

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
January 23, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Shawn Logan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, Genna Dorow, Corey Everett, Angel Garza, Larry McCourtie, John Lallas, and Mark Snyder.

Also Present: City Administrator Wade Farris; Department Heads: Police Chief Phil Schenck, Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Perez-Ozuna, Finance Officer Spencer Williams, Public Works Director Terry Clements, Community Development Director Travis Goddard and City Attorney Kelly Konkright.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to approve the agenda. M/S Dorow/Bain.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of January 09, 2017
- B. Approval of 2016 Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Approval of 2017 Accounts Payable Checks

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.

Accounts Payable Check No. 47628 to No. 47653 in the amount of \$339,574.13.

Accounts Payable Check No. 47654 to No. 47688 in the amount of \$96,646.16.

Accounts Payable Check No. 5372 to No. 5372 in the amount of \$147.00.

Council carried a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. M/S Garza/Everett.

AMENDMENT TO FARM LEASE WITH MERLE BOOKER

Finance Officer, Spencer Williams, explained that the City of Othello leased farm land around Well #9 to Merle Booker. Mr. Booker recently disputed the amount of leased farmable land, which in the agreement is 9.81 acres. After a review by the City, the acreage was determined to be incorrect and is approximately 7.25 acres. Mr. Williams presented an amendment to the agreement which will change the base of the cost of lease for 7.25 acres instead of 9.81 acres.

Community Development Director, Travis Goddard, presented the Council with pictures showing the difference between the total acreage and the actual acreage being used. Councilmember Lallas asked the price per acre and was informed the price is \$340 per acre, which reduces the yearly price from \$3321.00 to about \$2454.00. Councilmember Everett pointed out that there is property acreage which Mr. Booker has chosen not to use and believes that he should be charged the total acreage. City Administrator, Wade Farris, mentioned that the piece of property mentioned by Councilmember Everett has not been used since the beginning of the lease. There was further discussion between Council.

Council carried a motion to approve AMENDMENT TO FARM LEASE FOR THE PROPERTY BY WELL #9. M/S Dorow/MCCourtie. Motion opposed by Councilmember Corey Everett.

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PLAQUE PRESENTATION FOR OFFICER OF THE YEAR, SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR AND SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR

Police Chief Phil Schenck presented Officer Josh Silva with Supervisor of Year Award for 2016, Chris Faix with Dispatcher of the Year Award for 2016 and Officer Jaime Mendoza with Officer of the Year for 2016.

Mayor Logan presented Finance Officer, Spencer Williams, with a plaque from the Washington Finance Officer Association for the City of Othello Budget Documents.

AMENDMENT TO THE OPERATING ENGINEERS UNION AGREEMENT

City Administrator, Wade Farris, explained that the City recently approved the Public Works Union contract between the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) and the City. The Public Works employees have proposed a minor change to the agreement regarding the way boot allowances are distributed. Mr. Farris mentioned the current contract states that the \$200 annual boot allowance will be a payout to the employees every January, which constitutes as taxable compensation.

The proposed change would reflect the employees receiving an allowance of \$200 every year and having the option to keep that in reserve and purchase better boots every two years and be reimbursed, up to the amount of \$400.00. Councilmembers Lallas and Dorow explained that the proposed change had been previously offered to the Public Works employees, however it was not worded correctly.

Council carried a motion to AMEND THE PUBLIC WORKS UNION CONTRACT WITH THE BOOT ALLOWANCE. M/S Lallas/Dorow.

REVIEW COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIST

Mayor Shawn Logan and Council reviewed the committee list and made the necessary updates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Shawn Logan made the following announcements:

1. TBD meeting for February 6th, 2017 at 6:15 p. m.
2. AWC Legislative Conference will be held on February 14th through 16th, 2017 in Olympia, WA.
3. The City received \$50,000 CERB Grant for Well #10 and also received \$380,000 for the City's Waste Water Treatment Study, which is part grants and 1% loans.
4. The official week to refile for candidates is May 15th - 19th, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:22 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
REBECCA PEREZ-OZUNA, Deputy City Clerk