

City of Othello  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 10, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Shawn Logan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, Genna Dorow, Corey Everett, Angel Garza, Larry McCourtie, John Lallas, and Mark Snyder.

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

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Catalina Portillo, 91 E Main Street explained that she has 4 units in her commercial building and there is a city parking lot across the street that customers use. The city parking fee came up when she had someone that was thinking about opening up a new business in one of her units. She asked Council to review the proposed parking fee of \$240 per year per unit, explaining that she's never been charged this fee before.

Community Development Director Travis Goddard explained that the OMC non-conforming standard provides that if you have a non-conforming use that is not up to code, the owners of non-conforming buildings had 20 years to comply with the city standards. This code was approved on Jan 1, 1996 and as of January 1, 2016, anytime there is a new tenant or a new use of a building, they have to bring it up to code. This building (91 E Main Street) covers 100% of the lot and there is no opportunity for on-site landscaping, storm water or parking. He explained that it was suggested that they be charged \$20 per month and when new businesses apply for a business license, they will be assessed the parking fee. Councilmember Lallas noted that the city could install parking meters in front of each business. She advised that this is a big issue for her as the building owner. Mr. Goddard advised that there is an empty lot north of the satellite store that could be improved as a parking lot. Councilmember Everett asked if the library and the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand store will be charged? Mr. Goddard advised he was going to talk to the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand store and the library is renting the building from the City and the cost is already included in the rent. She asked if the Council would be fair when setting the fee. City Attorney Roger Reed advised that from a legal perspective, she has an obligation to meet the city standards. Mayor Logan stated that the Council will review this issue further and she will be invited back to a Council meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of March 27, 2017
- B. Approval of City Council Workshop Minutes of April 3, 2017
- C. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses
- D. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- E. Appoint Timm Taff to Othello Housing Authority
- F. Set Public Hearing on Sagestone 8 Developer's Agreement for April 24, 2017

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. 47944 to No. 48001 in the amount of \$79,336.64.

Accounts Payable Check No. 5377 to No. 5381 in the amount of \$2,507.99.

Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 30360 to No. 30391 in the amount of \$355,968.62.

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

**BOND REFINANCE UPDATE**

Finance Officer Spencer Williams stated that Council selected the refinancing option for the \$3,195,000 Main Street bond that would pay the debt off four years early and increase annual payments \$38,000 per year. This

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savings estimate was based on obtaining a 2.5% interest rate. He advised that staff selected to go with Chase Bank with a rate of 2.41% and the City will see an estimated savings of about \$538,000 over the life of the loan.

**FORMAL APPROVAL OF ROTARY PROJECTS IN PIONEER PARK**

City Administrator Wade Farris reviewed the improvement projects that the Rotary is going to do in Pioneer Park. He also stated that he's working on a few details for refurbishing the plane and a contract will be presented to the Council at a later date.

Council carried a motion to approve the Othello Rotary proposal for work in Pioneer Park. M/S Lallas/MCCourtie.

**CONTRACT FOR YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE UMPIRES**

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Amy Hurlbut advised that the City is contracting local youth umpires to work for the Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues. The City has provided online training and then they become certified. The contract establishes rules for attendance, certification and rate of pay, which is \$30 per game for a total cost of \$2,070.

Council carried a motion to approve the contract to enter into an agreement with our umpires for the league this year and waived the business license requirements. M/S Lallas/Dorow.

**HONORING TRAVIS GODDARD**

Mayor Logan stated that this is the last meeting for Mr. Travis Goddard.

Mr. Goddard stated that they have completed the comprehensive plan and the water system plan and now Othello has an opportunity to extend services for irrigation water use and storm water utilities. He spoke about the future of the City, School District and Port District. He thanked the Council for accepting some of his ideas and he appreciates the time he's spent here. Councilmembers, Mr. Farris and all Department Heads gave appreciation statements to Mr. Goddard. Mr. Farris advised that Prothman is advertising for the Community Development Director.

Mayor Logan gave a brief statement about some of Community Service Director Travis Goddard's accomplishments and presented a plaque and a city lapel pin to him.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Farris stated that he has a letter addressed to the Adams County Commissioners regarding their proposal of redistricting Adams County. He also stated that he has started advertising for an in-staff city engineer.

Mayor Logan stated that the PDC deadline is April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:23 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEBBIE KUDRNA, City Clerk