

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, Curt Andrews, City Department Heads; William Shaw, City Administrator; James Whitaker, City Attorney; and County Commissioner, Richard Johnson.

Council Member, Kenneth Johnson led the opening invocation and E R Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2001.
- B. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses for January, 2001.
- C. Approval of Warrants for January, 2001.

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

Expense Claim Check No. 22765 to No. 22898 in the amount of \$263,431.64.  
Payroll Check No. 14082 to No. 14166 in the amount of \$154,416.27.

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

**OTHELLO SENIOR CENTER – FARMERS MARKET AGREEMENT**

City Clerk, Debbie Kudrna presented the Farmers Market Agreement for this year, which would allow the Othello Senior Citizen's organization to use the east half of Pioneer Park each Saturday from May 19<sup>th</sup> through October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2001. She noted that the Othello Senior Citizen's organization would be in complete control of the operations of the Farmers Market. The City Clerk explained that the required insurance coverage had changed from one million to two million dollars per occurrence with the City of Othello being named as additional insured on the certificate. She noted that this insurance increase was due to a recommendation from the city's insurance carrier, City's Insurance Association of Washington. Ben Kirkpatrick, President of the Othello Senior Center asked for two changes in the proposed agreement. He requested that the insurance coverage be maintained at one million dollars per occurrence and asked for a two-year agreement. Mayor Kelley tabled this request in order to give staff and city council time to consider the changes to the contract.

**AUTHORIZE LEVY SWITCH AGREEMENT WITH ADAMS COUNTY**

Finance Officer, Rhonda Miller reviewed the Tax Levy Switch Agreement with Adams County for this years' collection. She noted that it is in the same format and that it has the same rates as the 2000 contract. She noted that the Levy Switch with Adams County would cause no impact on the amount of property tax revenues the city could collect in 2001.

Council carried a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Levy Switch Contract with Adams County. M/S Cole/Clemons.

**RESOLUTION TO RELEASE RETAINAGE OF WILBUR FLETCHER, INC. – ASH STREET  
RESERVOIR INTERIOR RECOATING PROJECT**

Council carried a motion to approve A RESOLUTION FOR RELEASE OF RETAINAGE TO WILBUR FLETCHER, INC. FOR THE ASH STREET RESERVOIR INTERIOR RECOATING PROJECT. M/S Lyon/Derifield. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2001-02.

**RECEIVE PETITION TO ANNEX FILED BY ADAMS COUNTY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE ANNEXATION REQUEST FOR MARCH 12, 2001.**

The City Clerk explained that the petition filed by Adams County requesting annexation of portions of 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. between Lee Road and SR 26, excluding the intersection at 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. and SR 26, and those portions of Lee Road that are not in the city limits between Broadway and 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., excluding the intersection at 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Lee Road, had been determined sufficient by the Adams County Assessors Office. The Assessor's Office determined that Adams County is the owner of the entire property described in the petition and therefore, it meets the 60% criteria as set by law. The Assessor's Office also determined that Adams County Fire District No. 5 valuation would not be affected because of the potential annexation.

Council carried a motion to accept the legal, determined sufficient petition filed by Adams County requesting annexation of areas that are not within the city limits on Lee Road between Broadway and 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., excluding that intersection, and between 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. and SR 26, excluding that intersection. They also set the public hearing to discuss the annexation request and zoning issue for the council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001. M/S Derifield/Ochoa.

**SALARIES OF NON-UNION EMPLOYEES**

City Administrator, Bill Shaw presented the salary schedule for non-union employees, which ranged between a 3% and a 3.05% average increase. He noted that the recommended changes did not include the three employees that are currently on probation: Finance Officer, Public Works Records Clerk and Fire Chief. He noted that it also included an increase for the part-time seasonal Recreation Coordinator. He then noted that it included a proposed, maximum city contribution toward the total monthly premium of insurance at \$470.00 per month for each non-union employee.

Council carried a motion to approve the recommended changes to pay for non-union employees and to approve the \$470.00 monthly contribution paid by the city for each employee for monthly insurance premiums. M/S Cole/Clemons.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Shaw noted that a public hearing needed to be scheduled in order to present the final draft of the Transportation Study conducted by JUB Engineers. The Othello Port District had requested that either the City Council or the County Commissioners schedule the public hearing.

Council carried a motion to set the public hearing to receive the final draft report from JUB Engineers on the Transportation Study and receive citizen comments on the study for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. M/S Clemons/Cole.

Mr. Shaw announced that Jeannie Ochoa would be attending the Association of Washington Cities Legislative Conference and asked that comments regarding current issues be brought to her attention in order for her to represent the city.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Kelley adjourned the Council Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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E R KELLEY, Mayor

ATTEST:

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DEBBIE L KUDRNA, City Clerk