

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
May 11, 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: Mike Bailey, Police Chief Steven Dunnagan, Debbie Kudrna, and Jay Van Ness; and City Attorney James Whitaker.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Mayor McKay asked that agenda item #5 Public Hearing on the Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant be moved to item #3, and that the following be added to the agenda: Resurfacing Existing Basketball Court. Council carried a motion to approve the amended agenda. M/S Wilson/Dever.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of April 27, 2009
- B. Approval of City Council Workshop Minutes of May 4, 2009
- C. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses for April 2009
- D. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- E. Approval of Sagestone Phase 5 Major Plat
- F. Task Order 5-09 Gray & Osborne

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. 36655 to No. 36721 in the amount of \$ 265,391.45.
Payroll Check No. 25750 to No. 25795 in the amount of \$ 241,091.41.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE EDWARD BRYNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor McKay opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Police Chief Dunnagan reported that federal stimulus money has been appropriated to the Edward Bryne Memorial Justice program for law enforcement agency distribution. There is \$13,587 available for the Othello Police Department. He advised that appropriating matching funds are not a requirement. As part of the grant process, a public hearing is held to provide the public opportunity to comment on the project selected for the grant money. The funding will be used to replace the mobile computer stations in the patrol vehicles. This will delay having to appropriate funds for the laptops in the upcoming City budgets. Mayor McKay asked for public comments. There was none. Mayor McKay asked for Council comments. Councilmember Wilson asked if there are problems with the laptops breaking. Chief Dunnagan advised there is not; with current technology, they last 3-4 years and the officers are being very careful with the laptops. Councilmember Wilson noted warranties can be purchased on new computers. Councilmember Brodahl asked if the mobile computers will be put on a rotation replacement schedule. Chief Dunnagan explained that they will be replaced every third or fourth year. Mayor McKay closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Council carried a motion to approve the request to use the grant funds, if received to purchase laptop computers for the police patrol cars. M/S Brodahl/Dever.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT OF THE CITY'S SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR 2009-2014

Mayor McKay opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness reported that the City, along with the Department of Transportation (DOT) applied for a grant to improve the intersection at SR 26 and 1st Avenue, and the underpass at SR 24 and South Broadway Ave. The grant was approved in the amount of \$550,000 and DOT has located additional money to fund the scaled down project. One of the requirements for funding is that the project must be included in our six year transportation improvement program. Mr. Van Ness submitted a revised six year transportation plan 2009-2014, with the project added. Mayor McKay asked for public comments. There was none. Mayor McKay asked for Council comments. There was none. Mayor McKay closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY'S SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR 2009-2014

Council carried a motion to approve A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF OTHELLO'S AMENDED SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE YEARS 2009-2014. M/S Dever/Caylor. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2009-7.

CBHA LICENSE AGREEMENT

City Planner Darryl Piercy presented a license agreement with Columbia Basin Health Association (CBHA). CBHA recently acquired the sign from the previous owners, which is located in the City right of way. They have requested to have the license agreement changed to be with them, as the new owners.

Council carried a motion to approve the license agreement with Columbia Basin Health Association and authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement. M/S Johnson/Brodahl.

NEOPOST LEASE AGREEMENT FOR NORTHWEST MAILING, INC.

City Administrator Ehman Sheldon advised that staff has researched updating our postage machine. He advised that we have two months left on the lease contract with Pitney Bowes for our current mail machine. They have explored upgrading with a Neopost mail machine, and that company will buy out the last two months of the contract with Pitney Bowes. The change will decrease our monthly lease payment. Councilmember Johnson asked if it was possible to purchase the postage machine. Mr. Sheldon advised that staff is recommending leasing the machine and there may be stipulations with this equipment. Mr. Sheldon advised the maintenance fee is included within the lease fees.

Council carried a motion to approve the Neopost Lease Agreement, rental agreement and the Northwest Mailing Inc. Addendum to Contract. M/S Johnson/Snyder.

7TH CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH CONSOLIDATED DISPOSAL SERVICES, INC.

City Clerk Debbie Kudrna reported that the City entered into a contract for solid waste collection with Consolidated Disposal Services, Inc. (CDSI) in 1994. The original contract provides that their rates shall be adjusted every two years and the adjustment shall be based upon the average consumer price index for each of the two preceding years. We received notice from CDSI that effective July 16, 2009; they will impose a biannual rate adjustment of 2.15%. The garbage rates to our citizens are based upon rates set in Ordinance 1185, adopted in October, 2004. That ordinance provided for a three year incremental increase, the latest was imposed December 2006. The 2.15% increase from CDSI would increase the payment to CDSI for the 2nd half of 2009 approximately \$4,300 and an annual increase of approximately \$8,600. She recommended that we absorb the rate increase and review the garbage fund during the budget process.

Council carried a motion to approve the 7th amendment to the solid waste collection contract with Consolidated Disposal Services, Inc and absorb the increase in our current garbage rates. M/S Taylor/Wilson.

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RESURFACING EXISTING BASKETBALL COURT

Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness advised that the old basketball court will stay between the new basketball court and new tennis courts at Lions Park. The old court had been painted and we have received concerns that it is slick when wet. The city engineers provided an estimate to recoat the old basketball court at the same time that the other two courts are being done of \$3800. The new basketball court and tennis court projects will be completed by the end of this week, and the old basketball court surface will then be a non-slip surface. Mr. Sheldon advised the new surface will have a 1-year warranty, and if there are problems, the City can use the contractor's bond. It was discussed whether the color of the old basketball court can be changed to be the same color as the new tennis courts.

Council carried a motion to approve the change order to the basketball and tennis courts, and the street overlay project to include \$3800 for resurfacing the old basketball court. M/S Caylor/Snyder.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Spohr asked what the rate is to have a garbage toter dumped an extra time. The City Clerk stated that it was approximately \$5.00. She advised that it is common for our citizens to order a second toter during the summer time to accommodate grass clippings, and encouraged everyone to bag their garbage and grass clippings.

Mayor McKay made the following announcements:

- The Mayor's luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday at the Senior Center at noon.
- The Natural Gas Summit #2 has been rescheduled to June 30th.
- A meeting was held with the Dept. of Health, the City, Gray & Osborne, and Kevin Lindsey relative to Well #6. The City of Othello is sending a written proposal to the Dept. of Health for comment. Any work will be scheduled next fall.
- The street overlay, tennis and basketball courts' projects should be completed this week.
- A public meeting on the Hwy 26 and 1st Avenue intersection project and the SR 24 Industrial area project is scheduled for the June workshop. Mr. Sheldon noted there are approximately 50 letters going out to businesses in the area to advise them of the meeting.
- The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

ADJOURNMENT

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