

MINUTES, UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 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; Vice President Brian Butler; Council members Katherine Adams, Eric Olson, Scott Purvis; Public Works Director Aaron Mercer; Police Lt. David Seeley; Fire Chief Shane Lanoue; City Attorney Lewis Stone; City Manager Scott Blankenship; City Clerk Karen Howard

ABSENT: Mayor Johnson

**AGENDA REVIEW**

**City Manager Scott Blankenship** said staff met with the applicant this morning regarding Ordinance 2017-C and they have requested postponement to a date certain of February 6, 2018.

**MOTION by Purvis; SECOND by Olson; to approve the agenda as presented with a date certain of February 6, 2018. Motion carried.**

**MINUTES REVIEW**

1 Minutes, City Council meeting, December 19, 2017

**MOTION by Olson; SECOND by Purvis; to approve Minutes of City Council meeting of December 19, 2017. Motion carried.**

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Elections

a. City Council President

**President Wright** opened the floor for nominations for Council President

**NOMINATION by Adams for Laura Wright; SECOND by Purvis**

**NOMINATION by Olson for Brian Butler; SECOND by Purvis**

Vote for Council President:

**Wright: Adams, Butler, Purvis, Wright**

**Butler: Olson**

**Wright elected as Council President.**

**NOMINATION for Council Vice President**

**NOMINATION by Purvis; SECOND by Adams for Brian Butler. Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPOINTMENTS**

2 Lake County League of Cities Director and Alternate Director

**City Manager Blankenship** noted that **Eric Olson** serves as the Director with the Lake County League of Cities and I serve as the Alternate. It is up to the Council to approve the selections.

**SELECTION of Council Member Olson to serve as the Lake County League of Cities Director and City Manager Blankenship to serve as the Alternate Director. Approved unanimously by roll call vote. Motion carried.**

3 MPO Board Member and Alternate

**City Manager Blankenship** said **Kaye Adams** serves as 2017 MPO Board Member and has served us well

**SELECTION of Council Member Adams to serve as the 2018 MPO Board Member Council Member Olson to serve as the Alternate Director. Approved unanimously by roll call vote. Motion carried.**

4 City Liaison to Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

**City Manager Blankenship** said I have served as the city liaison to the Umatilla Chamber Board of Director for the last two years and we have forged a very good working relationship. I respectfully request reappointment as City Liaison.

**SELECTION of Scott Blankenship to serve as City Liaison to the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Approved unanimously by roll call vote. Motion carried.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Susan Martin**, Executive Director of the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce said everyone is welcome to attend Chamber Board meetings at 7:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month. New Board members include Ray Powers, Ray Bryant, and Christy Hottenger are new Board Members.

There is a new event called “The Big Orange Day” proposed to be put together on SR 19 combining the Chili Cook Off, a car show, music, showcasing agriculture local growers oranges, you pick blueberries and peaches and honey. Focus on the Big Orange and showcase the community and locally grown produce. We hope to do tours with Sunsational Citrus.

I will meet with city staff to talk about city support and will talk with Mr. Ludecke regarding parking. We hope to get the drive thru traffic by having it on SR 19. We are hoping to get the band we had at the bike event last year. We have talked with the Police and Fire Chiefs.

Discussion took place on getting Palm Ridge to participate. **Ms. Martin** talked about using the area in front of USB for the Chili Cook Off. Peaches and blueberries will not be in season but we hope the growers will take advantage of the promotion of their agriculture.

**Ms. Martin** said we will be allowing people to cook their chili off-site. We will be allowing on site and out of the kitchen fields. We hope to have more details by the next meeting.

Taste of North Lake County event will be filmed by Lakefront TV. The Chamber will have reserved seating with \$250 for reserved seating; table and tickets. We will do the Taste Challenge again this year; there is one open spot available.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

5 Ordinance 2017 – C Merrill, Second Reading

**Motion made during the Agenda Review.**

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

#### **REPORTS**

#### **CITY ATTORNEY**

**Lewis Stone** no report.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Councilmember Purvis** asked about the cell tower contract. The company was contacted by **Attorney Kevin Stone** and a letter was received signed by a professional engineer verifying the tower was in good shape and would serve its useful life. **Kyle Ingram** with Clifton Towers met me at the site and he verified the tower was in very good condition and would last another 30 years.

Discussion took place on guidelines and monitoring on attachments to the tower. **Council member Purvis** agreed to the continuation of the contract. He thanked the attorney for looking over the contract.

**Attorney Lewis Stone** said there were some things to be changed and responsibility for not overloading it and a retirement plan for the removal when time comes.

**Council member Purvis** said he contacted **Jeff Johnson** at the road construction department at the Lake County Public Works Department. They discussed the possibility of the county working with the city on a system called double surface treatment. It calls for putting a thick layer of asphalt

down, put stones down and add another thick layer of asphalt over an existing clay road. It would be a base for asphalt the county would come back in a few years and eventually asphalt the surface of it. They have had good luck with this and has minimal expense. We would propose this treatment for Crescent Street and a portion of Owens Lane. There was a discussion with **Duane Booth** at BESH regarding the work requiring a SJRWMD permit, water retention and other requirements. **Mr. Booth** has since found out that existing clay roads are exempt from the permitting requirement.

**Lori Kuntz, Jeff Johnson, Scott, Aaron** and I will meet on site on January 17<sup>th</sup>. I asked an interested party to survey and stake off the corners of the area.

Discussion took place of considering using this process to pave from Ocala to Crescent one year, Crescent one year, Crescent to Lake another year. I would ask the city to look at this process as a test. It may work on other streets in the city that need to be addressed.

**Mr. Mercer** will give a report at the following Council meeting.

**Councilmember Purvis** noted everyone had a great time at the parade. There were lots of comments from the citizens.

Discussion took place regarding hanging the banner and photographs of the parade.

#### STAFF

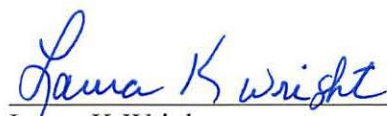
**Public Works Director Aaron Mercer** reported the paving is wrapping up the curbing in front of McDonalds. Discussion took place on on Daphne BESH suggested borings and some processes to make it

**Fire Chief Shane Lanoue** said the new brush truck will be here end of February and will be in service in the middle of brush season. The department is doing great.

**Police Lt. David Seeley** said there was a quiet nice weekend with no calls out of the ordinary.

**President Wright** noted the upcoming meetings and events.

**Meeting adjourned 7:36 p.m.**

  
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Laura K Wright  
Council President

ATTEST:

  
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Karen H. Howard, CMC  
City Clerk