

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
January 12, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Tim Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Shannon McKay, Councilmembers: Eleanor Brodahl, Ken Taylor, Dan Dever, Kenneth Johnson, Mark Snyder, Marc Spohr, and Tim Wilson.

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: Mike Bailey, Police Chief Steven Dunnagan, Debbie Kudrna, and Jay Van Ness; and City Attorney James Whitaker.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Council carried a motion to approve the amended agenda. M/S Dever/Brodahl.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of December 8, 2008
- B. Approval of City Council Workshop Minutes of January 5, 2009
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks for 2008
- D. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks for 2009
- E. Reappoint Larry McCourtie to Planning Commission
- F. Set Public Hearing to Review the Ordinance Creating OMC 13.08 entitled "Critical Areas and Repealing OMC Chapter 13.06 entitled Critical Areas and Natural Resource Lands for January 26, 2009
- G. Snow Plow Policy

Accounts Payable was audited and certified by the Auditing Officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080; and those expense reimbursement claims certified and as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that has been reviewed by the Council audit committee and is available to the Council.

Expense Claim Check No. 35916 to No. 35968 in the amount of \$83,426.71 (Dec 08).

Expense Claim Check No. 35969 to No. 36040 in the amount of \$162,210.57 (Dec 08).

Expense Claim Check No. 36041 to No. 36057 in the amount of \$125,326.06 (Jan 09).

Payroll Check No. 24842 to No. 24944 in the amount of \$ 237,988.24.

Council carried a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. M/S Johnson/Caylor.

CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES WITH TIM RICH CONSULTING

Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness advised the current contract with Tim Rich has expired. The new proposal includes an increase to the hourly rate to \$105 per hour. Mr. Rich has revamped the water telemetry system to monitor the wells. He also consults with Public Works and will be utilized to include any new wells into the computer program. Mr. Van Ness advised that Mr. Rich is able to work on the computer program remotely from his home, which alleviates travel time.

Council carried a motion to renew the contract with Tim Rich Consulting. M/S Snyder/Dever.

STATE OF WASHINGTON INTERGOVERNMENTAL PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Finance Officer Mike Bailey presented the agreement with the State of Washington, Department of General Administration, Office of State Procurement. He explained that the State conducts the bidding process for governmental purchasing and the City is able to utilize their vendors. The proposed agreement is for a two year membership program (2008-2009) at the cost of \$2,000. He explained that the City utilized the State program in 2008 and it is necessary to pay for those services.

Council carried a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the State of Washington Office of State Procurement. M/S Caylor/Snyder.

SR 26-14TH AVENUE DESIGN CHANGE

Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness advised that Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) made a design change to the SR 26-14th Avenue intersection to accommodate large trucks making the right hand turn off SR 26. The design change will decrease construction costs. They found that a 50' long truck would potentially not be able to make a right hand turn without driving

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off the shoulder. They have decreased the 8' wide shoulder to 4' wide and will increase the right hand turn from 50' radius to a 70' radius. The contract terms will not change because project costs are based upon actual costs.

Mayor Shannon McKay arrived at the City Council meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Van Ness stated that the change will accommodate the City's future design plans of 14th Avenue. Mayor McKay stated that 14th Avenue is not a designated truck route. It was noted that there are some trucks that travel into 14th Avenue for certain circumstances.

Council carried a motion to approve the change, as presented by WSDOT, to the SR 26 and 14th Avenue intersection, as presented. M/S Caylor/Snyder.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor McKay thanked Councilmember Tim Wilson for his term as Mayor Pro Tem. He then called for nominations for Tim Wilson to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for one year. M/S Snyder/Johnson. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Spohr advised that the local newspaper reported that Mid Columbia Library District (MCLD) has proposed a 10% rate increase. He stated that it is actually an estimated 60% increase for our library services in 2010. Councilmember Dever reported that Pasco's library contract fee increase is 13.4%, as opposed to MCLD operating expenses increase of 6.13%. Pasco's library fee for 2009 has increased 123% in the past 6-8 years. Mr. Sheldon reported that Prosser has terminated the contract with MCLD and are looking at other options for library services.

Mayor McKay stated that the City experienced a severe snow melt down last week and lots of water ran off from the farm fields north of the city limits. There have been suggestions presented to the land owner to accommodate this type of a water situation. Public Works responded to the emergency and redirecting water. Citizens helped to keep the storm water inlet corners cleared. Councilmember Caylor advised we need to resolve the issue and the farm owner may need to install ponds. The City could improve Olympia Street and install a storm drain system in this area. Mayor McKay advised that the land owner, Mr. Ochoa, is very receptive to discussing improvements.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Brodahl advised that the Adams County Sheriff's Department is short officers and asked Chief Dunnagan if that affects the City. Chief Dunnagan explained that it does not affect our department. We have a mutual aid agreement with Adams County Sheriff Department, who currently has 17 commissioned officers. We do not respond to calls in the County unless they call for assistance. Chief Dunnagan explained that Adams County Sheriff's office does not have 24/7 police coverage and they cover the County with on-call officers.

Councilmember Spohr noted that Coyote Ridge has a public tour scheduled for January 22nd and asked staff to coordinate traveling to the facility tour. Mr. Sheldon advised that he heard that we may lose the work crew because of budget cuts. We have not received a written notice of termination of the work contract, but other communities have been notified.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor McKay adjourned the Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

By: _____
SHANNON MCKAY, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk