

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
March 11, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Tim Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Tim Wilson; Councilmembers: Ken Caylor, Dan Dever, Genna Dorow, Charles Garcia, Kenneth Johnson, and Mark Snyder.

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Assistant Police Chief David Inks, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Molly Klippert, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna; Finance Officer Spencer Williams, and Planner Darryl Piercy.

Absent was: Councilmember Eugene Bain.

Council carried a motion to approve the absence of Councilmember Eugene Bain. M/S Dorow/Dever.

CITIZEN INPUT

Sean Bates, 1156 E. Juniper Street, stated that the public has not been made aware of the basis for the proposed facility fees. He asked why a mathematical model was not used to compute the proposed rental rates. He also asked what happened to the natural gas refund that the city received as a windfall a couple of years ago. He asked that the Council review what their priorities are and propose a fair and equitable way to calculate the facilities rental rates. He then gave a personal opinion of the purpose of government, the duty of a public servant, the obligation of citizens and the constitutional mandate of government.

Vivian Gama, 810 E. Juniper St., asked the Council to find a way to address the proposed increase of fees for the youth baseball program.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to approve the agenda. M/S Snyder/Caylor.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of February 25, 2013
- B. Approval of City Council Workshop Minutes of March 4, 2013
- C. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses
- D. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- E. Annual Loan Display Agreement for the T-33A Aircraft in Pioneer Park

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. 42282 to No. 42347 in the amount of \$208,411.51.

Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 28195 to No. 28230 in the amount of \$272,942.05.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONE REQUEST

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. City Planner Darryl Piercy reported that the Planning Commission has considered a request to rezone filed by Mr. Warling for Lots 109 through 114 of Bonnell's Plat. His request is to rezone the property from Commercial 1 (C-1) to Residential 4 (R-4). Mr. Piercy advised that this was originally a residential plat when approved and for reasons unknown, the lots are zoned C-1, which is not consistent with the plat approval or the surrounding neighborhood. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the rezone request from C-1 to R-4, as submitted by Mr. Warling. Mayor Wilson asked for citizen comments. There were no public comments. Mayor Wilson asked for Council comments. Councilmember Caylor asked if the zoning continues up to 7th Street. Mr. Piercy advised the zoning does continue

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up to 7th Avenue, but the request is only for the lots 109-114. Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING MAP

City Planner Darryl Piercy advised there is one Scribner error on the ordinance, and Section 6 will be corrected to state Section 2.

Council carried a motion to amend the City of Othello zoning map, with the correction to the section numbers on the ordinance. M/S Snyder/Caylor. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1381.

CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH YOUTH BASEBALL

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Molly Klippert explained that staff and the Parks and Recreation Council Committee met with representatives from the Othello Youth Baseball League regarding the proposed fees for the use of the Lions Park athletic complex and the concession stand. They have come to an agreement on the terms and she noted it is a two year contract. This has been approved by the City Attorney and the Youth Softball League. She explained some of the terms of the contract, including a \$300 per year fee for full use of the fields and concession stand.

Council carried a motion to approve the facility use agreement with the Othello Youth Baseball League. M/S Garcia/Dorow.

IT TRAINING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

IT Manager Stan Anderton provided training for the elected officials regarding internet security. He reviewed some challenges that IT departments are working on: malware and virus software; identity theft; control of bank accounts; and phishing attacks. He reviewed some of the recent computer attacks in Washington State. Mr. Anderton reiterated that it is important for our elected officials and the staff to be aware of the various ways to attack a computer. He explained the steps that the City has taken to protect our computers and isolate our banking information.

AUTHORIZATION TO WRITE OFF BAD DEBT

City Clerk Debbie Kudrna advised that Kentucky Fried Chicken closed in 2011 and filed bankruptcy. Staff followed the court process and submitted our claim for the total amount of \$847.46 for water, sewer, and garbage. We received final payment of \$631.46 through the court process in December, 2012, which left a balance of \$215.90. There is no more money to get from them and there are no other cost-effective means of collecting this debt. We also have an account for garbage only for a renter in 2006. Although we tried various ways to collect this, we were not able to collect on the bill and sent it to collections in 2007. The collection agency has cancelled the debt because it was uncollectable and had passed the 6 years statute of limitations.

Council carried a motion to authorize staff to write off the debt of \$215.90 on utility account #3272 and write off the debt of \$168.76 on utility account #4694. M/S Dorow/Dever.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING ANNUAL OTHELLO CLEAN UP DAYS

Mayor Wilson read the proclamation into the record.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Caylor has noticed that at the new grocery store location at 1st and Elm Street there is a lot more traffic and pedestrians and asked if we could put in a pedestrian crossing at the south side of Elm Street.

Mayor Wilson made the following announcements:

- The Council received a utility rate comparison card, which compares our rates with other communities.
- The Negotiation Committee will meet with the Operating Engineers on April 10th at 9 a.m. in conference room #3.

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- The Regional Mayors' luncheon is Wednesday, March 13th ,at noon at the Senior Center. Patti Wilson from the Department of Revenue will be the speaker.
- There are three samples of chairs for the Councilmembers to choose from.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the Council meeting at 7:47 p.m.

By: _____
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk