

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
March 23, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Present: Mayor Shannon McKay, Councilmembers: Eleanor Brodahl, Ken Caylor, Dan Dever, Kenneth Johnson, Mark Snyder, Marc Spohr, and Tim Wilson.

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: Police Chief Steve Dunnagan; Debbie Kudrna, and Jay Van Ness; and City Attorney James Whitaker.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of March 10, 2009
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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. 36285 to No. 36337 in the amount of \$ 102,109.47.

Council carried a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. M/S Wilson/Brodahl.

PROCLAMATION – ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

Kayleen Johnson, representing RUAD, and Mayor Shannon McKay read the proclamation into the record.

MODIFICATION TO CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE

City Planner Darryl Piercy presented technical amendments to the critical areas ordinance, which was previously adopted by Council on January 26, 2009. He explained that the Department of Ecology had reviewed the draft ordinance and had made suggestions to the draft document early 2008. Those suggestions were inadvertently not included in the original ordinance, adopted in January. He explained he has met with the Department of Ecology and other state agencies to insure that those elements that were agreed to early 2008 have been included in the proposed ordinance. The proposals provide for a stronger document and it still has the provisions outlined in the original document, which clearly stateS that there are no wetlands located within the city. He proposed adding that there are no wetlands within the urban growth area. He explained that the changes primarily deal with vernal pools and specific set back requirements in processing of mitigation plans for the critical areas ordinance. The amendments provide for more detail in review of any wetlands if they were to come forward through an annexation process.

Council carried a motion to adopt AN ORDINANCE REVISING OTHELLO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.08 ENTITLED “CRITICAL AREAS”. M/S Caylor/Snyder. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1291.

FARMER’S MARKET AGREEMENT WITH THE OTHELLO SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION

City Clerk Debbie Kudrna reported that the Council has authorized use of Pioneer Park since 1992 for the Farmer’s Market, which has been managed and operated by the Othello Senior Center organization. They are a non-profit organization. The agreement is for 2009 – 2010, which runs from June through October.

Council carried a motion to authorize the Farmer’s Market agreement with the Othello Senior Center for 2009 and 2010. M/S Johnson/Caylor. Councilmember Dever abstained because he will be co-manager of the Farmer’s Market this year.

CRESTVIEW METER REQUEST

Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness reported that Crestview Water Service had inquired if they could purchase an old 2" water meter from the City. Public Works found a 2" water meter that is considered scrap to the City and not usable for the City's needs. He suggested \$30 as a fair price for the used water meter. Mr. Van Ness noted that Crestview Water Association is located outside of city limits.

Council carried a motion to surplus the used 2" water meter and sell it to Crestview Water Association for \$30. M/S Dever/Johnson.

PARK TREES

Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness was asked to research purchasing of larger trees for Lions Park and whether there are warranties for new trees. He was told that when you purchase a 4" trunk tree, the survival rate is lower because the roots are sometimes damaged. He recommended purchasing 2" caliper trees for Lions Park. Councilmember Caylor recommended purchasing 2" caliper trees from Applegate Nursery, Inc. Mr. Van Ness explained that if something happens to a tree, after it is purchased and planted, the nursery will come and look at it to see what the problem is.

Council carried a motion to approve purchase of 20 trees (5 of each) from Applegate Nursery, Inc. for Lions Park. M/S Wilson/Snyder.

RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

City Clerk Debbie Kudrna presented a resolution to surplus equipment from City Hall and old fire department equipment. The old City fire equipment is no longer used by the Fire District and absolutely no value to the City. Adams County Fire District suggested that we surplus the equipment. Fire Chief Lebacken met with a Fire Commissioner from Franklin County Fire District #5 to view the equipment; they are a newly formed fire district. They sent a letter requesting that the Council donate the following items to their department:

- No bar code listed – description 12 MSA 2216 psi steel cylinders with valves.
- 17 MSA BMR 2216 psi CDBA w/pass alarm & masks.

The Resolution provides that the items listed above are to be surplus and transferred to the Franklin County Fire District #5 and are "as is", "where is", and without warranty. The four desk chairs are no longer any value to the City and are to be surplus and transferred to the Adams County Fire District #5. The two vehicles will be surplus and sold at an upcoming auction. The remainder of the equipment will be surplus and sent to Property Room to be sold online. The City and Franklin County Fire District #5 will sign an agreement that the fire equipment is donated "as is", "where is", and without warranty.

Council carried a motion to approve A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OTHELLO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING SUPRLUS EQUIPMENT. M/S Johnson/Brodahl. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2009-04.

LIGHTING RETROFIT PROGRAM

Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness advised that Caleb Booth from Farmer's Electric performed a lighting audit of city buildings. The purpose of the lighting project is to update the City's facilities with the latest lighting technology to provide increased lighting; will save the City money on the monthly electric charges; and the City will receive an incentive rebate from Avista Utilities. The audit did not cost the city. A recap of the cost savings was presented with a projected payback to the City. Mr. Caleb Booth from Farmer's Electric explained that the city facilities currently have T-12 fluorescent lamps with magnetic ballasts. City Hall has new equipment and is excluded from the project. They will change the existing equipment to T-8 lamps with electronic ballasts. The lamps and ballasts will be removed and changed out to new equipment. These will use less wattage and therefore, will save money.

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Mr. Van Ness asked if they could start working on the lighting projects, noting the costs could be paid out of the existing operational budgets. Mayor McKay stated that they can proceed with the project, as long as they keep within the budget constraints. Mr. Sheldon advised that bids are not required for this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor McKay made the following announcements:

- The Twin Dragon building will be demolished this Saturday.
- McCain Foods went on City water today for a 24 hour cleaning project.
- We were advised by Consolidated Disposal Services Inc. that a small section of homes within the city limits will have their garbage day changed from Wednesday's to Friday's effective the week of April 20th. The area to be changed to Wednesday collections is between 7th and 14th Avenues, south of Spruce Street; Town and Country Estates and those homes in the Robert's Addition. Letters will be mailed out advising those accounts of the change the first of April and we will have a press release with a map, sent out to the local newspapers. This will affect approximately 150 households. Changes to the collection routes are allowed by contract.

With no further items to discuss, Mayor McKay adjourned the Council meeting at 7:36 p.m.

By: _____
SHANNON MCKAY, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk