

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Council President Meade, Councilors Stokoe, Fenton, Johnson and Roxbury.

ABSENT: Councilor Dufloth

STAFF: City Manager Ward, City Clerk Hughes, Finance Director Glover, Public Works Director Frances, Police Chief Huxel, R.A.R.E. Student Karla Nelson and Planner Lunden.

MINUTES: Councilor Fenton moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2010 regular Council meeting as presented and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll Call: Roxbury – aye; Fenton – aye; Stokoe – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Carraher Chair of Library board asked that the signs from the old library building be removed. Ms. Carraher also asked if the website could be updated as there is only one opening on the library board. She also asked that the police deal with the panhandlers at the freeway exit as they are obstructing traffic while trying to get money from travelers. Chief Huxel said they have already cited two of the panhandlers and are continuing to address this issue.

Karen Hutchinson-Talaski reported on the upcoming events in the Umatilla area.

Jack McWhinnie thanked Karen Steen for allowing him to be a part of her election campaign and wished her all the best as mayor.

Libby Bivent wanted to thank everyone for coming to the Chamber of Commerce open house on Thursday December 2, 2010.

Phillip Rand asked that the City Council do something to acknowledge Pearl Harbor Day as it is an important day in our history.

Karen Steen thanked Mr. Ward for working so closely with her and doing his best to get her up to speed and ready to take the Mayor's seat in January.

Rick Funderburk asked about the status of his application for the Code Enforcement board. He also said he disagreed with the city grant program. Mr. Funderburk also cautioned the council on allowing Crossroads to hook their storm water runoff to the city's sanitary sewer system.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilor Fenton moved to approved both the paid invoices and court report. Councilor Stokoe seconded the motion. Roll Call: Roxbury – aye; Fenton – aye; Stokoe – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Ratify November 2, 2010 Elections Results – Councilor Johnson moved to ratify the November Election results, Councilor Fenton seconded the motion. Roll Call: Roxbury – aye; Fenton – aye; Stokoe – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

2011 Calendar Planner - Councilor Johnson moved to approve the 2011 Calendar planner, Councilor Roxbury seconded the motion. Roll Call: Roxbury – aye; Fenton – aye; Stokoe – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously

Crossroads sewer request – Manager Ward spoke about Crossroads Truck Stop's request to connect their storm water runoff to the city's sanitary sewer. Crossroads has about 5 injection wells and through the new DEQ requirements they are no longer going to be allowed to use their injection wells for storm water runoff. They have requested to put in a 1500 gallon water oil separator that would connect and send the extra water to our sewer plant after the oil settled out of the storm water. Manager Ward noted that with our current code this type of connection is

not allowed, he asked for direction from the council on this matter. After some discussion from the council it was a unanimous decision to have Manager Ward bring a draft ordinance for a code change to the next council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Barnett & Moro, P.C. Audit – The Annual Audit was completed and it was clean with no problem. Finance Director Glover noted that the full report was available upon request to look at if anyone was interested.

Committee Resignation: Councilor Johnson moved to accept the resignation of Sherrie Frye from the Library Board and Maureen Roxbury from Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Committee, Councilor Fenton seconded the motion. Roll Call: Roxbury – aye; Fenton – aye; Stokoe – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Hutchinson-Talaski took a recording of the tree lighting and posted it on the Chambers face book page.

Jack McWhinnie would like to see the council and staff get the contractor to fix all the issues with the city hall as they are still responsible for the first year after construction.

Rick Funderburk thanked the council for being cautious and asking lots of questions regarding the Crossroads Truck Stop water/oil separator.

Phil Rand thanked Manager Ward for starting to review 6th street crosswalk lighting. Mr. Rand is concerned about there only being one light per intersection when there are two crosswalks per intersection.

Karen Steen commended Manager Ward for the report that he is putting together for the council packets.

Kip Barron informed the council that if they wanted more information regarding the sewer plant that they should talk directly with Chris Stensrud, as he is very knowledgeable about the plant because he is there for the day to day operations.

STAFF REPORT: Manager Ward would like for the planning commission to be the lead on the comp plan changes. He noted that the staff is working on a community survey. Manager Ward is still trying to find the correct contact for Charter Communications so that we can see if we can get them to expand to Umatilla. Also there is going to be meetings all day on December 15 2010 for the IAMP. Public is welcome to come at 6:15 for the open house.

Chief Huxel addressed the earlier question from Mr. Funderburk, yes he was appointed to the Code Board to position 1 and his term will expire in 2013. Shop with a cop will be taking place Tuesday December 14, 2010 at Wal-mart with 6 middle school kids.

Karla Nelson said that she is working on the Wildhorse Foundation Grant that would allow the city to hire a contractor to come in along the Umatilla River and remove invasive weeds, place interpretive signs and some benches. She also mentioned that we have been approved to submit the Safe Routes to School application.

ADJOURN: There being no further business discussion; the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

KAREN STEEN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder