

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
May 8, 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: Police Chief Phil Schenck, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna, Finance Officer Spencer Williams and City Attorney Kelly Konkright.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Logan announced that the public hearing on the Sagestone 8 Development Agreement has been cancelled. Council carried a motion to approve the agenda. M/S Bain/Dorow.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Workshop Minutes of May 1, 2017
- B. Approval of City Council Minutes of April 24, 2017
- C. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses
- D. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- E. Resolution to Surplus Equipment

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. 48064 to No. 48126 in the amount of \$122,795.02.

Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 30392 to No. 30423 in the amount of \$388,315.26.

Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 30424 to No. 30427 in the amount of \$1,119.63.

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Logan performed the Oath of Office for Sgt. Sean Anderson, Police Officer Brittney Morice, Police Officer Jason Warford, and Police Officer Steven Perez. The officers were pinned by family members and each new police officer introduced themselves.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CDBG GRANT

Mayor Logan opened the public hearing at 6:46 p.m. He announced that we have a Spanish interpreter available and she will ask if anyone needs interpretation services in Spanish. There was no one that needed Spanish interpretation.

Engineer Jesse Cowger from Varela & Associates advised that the City has applied for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$750,000 as part of a funding strategy for construction of Well 10 and a new reservoir. The well and water projects are needed to address the decline in the water supply, provide water storage and for future growth. It is estimated at \$5.75 million for these improvements.

Anna Twohig from Varela & Associates explained the City will apply for a CDBG general purpose grant. This is a federal general purpose grant for construction projects. The projects must benefit moderate and low income residences and Othello meets that requirement. Ms. Twohig reviewed the various funding sources the City will apply for these projects.

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Mayor Logan asked for public testimony in support of the CDBG grant proposal. There were no comments. Mayor Logan asked for public testimony neutral of the CDBG grant proposal. There were no comments. Mayor Logan asked for public testimony in opposition of the CDBG grant proposal. There were no comments.

Mayor Logan closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A CDBG APPLICATION

Council carried a motion to approve submission of the CDBG grant application, approve the Resolution, the Title VI Certification, and the project summary. M/S Dorow/Snyder. The Resolution shall be known as Resolution #2017-06.

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR WELL 10 AND RESERVOIR PROJECT – AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH VARELA & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Engineer Jesse Cowger reported that the City received a \$50,000 grant from the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) to fund a portion of the preliminary engineering for the City's Well 10 and reservoir project. The grant funding will help pay for the environmental review, preliminary engineering report and hydrogeological background research for the project. The CERB grant will cover \$50,000 of the proposed scope of work and the City will contribute \$38,000. Mr. Cowger explained that the preliminary engineering will include well sites options. Finance Officer Spencer Williams advised the costs will be paid out of the water fund.

Council carried a motion to approve Amendment 2017-002 to the Varela & Associates Engineering agreement for \$88,000. M/S Lallas/Dorow.

T-33 AIRPLANE REFURBISHING CONTRACT

City Administrator presented a contract for refurbishing the T-33 aircraft in Pioneer Park. The contractor, Straube Aviation estimated the project at \$32,000. He was asked several questions prior to the meeting that he will need to research. He asked that this discussion be delayed to the next council meeting.

ORDINANCE AMENDING OMC SECTION 16.11.020 OF CHAPTER 16.11 TITLED SHORT SUBDIVISIONS

City Administrator explained that the Council approved the update of Section 16.090.280 removing the language indicating the size limitations on lots in short plats in the definitions section. However, the verbiage was not removed from another section of the code. This ordinance corrects the language in the code.

Council carried a motion to adopt the Ordinance to amend Section 16.11.020 of Chapter 16.11 titled "Short Subdivision. M/S McCourtie/Dorow. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1492.

ORDINANCE AMENDING OMC SECTION 16.17.020 OF CHAPTER 16.17 TITLED MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS

City Administrator explained that the Council approved the update of Section 16.090.180 removing the language indicating the size limitations on lots in major plats in the definitions section. However, the verbiage was not removed from another section of the code. This ordinance corrects the language in the code.

Council carried a motion to adopt the Ordinance to amend Section 16.17.020 of Chapter 16.17 titled "Major Subdivision. M/S Bain/Dorow. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1493.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Lallas stated that he's re-evaluated his decision about a utility communications variance on 7th Avenue and suggested that Noel reapply for the variance to go overhead. He

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stated there is no way for them to go underground at this location, due to existing water lines and there is already a utility pole owned by Noel that they would utilize. Councilmember Lallas asked that the ordinance be re-evaluated because when Noel connects to another customer, they are only extending their service. Councilmember Everett stated that Noel did not attend the Council meetings when their variance was heard. Councilmember Lallas advised that Noel needs to get this done for CBHA and they may not have time to wait for the development of the area. He stated that based upon the ordinance, it is fine to impose underground for any new development. However, when there are pre-existing communication cables on exiting poles and they only want to extend their line to a new customer, that they explain it clearly for our consideration.

City Attorney Konkright advised there is a method to apply for a variance. However, he would need to review the ordinance. He stated that the Council could exercise their discretion if a variance is re-applied for. He will have to research whether it goes to the Planning Commission or comes back to the Council.

Josh Wesselius of Noel Communications explained that they were assured that he didn't have to attend the Council meeting and that it would not have been voted on. They aren't sure that they need to apply for a variance and would like to talk about the process with the City Attorney. Council's consensus was to have staff review the variance request from Noel Communications.

NEW BUSINESS

City Administrator Farris advised that the Parks and Recreation Coordinator Amy Hurlbut met with the parks and recreation committee to discuss whether the City should organize the men's softball league. Mr. Farris explained that Amy Hurlbut also asked for Council's feedback whether the city should contract for youth summer sport activities. Council's consensus was to move forward on both suggestions. Councilmember McCourtie suggested that changes need to be made with scheduling our youth playing softball up to 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Logan made the following announcements:

- The AWC annual conference is scheduled for June 20-23.
- Adams County Official candidate filing week – May 15-19, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:29 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE KUDRNA, City Clerk