

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
March 25, 2013

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: Eugene Bain, Ken Caylor, Dan Dever, Charles Garcia, Kenneth Johnson, Mark Snyder, and Genna Dorow.

Also Present: Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Police Chief Steven Dunnagan, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna; Finance Officer Spencer Williams, and City Attorney Katherine Kenison.

CITIZEN INPUT

Michael Crosier, 625 N.11th Avenue, advised that he sent a letter to the elected officials concerning his driveway. He asked what the methodology for the calculations were for the offer from the City's insurance carrier; access to engineering activities by the city engineers; why they have not been afforded 20 minutes in front of the Council to discuss the driveway issue; and why the city didn't disclose everything under item 5 of the 13 item public records request.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to approve the agenda. M/S Garcia/Dever.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of March 11, 2013
- 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. 42348 to No. 42405 in the amount of \$185,399.14.

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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – DAVID INKS 35 YEARS

Police Chief Steve Dunnagan presented a plaque of appreciation to Assistant Police Chief David Inks for 35 years of dedicated service to The City of Othello. Assistant Chief Inks announced his resignation, effective April 30, 2013.

CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OTHELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Molly Klippert reported that city staff and the Parks and Recreation Council Committee met with representatives from the Othello School District regarding the imposition of fees for use of the tennis courts in Lions and Kiwanis Parks. The Othello School District recommended entering into an Interlocal Reciprocal Agreement for use of recreational facilities. This will include a trade of the School District's facilities and the City's facilities. The city staff and Parks and Recreation Council Committee have agreed to the terms in the proposed Interlocal Agreement. Ms. Klippert advised that the School District will list their facilities in the agreement, if it is approved by the City. She assumes the facilities will include the soccer fields at the Lutacaga School. Othello School District representative Genna Bullis advised that the list of the School District's facilities is being compiled.

Council carried a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Othello and the Othello School District. M/S Dorow/Garcia.

CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH YOUTH SOCCER

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Molly Klippert reported that city staff and the Parks and Recreation Council Committee met with representatives from the youth soccer leagues regarding fees for the use of Kiwanis Park for soccer. In September, 2009, permission was requested for use

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of Kiwanis Park for youth soccer. Within the stipulations of the IAC grant used for the construction of Kiwanis Park, the park was designated as passive. In coordination with the Othello School District, it is recommended that the youth soccer organizations act as an entity of the City and benefit from the Interlocal Agreement with the Othello School District and relocate their practices and games to the School District's soccer facilities. This will provide them with soccer fields and parking for their practices and games, and Kiwanis Park will return to a passive park with no organized sports or activities, as stipulated in the IAC grant.

Council carried a motion to reaffirm the grant award contract between the State Land and Water Conservation fund formerly the Interagency Committee and the City of Othello, designating Kiwanis Park as a passive park. M/S Caylor/Dever.

It was noted that we are allowing the Othello School District to use the City tennis courts in Kiwanis Park. City Attorney Kenison advised that the terms of the IAC grant encouraged the use to be a passive park, and it appears the tennis courts are being used for organized and recreational activity. She stated that it appears it does not run afoul with the grant terms. Councilmember Caylor stated that it seems they could practice on the tennis courts, however if they have tournaments, they should use the courts at Lions Park. Councilmember Snyder advised they use all city tennis courts for practice and games.

CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT PARK USE FEES

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Molly Klippert explained that staff has evaluated the expenditures to maintain and preserve the City's recreational facilities in Kiwanis and Lions Park. This includes preparation for the events, maintenance, and cleanup for special events in the parks. Special events in the parks would be the events when 150 or more people are expected to be in attendance. City staff and the Parks and the Recreation Council Committee recommend fees for use of the City's parks for special events. Staff researched various special events park fees and has developed fees for various services provided by the City. She reviewed the proposed Special Event Park Use and Add-on Fees. Ms. Klippert reported the estimated fees that the City incurred for community events held in the parks in 2011 and 2012. Mayor Wilson recommended that the event organizations be contacted to discuss the proposed fees prior to approval of the suggested fees.

Council's consensus was to inform the event organizations and noted that the fees are to meet the requirements of the State Constitution.

Council carried a motion to table the discussion. M/S Dorow/Dever.

CONSIDERATION OF PARK USE BY SKYHAWKS CAMP

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Molly Klippert reported that the Skyhawk's Youth Camps have offered two sport camps this summer, to be held in Lions Park. This would be good youth activities during the summer. The first Mini-hawk camp will be July 15th – July 19th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and will focus on soccer, basketball and baseball. The second Multi-Sport Camp will be August 5th – August 9th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and will focus also focus on soccer, basketball and baseball. The Skyhawk's organization will provide online scheduling, staffing, equipment and marketing. Flyers will be distributed through the Othello School District before spring break. The Skyhawk's organization will donate 10% of the total registration costs to the City. There is a requirement of 15 participants in each activity.

Council carried a motion to approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR SKYHAWKS SPORTS CAMPS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 15TH THROUGH 19TH, 2013 AND AUGUST 5TH THROUGH AUGUST 9TH, 2013. M/S Dorow/Snyder. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2013-04.

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FEBRUARY INVESTMENT REPORT

Finance Officer Spencer Williams gave a report on the status and performance of the City's investments and cash positions in the Local Government Investment Pool and the financial portfolio with the Bank of America and the City's checking account.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the Council meeting at 7:33 p.m.

By: _____
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk