

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
May 23, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

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

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

Also Present: City Administrator Wade Farris; Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Community Development Director Travis Goddard, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna, Finance Officer Spencer Williams and City Attorney Kelly Konkright.

Absent Was: Councilmember Eugene Bain.

Council carried a motion to approve the absence of Councilmember Eugene Bain, M/S Dorow/Snyder.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of City Council Minutes of May 9, 2016
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- c. Resolution to Accept Donations

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. 46696 to No. 46747 in the amount of \$377,222.53.

Accounts Payable Check No. 5281 to No. 5287 in the amount of \$1,403.03.

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

AVISTA – REQUEST FOR VARIANCE

City Administrator Wade Farris stated that we are preparing for the 14th Avenue improvement project and Avista submitted a request for a variance from undergrounding utilities along 14th Avenue.

Avista Regional Business Manager Paul Kimmell thanked the Council for participating in the street lighting TIB project. He reiterated that Avista has asked for a variance from undergrounding their utilities for the 14th Avenue improvement project. Avista District Manager Ian Eccles explained that the City's 14th Avenue project will require them to locate their electric facilities within the City's 10' right-of-way. Current city codes require locating their facilities underground; however, they have great concerns about undergrounding these facilities on 14th Avenue. This portion of their system is a feeder trunk from the Lee and Reynolds Substation and if underground, it will include air switches allowing for isolation and installation of a vault at the corner of 14th Avenue and SR 26. This system is one of the more important sections within their electric system in Othello. The City's easement is only 10' wide and their vault is 10' x 16' and the vault will be an obstruction at the intersection. The switch won't be received until the end of August, which will delay the City's street project.

Mr. Kimmell advised that Avista does not normally bury their feeder trunks. He noted that it's infeasible to bury this infrastructure and by doing so, it would increase their cost six-fold. Installing their facilities aboveground could be accomplished in a couple of weeks. He advised

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that to accommodate future development, they would have to dig up their facilities (if underground) to provide additional switching and related equipment. He stated that the City could attach conditions on the variance, including time limits for completion, in order to help make the street project successful. Mr. Kimmell offered their services to install the decorative street lights for the 14th Avenue street improvement project at no charge.

City Attorney Konkright advised that there is a factual basis for their request for a variance. If the Council receives other variance requests from the underground requirement, the Council should review the criteria and facts set forth in the ordinance for each request.

Councilmember McCourtie noted that with this delay, the street project would still be in process when school is back in session in September. Mr. Farris advised that the TIB money needs to be expended this year; noting he doubts we could get extensions for the funding. The project is set to begin June 8th. Mr. Eccles explained that any extensions of their services to new developments from this feeder will be underground.

Council carried a motion to approve the variance request made by Avista Utilities for the 14th Avenue reconstruction project, including their offer to install all beautification lighting in this area at no charge. M/S Snyder/Everett.

Attorney Konkright explained that these terms will be included in a Resolution for the variance with the condition that the decorative street light installation is completed by Avista.

OTHELLO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FARMERS MARKET RESOLUTION AND FACILITY USE AGREEMENT

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Amy Hurlbut advised that The Greater Othello Chamber of Commerce has agreed to operate and manage the Othello Farmer's Market. If approved by Council, the Chamber of Commerce will use all of Pioneer Park for the farmer's market every Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., July 2nd through October 29th. Due to the estimated attendance, the Chamber will pay the \$200 special event fee for use of Pioneer Park.

Council carried a motion to approve the Resolution and facility use agreement for use of Pioneer Park to operate the 2016 Farmer's Market. M/S Everett/Garza. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2016-07.

OTHELLO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 4TH OF JULY RESOLUTION AND FACILITY USE AGREEMENT

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Amy Hurlbut reported that The Greater Othello Chamber of Commerce is preparing for the annual 4th of July Event. Plans include a fun run, Rotary breakfast, parade, children's games/activities, various entertainment, assorted food, merchandise, and game vendors and fireworks will be in Lions Park. The 4th of July Event will be held on Monday, July 4, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

City Attorney Konkright asked for a correction in paragraph 5 – Self-Insurance. It should refer back to paragraph 4 instead of 3.

Council carried a motion to approve the Resolution and facility use agreement authorizing for use of Lions Park for the 4th of July event, with the correction to the Resolution as explained by the City Attorney. M/S Dorow/Lallas. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2016-08.

COLUMBIA BASIN HEALTH ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION AND FACILITY USE AGREEMENT

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Amy Hurlbut explained that the Columbia Basin Health Association (CBHA) Health Fair is scheduled for August 13, 2016 in Lions Park. The health fair will provide child safety, health and prevention, medical services, counseling, and they will feature local community resources. CBHA will pay the \$200 special event fee for use of Lions Park.

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City Attorney Konkright asked for a correction in the Resolution that they will use Lions Park, not Kiwanis Park and Section 3, in the Recitals needs to be removed.

Council carried a motion to approve the Resolution and the facility use agreement for the Othello Community Health Fair Scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2016, with the corrections to the Resolution as explained by the City Attorney. M/S Dorow/Everett. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2016-09.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH RESOLUTION AND FACILITY USE AGREEMENT
Parks and Recreation Coordinator Amy Hurlbut advised that the Bethel Assembly of God Church is planning a picnic in Kiwanis Park. This is a family church night with food and fun activities. The Church will pay the \$200 special event fee for use of the shelter #1 at Kiwanis Park.

City Attorney Konkright asked that Section 3, in the Recitals be removed.

Council carried a motion to approve the Resolution and facility use agreement authorizing use of city property for the Bethel Assembly of God Church Picnic for Tuesday, June 28, 2016, with the correction to the Resolution as explained by the City Attorney. M/S Lallas/Everett. This shall be known as Resolution #2016-10.

FIRE DEPARTMENT GENERATOR BID ACCEPTANCE

Public Works Director Terry Clements explained that the Council budgeted \$32,000 for a generator for the city fire department building. Public Works sent requests for proposals to four electricians and received two quotes:

Farmer's Electric II, LLC	\$33,516.09 (including tax)
Absolute Power	\$54,927.00 (including tax)

Mr. Clements explained that the lowest bid is \$33,156.09 and is \$1,516.09 short of the amount budgeted. Finance Officer Williams advised that this project is paid out of the general fund and he will monitor the fund balance.

Council carried a motion to award the bid for the Fire Department generator in the amount of \$33,516.09 to Farmer's Electric II, LLC. M/S Lallas/McCourtie.

ORDINANCE AMENDING OMC SECTION 17.56.170 TITLED "PROHIBITED USES"

City Attorney Kelly Konkright advised that this is an ordinance based upon the public hearing held by the City Council. The Council heard staff reports and public input whether to allow or prohibit marijuana related land uses, such as processing, producing and retail. Based upon the Council's direction, the ordinance will list these marijuana land uses as prohibited within the city limits.

Council carried a motion to adopt AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OTHELLO AMENDING SECTION 170 OF CHAPTER 17.56 TITLED "PROHIBITED USES". M/S Lallas/Dorow. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1473.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Works Clements reported on the skate park and advised that the contractor is on schedule. He also reported on the water tank restorations. They are waiting for the coating on the inside of the water tank to cure and the electrical is being worked on. Mr. Clements stated that Well #9 is pumping approximately 1161 g.p.m. and they are completing the well house area.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Logan reported that there is currently no business listed on the workshop agenda and asked if the Council had anything they wanted to be addressed. City Administrator Mr. Farris advised that he and Mr. Goddard attended the water reuse conference last week and they will do a

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presentation about water supply, reuse and ASR in the near future. They met with funders and regulators during the conference and found this conference to be very worthwhile. The City can now plan an industrial partnership for a sustainable, reliable, long term water supply. This will alleviate water shortages and we will be able to keep current industries in Othello and attract new industries.

Mr. Farris stated that the new comprehensive plan supports the need of these future water resources. He reported that they will complete a RFQ for a grant writer and there is a possibility to obtain \$180,000 grant for an ASR feasibility study. Mayor Logan noted that Aspect Consulting and Varela & Associates will give a presentation in June and we'll need to have a written plan completed in August. We will then need to have discussions with the Bureau of Reclamation and legislatures explaining our plans. Councilmember Lallas stated we'll need to have discussion with current industries, and noted that Simplot and McCain Foods already have multi-million dollar wastewater treatment systems and we'll need to partner with them for any future water improvements.

Mr. Clements advised that the pool will open June 11th and swim team will begin using the pool the first of June. They have hired a new pool manager.

Council's consensus was to cancel the June 6th workshop, unless they are otherwise contacted.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:46 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE KUDRNA, City Clerk