

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
March 23, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Shawn Logan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, Genna Dorow, Corey Everett, Kenneth Johnson, John Lallas, and Mark Snyder.

Also Present: City Administrator Wade Farris; Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Police Chief Phil Schenck, Community Development Director Travis Goddard, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna, Finance Officer Spencer Williams and City Attorney Roger Reed.

Absent was: Councilmember Angel Garza.

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

CITIZEN INPUT

Connie Cervantes advised that she's working on obtaining a scholarship for a graduating senior. She asked if the City can support her efforts and the March of Dimes. Attorney Reed advised that it's unusual for a City to endorse a charity. Mayor Logan suggested she could solicit the local community groups and the business community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of March 9, 2015
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks

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. 45084 to No. 45137 in the amount of \$207,511.01.
Accounts Payable Check No. 5147 to No. 5149 in the amount of \$1050.00.

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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS – JACK PEPPLER, JIM LAIRD AND DOUG JORDAN

Mayor Logan stated that Jack Peppler has worked for the city since 2003 and will retire at the end of March. Jim Laird has worked for the city for 10 years and Doug Jordan has worked for the city for 25 years. Plaques will be presented to all of them.

PET RESCUE – ANNUAL UPDATE AND VACCINATION CLINIC

Jaime Kruger presented the 2014 animal intake and tracking report from Adams County Pet Rescue. She presented a report on the 2014 vaccination and licensing clinic. This year's clinic will again be hosted by the City, Adams County Pet Rescue and Sagehills Veterinary Clinic. They have scheduled it for May 30th. Adams County Pet Rescue is asking for the fee to be split with the City for the 2015 vaccination and licensing clinic, the City's portion will be \$425.00. The 2015 clinic will run two hours longer this year, due to the large turnout last year.

Council carried a motion to amend the contract with Adams County Pet Rescue for the price increase for the vaccination clinic. M/S Dorow/Everett.

Mrs. Kruger advised that the city's dog shelter was closed due to a parvo outbreak. Dogs were moved to the new pet rescue building. Mayor Logan asked that once the building is open, that they invite the elected officials to tour it. Mrs. Kruger advised that she and Officer Heather Miller

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will be attending the HSUS Animal Expo and will obtain information to be shared with the community.

RESOLUTION AND FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH THE BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Molly Kisler advised that in May 2013, the Othello Barracudas Swim Team entered into a two year agreement with the City for use of the community pool. The agreement required the Othello Barracudas to pay \$3000 for use of the pool for the Mid-Valley Swim League season each year the agreement was in effect. The terms of the proposed agreement are very similar to the previous agreement; the Barracudas Swim Team will be granted use of the pool for each Mid-Valley Swim League season for three years. The City will continue to maintain the facility and provide staffing for all swim team practices and meets, while the Othello Barracudas Swim Team will continue to compensate the City for use of facilities and services in the amount of \$3000 per season. In comparison to the previous Agreement, changes to the proposed Agreement include:

- Three-year contract term.
- Addition of the Othello Barracudas right of use of the Othello Community Pool for two bye dates per season, for up to two hours per date, to conduct events such as makeup practices, swim clinics, etc.
- Requirement of Othello Barracudas Swim Team to report yearly league statistics/information to City, such as participant numbers, cost of registration, special honors earned, etc.

President Dulcy Field thanked the Council for use of the pool. She advised that Rotary has offered to assist the Barracudas.

Council carried a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Facility Use Agreement with the Othello Barracudas Swim Team for the use of the Othello Community Pool, with a change to paragraph 5, which will be changed to September 1st. M/S Dorow/Snyder. Councilmember Bain cast an opposing vote. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2015-10.

APPROVAL OF CITY ENGINEER CONTRACT

City Administrator Wade Farris advised that the council committee has selected the firm of Varela & Associates as our new City Engineer. He presented the new contract with Varela & Associates for Council consideration and approval. Mr. Farris advised that the City's legal team has reviewed the contract and worked out the details. Mr. Farris advised that the same RCW that we followed to call for proposals for engineering services allows us to procure engineering services in emergencies. He also advised that Gray & Osborne (G & O) is still under contract and Varela will provide inspections, etc. on current projects. Once the Well #9 transmission project and S. 14th Avenue, 1st Avenue and Concrete Drive designs are complete, we will discontinue our contract with G & O and new projects will be forwarded to Varela. Mayor Logan advised that the new contract includes they will provide an annual CD with the plans, etc. developed by Varela. It was noted that Varela will provide assignments to the Council for upcoming projects.

Council carried a motion to approve the contract with Varela & Associates for engineer services. M/S Dorow/Lallas.

WELL #6 AND WELL #9 TRANSMISSION LINE UPDATE

Public Works Director Terry Clements updated Council on the progress of Well #6 and Well #9 transmission projects as follows:

Well #9 Transmission Project: they are working on breaking out the sewer project from the well contract.

Well #6: he presented an estimate for the emergency repairs for Well #6 at \$57,199.47. This can change based upon the findings of the well equipment. He noted this could go up to approximately \$260,000. Mr. Farris advised that they don't know what the repair will entail; we're only providing an estimate and will know more as the work progresses. Councilmember Lallas

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suggested getting an estimation for a new well pump and whether we could have an analysis of the well condition.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Molly Kisler provided an update of the skate park. She advised that the construction documents are being reviewed by Varela & Associates.

Councilmember Snyder advised that Moses Lake charges \$5 per child for Little League for the use of their fields. This year, our fee calculates to \$1.50 per child; \$3 for the second year and \$5 per child the 3rd year of the agreement. He noted the income that the league gets, which includes the concession stand revenue and tournament fees.

Mr. Clements reported on the progress of the Concrete Drive water line project. The water line has been installed and we had to move an existing irrigation line. A change order is expected to be considered by the Council for the extra work. Mr. Clements noted that we're almost ready to call for bids for the 14th Avenue and 1st Avenue projects.

Mr. Farris noted that the Council committee reviewed non-conforming issues. The review of the committee determined that the entire Council should review the issues. Mr. Farris stated that Aspect Consulting will communicate with DOE relevant to Well #9.

Molly Kisler stated that she was asked to review and update the policies for use of the soccer fields. Her research will be shared with the parks and recreation committee and then the full Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Development Director Travis Goddard reported that funding for grants for seven (7) small water associations has been approved. Two open houses are scheduled in April at Desert Haven and we need two more translators for the discussions. A survey and photo contest will be distributed soon. Councilmember Lallas noted that it's been very educational to attend the Planning Commission meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:28 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE KUDRNA, City Clerk