee had questions about Nugent Park and Director Barron was there, as was Manager Pelleberg, to answer those questions. There was interest expressed about creating and designating Umatilla as a Tree City, and Esmeralda

Horn was doing research on that. The committee had questions about a donation to Village Square Park and City Manager Pelleberg reported that the funding was spent on a bench. The committee never had follow up to understand what happened with earlier discussion items. Those were memorialized in the minutes, so they can go back and look at them.

There was also discussion about the old memorials with great intention, and what they could do with those. Chief Huxel suggested that they create a memorial wall. Nothing was decided on that subject, but hopefully, next time something like that comes along the Parks and Rec Committee can look at that again.

They also talked about the Umatilla Together and framework plan. They each received their own copy of that. Her next goal was to give the Parks and Rec Committee an updated Parks Master Plan. As an addendum to the Parks Master Plan, Matthew Tsui was working on a trail plan. Those are two separate documents, and they want enough detail in them to move forward with grant funding and other opportunities.

Chief Huxel reported on doing background checks for school district volunteers.

Director Mabbott also touched base on how the city was moving forward with a Russian Olive Tree removal project along the Umatilla River.

There was some confusion about park names amongst committee members. Recorder Sandoval did research on that, and only two parks have been officially named, Hash Park and Nugent Park. The Parks and Rec Committee wanted to formally adopt of the Parks Master Plan and part of that was to formally name parks. The Public Works Department had a lot of nicknames for the parks, the committee would vet those and give council a host of options to choose from when they get to that point.

It was moved by Councilor Roxbury to reappoint Kristina Ridings, Natasha Ugarte, and Kristle Wyant to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilor Ribich. Voted: 4-0. Motion carried.

9.2 Planning Commission –

It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to reappoint Craig Simson to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Voted: 4-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilor Roxbury to appoint Jodi Hinsley to the Planning Commission. Councilor Roxbury wanted it noted that his motion was strictly based on the fact that Ms. Hinsley was the first to apply. Seconded by Councilor Ribich. Voted: 4-1-0. Councilor Keith abstained. Motion carried.

9.3 Budget Committee -

It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to reappoint Jeff Wheeler to the Budget Committee. It was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Voted: 4-0. Motion carried.

9.4 Police Committee –

Councilor TenEyck reported that the Police Committee met on October 25, 2017. Minutes were provided for Council to review.

Chief Huxel mentioned that there were some things that Council would be asked to act on, specifically the Emergency Response Plan. That needed to be updated and needs to be approved. She hopes it would be a future workshop discussion item.

Councilor Ribich wanted further explanation on staff wages. Chief Huxel explained that half of her staff was maxed out on the wage scale. They would be going into negotiations toward the end of January.

Councilor Keith wanted to know how they would do a wage increase. Chief Huxel explained that because they were a union they needed to negotiate a new contract. Their current contract expired on June 30, 2018. Historically, they do a three year contract, and wages are always part of that.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

11. NEW BUSINESS: None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

13. MAYOR'S MESSAGE: It was encouraging to see 3 solid candidates who wanted to be part of the Planning Commission. We need to get information out to the community. We have a lot of projects that are occurring. It is a great opportunity to get information out.

14. STAFF REPORT: Manager Pelleberg stated that he had an upcoming meeting with the Marine Board to upgrade our boat ramp in the Marina.

Deputy City Manager reported that we received a clean fiscal audit report.

15. COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

15.1 Councilor Keith – He thought that working on our city entries was great. The fire department had an exciting weekend for their Santa Life Flight event. They had about 300 people. They shot a lot of pictures. It was a costly thing for Life Flight to do, but they were grateful for it. They had the radio station La Ley on site, and they were able to translate to Spanish to the families. He has been talking to a lot of business owners trying to get them here. He was wondering if we could create a text list to send an email to business owners to encourage them one last time.

15.2 Councilor Roxbury – He wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

15.3 Councilor Ribich – He wanted to thank Councilor Keith for reaching out to local business owners. That was really what they were about as councilors, community outreach, and trying to get their needs to the board for discussion, and work on it. In the way of community outreach, he and his wife were trying to put up some lights on every corner of

their house. About a year ago, he sent Manager Pelleberg a picture of a sign from City of Pasco that stated “Yard of the Month.” He is hoping to implement something like that.

15.4 Councilor TenEyck – He wanted to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas holiday and cautioned everyone to not discuss politics at the Christmas dinner table. He believed that we were becoming more and more divided and it was sad to see things coming apart. We should be coming together. He went to Rae’s Dayz a couple times and it was wonderful.

16. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION –

17. RECONVENE:

18. ADJOURN: The next regular meeting will be held on January 02, 2018 at 7:00pm. It was moved by Councilor Ribich to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Keith Voted: 4-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Daren Dufloth, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nanci Sandoval, City Recorder