

MINUTES, CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 2018 7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1 S CENTRAL AVENUE, UMATILLA, FL

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Laura Wright; Vice President Brian Butler; Council members Katherine Adams, Eric Olson; Mayor Mary Johnson; Public Works Director Aaron Mercer; Police Lt. David Seeley; Fire Chief Shane Lanoue; Finance Director Regina Frazier; City Manager Scott Blankenship; City Clerk Karen Howard

ABSENT: Council member Scott Purvis

**AGENDA REVIEW**

**MOTION by Olson; SECOND by Adams; to approve Agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

**MINUTES**

- 1 Minutes
  - a. City Council meeting August 7, 2018
  - b. City Council Special meeting July 31, 2018
  - c. Budget Workshop August 7, 2018

**MOTION by Olson; SECOND by Butler; approval of Minutes for City Council meeting of August 7, 2018; Minutes of City Council Special Meeting of July 31, 2018; and Minutes of Budget Workshop of August 7, 2018. Motion carried.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Fire Department Presentations – Fire Chief Shane Lanoue
- 10 Year Recognition – Kyle Bateman
- 1 Year Recognition – Nathan Smith, C.J. Kunz, Bonnie Harman

**Fire Chief Shane Lanoue** thanked everyone for attending to recognize three firefighters who have completed their probationary period: **Nathan Smith, C. J. Kunz, and Bonnie Harman**. They have completed a year's worth of training and were presented with a helmet shield. These volunteers searched through Olde Mill Stream after Hurricane Irma.

**Chief Lanoue** presented **Kyle Bateman** with a leather helmet for ten years of service to the Umatilla Volunteer Fire Department.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance 2018 – G Residential Design Standards – Postpone until date certain of November 6<sup>th</sup>. **City Manager Blankenship** said staff requests postponement to a date certain of November 6<sup>th</sup> in order to hold a workshop to go over design standards. We intend to invite developers to provide input.

**MOTION by Adams; SECOND by Olson; to postpone Residential Design Standards to a date certain of November 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.**

- 2 Resolution 2018-29 Referendum Question  
**Attorney Stone** read the resolution by title:

**RESOLUTION 2018 – 29**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A BALLOT SUMMARY OF THE CHARTER AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2018-F TO COMPLY WITH THE RESTRICTIONS OF SECTION 101.161(1), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**City Manager Blankenship** explained the wording of a ballot question is challenging. We initially thought it was within the word limit but learned it needed to be revised.

**City Attorney Stone** said charter amendment has to be done by ordinance but the actual wording can be done by resolution.

**MOTION by Olson; SECOND by Butler; to approved Resolution 2018-29. Motion carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

3 Vista Oaks Final Plat

**City Manager Blankenship** said staff is seeking approval of the final plat.

Discussion took place on sidewalks with **Public Works Director Mercer** verifying sidewalks would be placed in front of the homes as the lots are developed. The sidewalks would be going in the direction of the shopping center.

**City Manager Blankenship** said we worked with the builder and the plans turned out very well.

**MOTION by Olson; SECOND by Adams; to approve Vista Oaks Final Plat. Motion carried.**

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Residential Design Standards

**City Manager Blankenship** said staff would like to have a workshop with Council to discuss design standards. We believe we have a standard that is not too cost prohibitive. We want to develop consistency and compatibility with the rest of our community.

**Council consensus to schedule a workshop on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Council meeting.**

### **REPORTS**

**Attorney Stone** noted he would be meeting with the County Attorney's office on Thursday to discuss pending Interlocal agreements that could be coming before Council on September 4<sup>th</sup>. At the next Council meeting I will put together something for a year in review.

#### **Council member Adams**

- **President Wright, Vice President Butler** and I went to the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference. Home Rule, established in 1968, was a big topic because the state legislature wants to take the power away from local governments. We are trying to get the word out to keep Home Rule.
- Attended the MPO Executive Meeting. We are still looking for an Executive Director and **Michael Wood** is anticipated to be the choice.

#### **President Wright**

- There was a big rally at the FLC Conference for home rule. We need to educate people on the importance of home rule.
- School is back in session and SAC meetings are happening
- Football, fundraisers and advertising are activities in the schools

#### **Vice President Butler**

- Seconded what **Council member Adams** said about the importance of home rule.

#### **Police**

**Lt. Seeley** reported it has been quiet

#### **Fire**

**Chief Lanoue** noted the Fire Department will be at the home football games on Friday nights.

**President Wright** noted the reports and the calendar in the packet and reminded elected officials of Fire Assessment workshop on Thursday.

**Council member Adams** said that telecommunications issues were discussed at the FLC and municipalities were advised to establish rules.

**Attorney Stone** said he met with the City Clerk and discussed small communication devices. We will talk with staff on that issue.

**Meeting adjourned 7:21 p.m.**

  
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Laura Wright  
Council President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Karen H. Howard, CMC  
City Clerk