

1 MINUTES, UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
2 FEBRUARY 17, 2015 7:00 P.M.
3 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1 S CENTRAL AVENUE, UMATILLA, FL
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5 Pledge of Allegiance led by **President Eric Olson** and Invocation given by **Pastor Brooks Braswell**,
6 First Baptist Church of Umatilla.

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8 **Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.**
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10 **ROLL CALL**

11 IN ATTENDANCE: President Eric Olson; Council members Katherine Adams and H. Scott Purvis;
12 Interim Public Works Director Richard Hatfield; Police Lieutenant David Seeley; Fire Chief Patrick
13 Cranor; Interim City Manager Carol Rogers; City Attorney Kevin Stone; City Clerk Karen Howard
14 ABSENT: Vice President Peter Tarby; Police Chief Adam Bolton
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16 **AGENDA REVIEW:**
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18 **MOTION by Purvis; SECOND by Adams; to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.**
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20 **MINUTES REVIEW**

- 21 1) Minutes
22 a. City Council meeting February 3, 2015
23 b. City Council Special meeting January 29, 2015
24 c. City Council Workshop January 29, 2015
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26 **MOTION by Purvis; SECOND by Adams; to approve Minutes of City Council meeting of**
27 **February 3, 2015; Minutes of City Council Special meeting of January 29, 2015; and Minutes of**
28 **City Council Workshop of January 29, 2015. Motion carried.**
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30 **SWEARING IN – COUNCIL SEAT 2**

31 **Laura Wright** was sworn in as Council member for Seat #2 by **City Clerk Karen Howard**.
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33 **BADGE PINNING CEREMONY – FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**
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35 **Fire Chief Patrick Cranor** awarded the rank of Lieutenant to **Thomas Mikel Bliffen** and he was pinned
36 and sworn in by **Chief Cranor**.
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38 **Fire Chief Patrick Cranor** awarded the rank of Lieutenant to **David Michael DeLand** who was pinned
39 by his mother and sworn in by **Chief Cranor**.
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41 **Fire Chief Patrick Cranor** awarded the rank of Assistant Chief to **Josh Mullaly** who was pinned and
42 sworn in by **Chief Cranor**.
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45 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 46 2) Resolution 2015-08 Chili Cook Off
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48 **City Attorney Kevin Stone** read the resolution by title:

49 **RESOLUTION 2015 – 08**

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51 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, FLORIDA,**
52 **AUTHORIZING THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF SPONSORED BY THE**
53 **UMATILLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015;**
54 **ALLOWING FOR THE FOLLOWING DURING THE EVENT: THE CLOSURE OF HARRIS**
55 **AND FINK STREETS; CLOSURE OF HARRIS STREET PARKING LOT; PROVIDING FOR**
56 **AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

57 **Lisa Neuman**, Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce, referenced the letter presented in the
58 Council packet and indicated there were eight teams signed up so far and the event looks to be shaping up
59 well.

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61 **MOTION by Adams; SECOND by Wright; to approve Resolution 2015-08 Chili Cook Off. Motion**
62 **carried.**

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64 3) Resolution 2015-09 SJRWMD Reduced Permit Fees

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66 **City Attorney Kevin Stone** read the resolution by title:

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68 **RESOLUTION 2015 – 09**

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70 **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, LAKE COUNTY,**
71 **FLORIDA, REQUESTING REDUCTION OF PERMIT APPLICATION FEES BY THE ST.**
72 **JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE**
73 **DATE.**

74 **Interim City Manager Carol Rogers** said this is a proactive action in the event we should need to apply
75 for a permit.

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77 **MOTION by Wright; SECOND by Purvis; to approve Resolution 2015-09 SJRWMD Reduced**
78 **Permit Fees. Motion carried.**

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80 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

81 **Carl Ludecke** owner of Olde Mill Stream RV Park discussed the recent water and sewer fee increase and
82 asked Council to consider several things. He proposed a change to allow 25% of people to stay year
83 round instead of eight months or removing one of the meters from the property. Our costs are an
84 additional \$20,000 per year. The RV Park has been here since 1986 and serves people 55 years old and
85 up.

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87 **Mr. Ludecke** spoke about the city requirements for trees and the large expense involved in brush and leaf
88 disposal.

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90 **Council direction was for Mr. Ludecke to meet with Ms. Rogers.**

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92 **NEW BUSINESS**

93 4) Selection of candidate for Mayor's position

94 **Interim City Manager Rogers** said two applicants have made submittals for the vacancy: **Brian Butler**
95 and **Holly Curley**. It is up to the Council to make a decision regarding filling the vacancy.

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97 **President Olson, Council member Adams, and Council member Olson** indicated they were in favor of
98 appointing **Mr. Butler**; **Council member Purvis** indicated he was in favor of appointing **Ms. Curley**.

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100 **MOTION by Wright; SECOND by Adams; to appoint Brian Butler to fill the vacancy for the**
101 **Mayor's position. Motion carried.**

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103 5) Water and Wastewater Project Changes

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105 **Interim City Manager Carol Rogers** said we were ready to advertise for the water upgrade project but
106 the decision was made to pull the advertisement. I met with **Senator Hays** to request additional funding
107 and met with **Ted Wicks** to cancel the project with his company. I request awarding the project to BESH.

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109 **Fred Fox** was contacted regarding the 2014 CDBG cycle regarding this delay and he recommended
110 waiting until the 2015 CDBG cycle which should open later this year. The date on the existing legislative
111 appropriation is in place until 2017. BESH can fast track the project to be reengineered in time to get the
112 timely operations going.

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114 Discussion ensued regarding looking at the original infrastructure of the wastewater plant to determine
115 what would be done with the plant and if there was a wastewater master plan. **Ms. Rogers** said there is a
116 master plan and once we have new engineers in place questions will be addressed.

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118 **MOTION by Purvis; SECOND by Adams; to proceed with the termination of Mr. Wick's contract**
119 **on the water and wastewater plant and proceed with BESH for engineering on the same two**
120 **projects. Motion carried.**

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122 **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

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124 Proposed workshop by Florida League of Cities

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126 **Interim City Manager Carol Rogers** said she had not gotten a definitive response from **Marilyn Crotty**
127 regarding a workshop about how to run a Council meeting, motions, Roberts Rules of Order, and touch
128 on the Sunshine Law.

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130 **Interim City Manager Rogers** reported we are proceeding with **Mr. DiVenanzo** regarding the roof and
131 things are moving along. **Mr. Wicks** is still under the CCNA and we can still use him for other work.

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133 **REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

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135 **Interim Public Works Director Richard Hatfield** reported transition time has been busy. We are glad
136 to assist with the cook offs and we are trying to see how we can make it work at the Harris Street location.

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138 **Lieutenant Seeley** reported the Police Department's participation in the Chili Cook Off in Clermont.
139 Over the weekend we did a Seminars training which **Mr. Newby** attended. The department is doing a
140 trial run with the body cameras. **Ms. Rogers** discussed the policy being developed for the body cameras.

142 **President Olson** noted the other reports in the packet and announced the upcoming meetings and events.

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144 **Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.**

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Eric Olson

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155 **ATTEST**

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Karen Howard, CMC

160 City Clerk