

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
January 27, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Shawn Logan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Councilmember Corey Everett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, Dan Dever, Corey Everett, John Lallas, and Mark Snyder.

Also Present: City Administrator Wade Farris; Department Heads: Police Chief Steven Dunnagan; City Clerk Debbie Kudrna, Finance Officer Spencer Williams, Planner Darryl Piercy, and City Attorney Katherine Kenison.

Absent Was: Councilmembers Genna Dorow and Kenneth Johnson.

Mayor Logan asked if the hearing devices are working. Citizen Michael Crosier answered yes.

Council carried a motion to excuse Councilmember Genna Dorow. M/S Snyder/Bain.

Council carried a motion to excuse Councilmember Kenneth Johnson. M/S Dever/Lallas.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Police Chief Dunnagan explained that we need to cancel the public hearing on the abatement of 306 E. Hemlock Street and the Resolution to abate the property, due to the fact that the property owner has cleaned up the property.

Council carried a motion to approve the agenda, cancelling 4.2, the public hearing on the abatement of 306 E. Hemlock Street and 4.3, the Resolution to abate the property. M/S Snyder/Bain.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of January 13, 2014
- B. Approval of December 2013 Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Approval of January 2014 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 - 2013 Check No. 43559 to No. 43562 in the amount of \$ 83,447.15.

Accounts Payable - 2014 Check No. 43563 to No. 43611 in the amount of \$119,916.21.

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ANNEXATION REQUEST AND PETITION FROM NAOMI HAMPTON

Mayor Logan opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. City Planner Darryl Piercy reported that the City received a petition for annexation of property, currently owned by R.A. Hampton LLC. He advised that staff has requested verification that Naomi Hampton has the legal authority to sign and submit the petition on behalf of the LLC. The Council had already accepted the petition for annexation and set this public hearing to continue the legal process for annexation. He advised that this public hearing provides public testimony. This property is located east of 14th Street and south of Wahitis School. In the future, this will include an extension of Scooteny Street. The property subject to the annexation request is approximately 20 acres in size and the property owner has asked that the property be zoned C-1. Mr. Piercy explained that the City Council can approve or reject the annexation request. If the annexation process is approved by Council, they will conduct a second public hearing to make a final determination as to the zoning. He noted that we have a representative in attendance, Mr. Larry Angell, for the Hampton's.

Mayor Logan asked for public testimony. Michael Crosier, 625 N 11th Avenue, advised that he doesn't believe that the annexation project has been thought through. He mentioned that the corner of 14th Avenue and SR 26 may need improvements, such as an overpass installed at the intersection.

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Columbia NW Engineering representative Larry Angell noted that if the annexation and requested zoning is approved, they will plat and develop the property and conform to the City's regulations. This will include working with the City and the Department of Transportation on any traffic impacts. He noted that Mrs. Hampton desires the annexation and zoning for C-1. Mayor Logan asked for Council comments. Councilmember Everett asked what the intention of the development for the property is. Mr. Angell noted that they have some candidates interested to develop the property. Mayor Logan asked for final comments. City Planner, Mr. Piercy stated that we have had discussions with the Department of Transportation about the transportation needs for this corridor and it's extremely unlikely that we'll see the intersection as a main entry way into the City. In the event that the property is developed, there is a separate process for development and an extensive SEPA review. Mayor Logan asked if the petition conforms to our current regulations and our comprehensive plan. Mr. Piercy stated that the Planning Commission has determined that this is the area that growth would occur. The C-1 zone could be similar as is currently on Main Street; general retail use and customer service businesses. Mr. Piercy reviewed the annexation process. Councilmember Dever asked how we are going to make this a logical entry off SR 26 and if zoning it C-1 whether it's a reasonable use of the property. Mr. Angell advised that he believes Mrs. Hampton would probably not continue with the annexation if it was not zoned C-1. Mr. Piercy advised that the Planning Commission reviewed where the future growth would occur and has included that in the draft comprehensive plan. Mr. Piercy noted that our current comprehensive plan does not address this property. Councilmember Lallas asked for more information about the future plans for this area.

A motion was made to continue this annexation process to February 10, 2014 to review further information and to consider the appropriate zoning designation. M/S Lallas/Bain.

Council carried a motion to amend the original motion to continue the annexation public hearing to February 10, 2014. M/S Dever/Bain.

CITY HALL COPIER

Administrative Secretary Jennifer Durepo Huang advised that we obtained three quotes for a new copier. The three copiers have similar capabilities, including printing capabilities, a color copier and scanner. She reviewed the monthly lease options and estimated maintenance agreement costs. Council did budget for a new copy machine for City Hall. The City would decrease the number of in house printers, which would reduce the annual maintenance costs.

Council carried a motion to lease the Xerox WorkCentre 7855PT for a 4 year term and the maintenance agreement. M/S Lallas/Snyder.

WEBSITE PHOTOS

City Administrator Wade Farris noted that during the budget process, we did request funding for website photos. However, we did not budget this in the 2014 budget. He reviewed the quote to have professional photographs taken of the elected officials and administrative staff. Finance Officer Mr. Williams advised that this can be paid out of the General Fund.

REVIEW OF ORDINANCE 1361

Mr. Farris advised that a citizen has recently expressed concern regarding Ordinance 1361. That ordinance allows the City Council's ability to take action on items at a workshop meeting. After extensive research through Municipal Research and Service Center of Washington and State RCW's, it was determined the City Council has the right to vote on items at workshops meetings. He also advised that all meetings of the council and of committees thereof shall be open to the public and the rules of the council shall provide that citizens shall have the reasonable opportunity to be heard at any meetings. Mayor Logan asked for Council discussion. There was none. Mayor Logan asked for citizen input. Sean Bates, 1156 E. Juniper Street, stated that he wants "Citizen Input" on each agenda, or restore the Workshop meetings back to where they cannot take action at a workshop. Mayor Logan advised that citizen input will be added to all agendas.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Logan stated that the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet is scheduled for Friday, February 21, 2014. He encouraged all Councilmembers to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:58 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE KUDRNA, City Clerk