

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
February 22, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Present: Mayor Tim Wilson; Councilmembers: Dan Dever, Genna Dorow, Kenneth Johnson, Mark Snyder, and Marc Spohr.

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: Finance Officer Mike Bailey, Police Chief Steven Dunnagan, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna, City Planner Darryl Piercy, Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness; and City Attorney James Whitaker.

Absent Was: Councilmember Ken Taylor.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mr. Rodney DeLeon, 1212 E. Main Street, addressed the Council. He said he has two trucks parked at his station. The City won't allow him to park on his other property. He wants to open the car wash and would like to move the trucks across the street on his other property. One is a dump truck. He explained that he is moving his back hoe into his garage to eliminate theft of his equipment. He said that he used to park 30-40 trucks on his property and wants to keep these two trucks parked on his property. He pays a lot of property taxes; he has spread gravel on his vacant lots; and asked Council to allow him to park these two trucks on his vacant property. Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. DeLeon for keeping his property clean and explained that he has the right to go before the Hearing Examiner for his request. City Attorney Jim Whitaker explained that he can go before the Hearing Examiner or he could ask the Council to change the rules in the C-1 zone because the present zoning codes do not allow him to do what he wants to do. He advised that the Council cannot approve Mr. DeLeon's request as presented. Mayor Wilson explained that Mr. DeLeon can come into City Hall and they will explain his options.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Wilson advised that they are going to postpone the discussion of agenda item #3: consideration of building inspection contract and will add an agenda item: Planning Commission member. Council carried a motion to approve the amended agenda. M/S Johnson/Dorow.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of February 8, 2010
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Call for Bids for Official Newspaper

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. 37921 to No. 37960 in the amount of \$82,749.63

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

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

City Planner Darryl Piercy explained that at the end of 2009, the regular term of Bob Russell expired on the Planning Commission. Mr. Russell has reported that he does not seek to be reappointed. They have advertised the Planning Commission vacancy and have received one application, submitted by Alex Kaylor, who has indicated interest in being appointed. Staff has reviewed the application and they recommend authorization of appointment of Alex Kaylor to the Planning Commission. Mayor Wilson advised that Alex Kaylor is his son-in-law. Mr. Piercy stated that they did not have a quorum for the first two months this year and it is vital to have a quorum for the March meeting. Attorney Whitaker advised there should not be any conflict of interests because Mr. Kaylor is the Mayor's son-in-law.

Council carried a motion to appoint Alex Kaylor to the Planning Commission. M/S Snyder/Dorow.

LATECOMERS AGREEMENT SAGESTONE 5

City Planner Darryl Piercy presented a latecomer agreement with Olsen Homes for the Sagestone 5 development. This agreement is a result of the developer installing approximately 1200 feet of sewer line improvements in the Sagestone 5 Major Plat. This is a standard when a large extension is provided for in a development that will benefit future development as they come on line.

Councilmember Spohr asked how future developers will know there is a latecomer agreement. Mr. Piercy advised that the agreement will be recorded with Adams County and will become encumbered on the property title. He explained that the sewer line was installed between two Olsen Homes' developments where there is no development in between. The fees were based upon an analysis by the City Engineers. The sewer line starts at Columbia Street and 7th Avenue; goes north on 7th Avenue for approximately 540 feet; it heads east on an existing easement on Capstone; and then terminates at the Sagestone 4 development.

Council carried a motion to authorize the Latecomer Agreement with Olsen Homes' Sagestone 5 and authorized the Mayor to sign it. M/S Johnson/Snyder.

CONSIDERATION FOR THE MOU GANG NET

Police Chief Steve Dunnagan presented a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to be able to access certain intelligence files that are on a data base maintained by the Spokane Police Department. The data base is being used specifically to house centralized intelligence information on known gang members in Eastern Washington. The Spokane, Yakima and Moses Lake Police Departments are a few of the current users. The information contained in this data base would be beneficial to the Othello Police Department because it would provide critical information needed in the investigation of gang related crime, as well as allow us to share our information with other agencies. The memorandum of understanding has established rules with regard to access and contribution of information. The annual fee is \$980, which is already budgeted.

Council carried a motion to authorize the Chief of Police to enter into the Spokane Regional Gangnet End User Agency Agreement. M/S Johnson/Dorow.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2010 BUDGET

Finance Officer Mike Bailey presented the budget amendment, which includes a federal grant of \$15,000 to purchase new laptop computers for the Police Department; \$11,000 to purchase new laptop computers for the Mayor and Council; and a \$9,472 grant from the Washington State Archives. He explained that he is also increasing the actual beginning general fund balance based upon the actual beginning fund balance. Councilmember Spohr asked why the request for laptops for the Councilmembers and Mayor was not included in the budget. Mr. Bailey explained that this was an idea after the adoption of the budget. This would reduce the use of paper and would save staff time. He explained that the Council would have a computer and a wireless access connection. Mr. Sheldon explained that based upon the public disclosure requirements, all email that contain public records are subject to disclosure. He advised that cities are giving elected officials laptops, as a way to meet the requirements of the public record process. Mayor Wilson advised that staff can still provide paper copies Mr. Bailey advised there is a savings to buying computers in bulk. The \$11,000 was an estimate from the IT Department and includes necessary programming.

Council carried a motion to adopt AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF OTHELLO AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 1312. M/S Dorow/Dever. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1317.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Spohr asked that the tennis courts be checked for the right level and slant. He said that there are water puddles on the courts when it rains. He asked that it be investigated.

Mayor Wilson made the following announcements:

- The Chamber of Commerce banquet is this Friday at 6:00 p.m. at the Othello High School.
- The Hwy 26 project and S. Broadway Avenue begins this Wednesday, February 24th.
- Applications for the vacant Council position are being accepted up thru February 25th. The interviews will be held at the Council workshop.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the Council meeting at 7:34 p.m.

By: _____
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk