

Mayor E R Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Leonard Lyon, Eleanor Brodahl, Les Clemons, Everett Cole, Don Derifield, Jeannie Ochoa and Kenneth Johnson. Also present were: Debbie Kudrna, Rhonda Miller, Bill McDonell, Curt Andrews, City Department Heads; William Shaw, City Administrator; James Whitaker, City Attorney; and Dale Anderson, Big Bend Electric.

Council Member Leonard Lyon led the opening invocation and E R Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### CITIZEN INPUT

Dale Anderson introduced himself to the Council and citizens. Mr. Anderson is the manager of Member Services for Big Bend Electric in Ritzville. He stated that he would be more available in the Othello area and any questions regarding their services could be directed to him.

Mayor Kelley mentioned that it was an honor to have County Commissioner, Jeffery Stevens and his wife in attendance at the council meeting tonight.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Kelley presented an advised agenda, which included agenda item number 9, "Resolution to Allow a Circus in Lions Park" and agenda item number 12, "Executive Session – Potential Litigation." Council carried a motion to approve the revised agenda as presented by Mayor Kelley. M/S Derifield/Cole.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2001.

Council carried a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. M/S Cole/Clemons.

#### REQUEST FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS – DON GENTRY

City Planner, Curt Andrews held a discussion regarding growth and annexation issues with the Council. He showed an overhead map of the area west of the current city limits and noted that several property owners in that areas have requested city services. He requested direction from the Council regarding standards for requests of city services outside of city limits, but with no immediate intent to annex into the city limits. He noted that the availability and allotment of water was the biggest issue for the Council to consider. This included future water use for different zones, such as, allocation of water to R-1, R-2 or Commercial zones. He noted that the current requests for services west of town is not adjacent to city limits and it could be years before this property could be annexed into the city limits. Other issues to discuss are the necessity of irrigation systems in these outlining areas and the need to isolate the Adams County Water District water line from other users. It was noted that these County units all have agriculture water rights and they could retain those water rights for irrigation purposes. Mr. Andrews noted that the proposed future sewer trunk line does fit into the expansion service for a gravity-fed system. There was a short discussion held regarding the Highway aesthetics of property fronting Highway 26. He also noted that there is a mix of housing types and zones in the areas requesting city services, including: R-1, R-2, Commercial, and Trailer Courts. Mr. Andrews stated that the cost to extend city services to areas outside of the city limits should not be a burden of the citizens of the city, but should be paid entirely by the development. Mr. Andrews noted that there are less housing standards in the county

and housing is less expensive, although the Task Force had recommended the County raise their standards and their fees. It was agreed that the City and the County need to discuss growth issues, which would include development standards in areas of the county that receive city water and sewer services.

Mr. Andrews mentioned funding a Community Center should come from both the City and the County residents. This could be accomplished by creating a Community Center District, such as the recently formed Library District.

Council Member Lyon requested discussions is held at the upcoming Retreat about the city's availability of water for housing and industry, what will necessitate an additional well, and what the cost for an additional well would be. Staff was also asked to gather information regarding the cost for development of a lot within the city versus the development of a lot in the county. Mr. Andrews noted that the Othello Planning Commission will be invited to the upcoming City Council Retreat and the County Commissioners will be invited to the March Workshop.

**RECEIVE THE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO COMMENCE ANNEXATION PROCEEDINGS – CURTIS AND SUE ROBERTS**

City Clerk, Debbie Kudrna stated that Mr. Curtis Roberts requested that his intent to annex into the city limits be canceled at this time.

**INTENT TO COMMENCE ANNEXATION PROCEEDINGS – CITY OF OTHELLO**

Planner, Curt Andrews noted that with the reconstruction of Lee Road and the potential impact to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the new Wal-Mart store, the City staff recommends annexation of the remaining portions of Lee Road between Broadway and 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. between Lee Road and SR 26. This will not include intersections at either one of these points.

Council carried a motion to initiate the annexation of all those portions of Lee Road, not currently in the city limits between Broadway and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and portions of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue that are not in the city limits between Lee Road and SR 26, excluding the intersections at Lee Road and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SR 26. They directed the preparation of a petition of annexation, which would include that the annexed areas will be subject to the City's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations; will assume the City's existing indebtedness; and referred the zoning issue to the Planning Commission. M/S Clemons/Cole.

**AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH ADAMS COUNTY FOR DISPATCH SERVICES, AGREEMENT FOR JAIL SERVICES**

Police Chief, Bill McDonell presented the inter-local agreement between the City of Othello and Adams County for dispatch service and the inter-local agreement between the two entities for jailing services. He noted that both of these agreements are identical to last year's agreements and the terms of the agreement are through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001.

Mayor Kelley commended the Police and Sheriff Departments for the cooperative efforts of the agreements.

Council carried a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the inter-local agreement between the City of Othello and Adams County for dispatch services, through December 31, 2001. M/S Ochoa/Johnson.

Council authorized the Mayor to execute the inter-local agreement between the City of Othello and Adams County regarding RCW 39.34.180, regarding jailing services, through December 31, 2001. M/S Cole/Clemons.

Police Chief, Bill McDonell presented the inter-local agreement between the City of Othello and Adams County Fire District # 5 for dispatch services. He noted that this is the first year for a signed agreement for E911 calls dispatched for the Fire District.

Council carried a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the inter-local agreement between the City of Othello and Adams County Fire District # 5 for dispatch services. M/S Clemons/Derifield.

#### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR GASOLINE AND DIESEL SERVICES**

The City Clerk noted that one of the recommendations from the auditors last year was for the City to call for gasoline and diesel services to provide the service for the Fire, Police, Public Works, and City Administration Departments.

Council carried a motion to direct staff to prepare the appropriate documents and follow the appropriate process and call for proposals for gasoline and diesel services. M/S Clemons/Lyon.

#### **RESOLUTION TO ALLOW A CIRCUS IN LIONS PARK**

The City Clerk explained that Leo Osorio, of American Crown Circus has requested to have a circus in Lions Park on Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2001. The Columbia Basin Boys and Girls Club are wanting to be the non-profit sponsor of the circus and they would be in charge of ticket sales, promotion and help the day of the circus. The Clerk provided written and verbal references for the circus. She reported that the Public Works Director stated that he will support it and we would have the Public Works crew provide whatever services are needed to prepare for the day. The Police Chief, Bill McDonell stated support of the event and said that they will provide the same type of services as provided for "Sun Faire" and "Fiesta Amistad."

Council carried a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR "AMERICAN CROWN CIRCUS" TO BE HELD IN LIONS PARK ON TUESDAY, JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2001. M/S Johnson/Ochoa. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2001-01.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

The Mayor announced an executive session would be held to discuss potential litigation for approximately 15 minutes, which began at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Kelley reconvened the Council Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Council Member Johnson reminded the Council that they were invited to the Othello/Adams County Volunteer Fire Fighters annual banquet scheduled for Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

Jeffery Stevens, Chairman of the Adams County Board of Commissioners extended an invitation for the two entities to discuss economic growth and other issues that effect the city and county.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Kelley adjourned the council meeting at 8:17 p.m.

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E R KELLEY, Mayor

ATTEST:

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DEBBIE L KUDRNA, City Clerk