

MINUTES, UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 19, 2018 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1 S CENTRAL AVENUE, UMATILLA, FL

Pledge led by **President Wright** and invocation given by **City Clerk Karen Howard**.

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

ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE: President Laura Wright; Council members Katherine Adams, Eric Olson, Scott Purvis; Mayor Mary Johnson; Public Works Director Aaron Mercer; Police Chief Adam Bolton; Fire Chief Shane Lanoue; City Attorney Kevin Stone; City Manager Scott Blankenship; City Clerk Karen Howard

ABSENT: Vice President Brian Butler

AGENDA REVIEW

MOTION by Olson; SECOND by Purvis; to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1 Minutes, City Council meeting, June 5, 2018
- 2 Police Retirement Board

MOTION by Olson; SECOND by Purvis; to approve the Consent Agenda Minutes of the City Council meeting of June 5, 2018 and Police Retirement Board. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 3 Fire Assessment Fee
 - a. Ordinance 2018 – C Fire Assessment Fee, Second Reading

Attorney Kevin Stone read the ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018 - C

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FIRE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS FOR THE PROPOSED FIRE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION METHOD; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT, GENERAL AUTHORITY, AND APPLICABILITY THROUGHOUT THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR INITIAL PROCEEDINGS; DIRECTING IMPOSITION OF INITIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING NOTICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAIL; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION AND EFFECT OF FINAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION; PROVIDING ANNUAL ADOPTION PROCEDURES; PROVIDING LIENS FOR AND REVISIONS TO FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURAL IRREGULARITIES AND CORRECTION OF ERRORS AND OMISSIONS; PROVIDING FOR INTERIM ASSESSMENTS AND AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Manager Blankenship said this ordinance revises the Code to provide for implementation and collection of a Fire Services Special Assessment fee. It does not commit the Council to the assessment. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION by Olson; SECOND by Adams; to approve Ordinance 2018 – C, second reading.

Public comment: Carl Ludecke said the fire tax did not sit well with him. We are paying \$35,000 extra for water and sewer; \$50,000 for storm debris removal; and now we have a fire tax. My competition is the Eustis RV Park by the fairgrounds and they pay no fire tax because they pay city taxes. If you pass this fire tax, you can write me off on anything else that I will be involved in with the city. Our clubhouse will not be used for the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, I will not sponsor an island anymore, we will not do a spaghetti dinner for the Volunteer Fire Department, and any donation of land for a Chamber of Commerce/Trails head Building is off the table. We try to be good citizens and all you want to do is tax us to death.

Mr. Ludecke talked about how Mount Dora forced him to annex his buildings on 441 and how it resulted in him steering millions of dollars of construction out of the City of Mount Dora.

I have to live with this fee forever and ever, which will increase. This action will cost you something; I hate to have to do it but every action causes a reaction. Do not ask me to participate for anything on a city level.

AYES: Adams, Olson, Purvis, Wright

NAYS:

Motion carried.

- b. Resolution, 2018 - 23 Initial Assessment Fire Fees

Attorney Kevin Stone read the resolution by title:

RESOLUTION 2018 - 23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS; PROVIDING AUTHORITY, PURPOSE, AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; DESCRIBING THE METHOD OF ASSESSING FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENT COSTS AGAINST PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF UMATILLA; DETERMINING THE FIRE ASSESSMENT COST AND INITIAL FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREFOR; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Blankenship noted the initial rate is the maximum rate set. You cannot go higher, but you can go lower, similar to when setting millage rates.

MOTION by Olson; SECOND by Adams; to approve Resolution 2018 –23, Fire Fee Initial Assessment. Motion carried.

- 4 Council Acting as Planning & Zoning Board

- a. Ordinance 2018 – E Council acting as Planning & Zoning, Second Reading

Attorney Kevin Stone read the ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE 2018 – E

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, FLORIDA, CREATING SECTION 9(A)(5) OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA; PROVIDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MAY PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Blankenship had no further information to add.

MOTION by Olson; SECOND by Adams; to approve Ordinance 2018 – E Council acting as Planning & Zoning Board.

AYES: Adams, Olson, Purvis, Butler, Wright

NAYES:

Motion carried.

b Resolution 2018 – 24 Council Acting as Planning & Zoning Board

Attorney Stone read the resolution by title:

RESOLUTION 2018 -24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A UNIFORM COLLECTION AGREEMENT WITH BOB MCKEE, LAKE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO REIMBURSE THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACTUAL COSTS INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE UNIFORM COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Blankenship had no additional comments. The Council can reestablish the Planning & Zoning Board in the future.

MOTION by Olson; SECOND by Adams; to approve Resolution 2018-24 Council Acting as Planning & Zoning Board. Motion carried.

4 Resolution 2018 – 25 Interlocal Agreement – Emergency Services Radios

Attorney Stone read the resolution by title:

RESOLUTION 2018 - 25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO COUNTY-WIDE EMERGENCY NETWORK RADIOS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Blankenship said this is our best option for the emergency radios. The hand out on the dais gives you a total cost of approximately \$22,000 a year for the equipment.

MOTION by Adams; SECOND by Olson; to approve Resolution 2018 – 25 Interlocal Agreement with Lake County for Emergency Network Radios. Motion carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Discussion was held on the status of Mebane Street. Attorney Stone will bring a report back at the next meeting.

REPORTS

MAYOR

- Attended presentation at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting for the North Lake Trail
- Announced there is a new principal at Umatilla High School: Thomas Gerds; there are new principals at all Umatilla schools

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Olson

- Attended the Lake County League of Cities luncheon with Tax Collector as the speaker. Umatilla's ad valorem taxes will be going up \$30,000-\$35,000 next year but we will lose \$50,000 if the additional Homestead Exemption is approved by the voters in November

as expected. Where will we get the money to run our Fire Department if we do not adopt the Fire Assessment Fees?

Adams

- Museum will host another Snack and Chat on July 25th. **Greg Nelson** will be our speaker and will give the history of Bank of Umatilla through United Southern Bank.
- The MPO Board has twelve applicants for Director. Meetings will be held to determine the selection.
- Work on the Museum roof started today

Discussion took place on the grant from AT&T awarded to the Education Foundation. It will go towards the aviation program. The School District had a meeting and it will be developed. **Mr. Blankenship** was approached by a person who has a kit plane for the students to build and then turn back to him. New principals are coming to Umatilla.

Wright

- Attended Recovery Village 5th Anniversary Luncheon at Lakeside Inn in Mount Dora where **Mayor Johnson** read a proclamation
- Saturday morning was the Grand Opening for a new sewing shop in downtown Umatilla. **Council member Adams** attended that as well
- Breakfast for Educators is upcoming

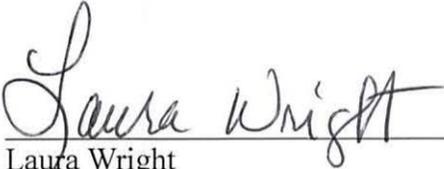
STAFF

Public Works Director Aaron Mercer reported the smoke test is ongoing. We have not found the area of infiltration we are seeking. **Fire Chief Lanoue** said there were three reports of smoke.

Police Chief Adam Bolton acknowledged the Kiwanis had an appreciation luncheon for first responders. **Sergeant Rippy** gave the keynote speech.

President Wright talked about how **Mr. Ludecke** expressed his feelings and how it affected her. We have to move on and we have to do something.

Meeting adjourned 7:31 p.m.



Laura Wright
Council President

ATTEST:


Karen H. Howard, CMC
City Clerk