

Ukiah City Council
Regular Meeting – October 1, 2019

Present: Mayor Clint Barber Councilmembers: Linda Kerr, David Durfey and Tommy Mentzer
Excused Absence: Maintenance Ed Shank Recorder: Donna Neumann Public: Norma Barber

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REGULAR MEETING

Motion made by Dave Durfey second by Clint Barber to approve September 2019 Minutes.
Unanimous Approval

Motion made by Dave Durfey second by Tommy Mentzer to approve September 2019 paid invoices. Unanimous Approval

PUBLIC CONCERNS COMMENTS:

- Norma Barber announced Umatilla County Health Department will be at the Senior Center 10/25/19 from 9:30 am – 11:30 am for immunizations, flu shots, and vision screening
- The Homecoming Dance will be 10/25/19 starting at 4:00 pm at the Senior Center
- Tommy Mentzer will plan one work day for installing the new park equipment. Clint Barber and Tommy Mentzer will meet on Sunday at 10:00 am.
- Clint Barber reported Lowell Van Dorn is having his engineers draft the “As Builds”. Mr. Van Dorn has closed down for the winter.

City Recorder Report:

Donna Neumann Report:

- Working with Langston Walker, FEMA on filling out forms for volunteers, equipment, and supplies for Camas Creek Flooding
- Umatilla County’s new Code Enforcement is Officer Larry Rowan. Stated the need to set up an agreement with the Gina Millar, Code Enforcement Department.

Meter Reader/Maintenance Report:

Ed Shank/Clint Barber reported:

- Reading meters
 - Booster Station, Lift Station, and lagoons working smoothly
 - Meters installed for Allen Kendall and Scott Huntington
 - Irrigation system to be winterized
- Needs: purchase new meters to replace faulty meters.

Clint Barber reported Heidi Hartman, Oregon State Lands was on site when reported landowners were working in Camas Creek without permits. The local landowners removed many feet of gravel to try and save their property during the next flood.

The Umatilla County Road Department removed debris from under the bridge.

Fire Department

David Durfey Reports:

- The grant with VFA is a 50-50 match
- Tom Roberts, Umatilla County Emergency Manager has a rescue vehicle that is surplus.

Ukiah Website

Current information

The website is working well.

Safety Committee Report

Stay safe

Planner/Consultant

Laura Foley report:

Camas Creek Flooding:

In my research for the application to Biz Oregon for a Study on Protection of the Wastewater Plant, I have found several points that you should be aware of.

If you remember, in 2017 John Zakrajsek of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation prepared an extensive report and made several appearances at the City Council regarding Camas Creek and its history.

Below is a recap of part of John's Executive Summary:

In mainstream Camas Creek and the lower watershed including through Ukiah, natural processes are absent due to channelization, levees, and road construction. Channelization and levee construction occurred at a large scale in response to the flood of record in 1965 resulting in a straight, single thread channel through Ukiah to the Camas Street Bridge.

The dramatic change in channel platform initiated an immediate channel response, with meanders developing within the new levees following their construction. This process led to the rapid erosion of the levees from the migrating creek, delivering high sediment loads to the creek downstream from the eroded levees and floodplain. As the levees continued to erode over time, the sediment delivered downstream deposited in the creek as it flows through Ukiah. An expansion of the creek through town (widening of the levees) has resulted in a loss of transport capacity and deposition of sediment in the creek. In addition to this accumulated sediment, the Camas Street Bridge creates a backwater during large floods that induces additional aggradation up to 350 feet upstream of the bridge. The accumulation of sediment due to the levees and bridge has essentially buried the channel through town as it dewatered regularly in the summer months. Upstream of Ukiah, where the levees have eroded, the channel has regained its anabranch planform, and habitat elements such as large wood, pools, and even beaver are starting to reappear.

Levee Information

The levees were installed by the Corp of Engineers but the county is to maintain. Doug Olson, County attorney, regarding the levees and the County's involvement has researched back to 1965: The original levees were raised and rehabbed by the Corp of Engineers in 1964-65

The levees were rehabbed again by the Corp in 1974 (in response to a flood in 1972). County would assume responsibility until City was incorporated in 1977. In 1994 the Corp did inspection reports and the Corp indicated there were no easements so rehab work could not be done. The County has letters sent to property owners (Evans, Christian are two names) but they were unable to get easements from the owners. So we are left with the County still responsible for the levees and no easements for repair and the City should take over responsibility and the current recommendations are highly unlikely to be done.

Van Dorn Update

Mr. Van Dorn has not submitted revised Construction Plans for DEQ approval of the extension of the Common Sewer. He has installed water and sewer lines on Pendleton Avenue. It is my understanding that Mr. Van Dorn proposed to submit As-Built plans to DEQ.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of Council Member Vickie McLaughlin

Clint Barber made a motion second by David Durfey to accept the resignation of Vickie McLaughlin from the Council. Unanimous Approval

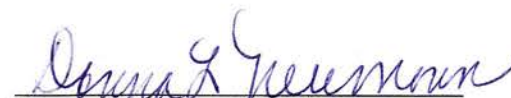
The Ukiah School Request Waiver of Fee for the Homecoming Dance

David Durfey made a motion second by Clint Barber to waive the fee for the Homecoming Dance – 10/25/19 Unanimous Approval

Adjourned 7:55PM



Clint Barber, Mayor



Donna L. Neumann, City Recorder