

**City of Othello
City Council Workshop
June 3, 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, Genna Dorow, Charles Garcia, Kenneth Johnson, and Mark Snyder.

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: Interim City Clerk Nacelle Heuslein, and Finance Officer Spencer Williams. Staff: Parks & Recreation Coordinator Molly Klippert and Administrative Secretary Jennifer Durepo.

Update from Beautification Committee

Lynette Caruthers presented an update from the Beautification Committee. She stated the beautification committee has been hard at work for several months. The beautification plan has been completed and discussions continue about where to start the project. Some considerations for the council are; starting with one block only, instead of the original two block plan. This will cut the cost of the project nearly in half. The location of the starting point was also discussed; the choices are the block of 14th – 13th or the block of 7th – 8th. The Council was in agreement that the project should start on 14th Street. Concerns were expressed over losing the current grant received of \$19,500, if not used by December 31, 2013. This problem can be avoided by purchasing two of the lights they have chosen for the project before the deadline. The Council was in agreement to continue to support the project and to keep it in mind for the 2014 budget.

Presentation of Motel/Hotel Tax Changes

Finance Officer Spencer Williams presented an update of Motel/Hotel Tax changes. As we have discussed in previous meetings, there are some recent changes coming that would affect our current use of Hotel Motel Tax funds. With the passage of ESHB 1253, all the current allowed uses of lodging tax funds have been preserved except one—lodging tax funds may no longer be spent on capital expenditures for tourism-related facilities owned by nonprofit organizations. In this bill, the legislature also made some changes to the application and reporting requirements. There should be little impact to the way Othello uses these funds.

Consideration of Fireworks Contract

Parks & Recreation Coordinator Molly Klippert presented the Fireworks contract. As part of the 2013 budget process, Council agreed to set aside money to sponsor the fireworks display at the 2013 Greater Othello Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Event in Lions Park. In order to begin the City's 30-day permitting process, the City must sign the contract to purchase fireworks from Western Fireworks Display, Ltd.

Western Fireworks Display, Ltd. has presented the City with the following two contract options:

- 1) One year agreement for \$10,000 for merchandise.
- 2) Multi-year agreement (3 years, \$10,000 each year) for merchandise and includes no less than five additional multi-shot boxes, as delineated in multi-year agreement.

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Staff recommends City Council approve the multi-year agreement (3 years, \$10,000 each year) with Western Fireworks Display, Ltd. for merchandise outlined in the attached proposal, including no less than five additional multi-shot boxes, as delineated in multi-year agreement.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Dorow to approve the multi-year agreement (3 years, \$10,000 each year) with Western Fireworks Display, Ltd. Seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried.

Consideration to Amend Interim City Clerk Contract

Mayor Wilson presented the amendment to the Prothman Contract for the Interim City Clerk. At the City Council meeting of May 28, 2013, City Council approved the contract with Prothman Company for an interim City Clerk. After interviews, the Council Committee and Mayor would like to recommend following change: *one* round trip mileage per month to *two*. This addition results in approximately \$210.00 per month.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Dever to approve the change of one round trip mileage per month to two round trip mileage in the Prothman Contract for an Interim City Clerk. Seconded by Councilmember Caylor. Motion carried.

Consideration of Amendment to All City Car Club Agreement

Parks & Recreation Coordinator Molly Klippert requested an amendment to the All City Car Club Agreement. Following the ratification of the Resolution 2013-12 for use of City right-of-way for the Othello Chapter of the All Cities Classic Car Club on July 19th, it has been brought to attention that recent roadwork will disallow the detouring of vehicles and the blocking off of Columbia Street and Wahluke Street on 1st Avenue for the 2013 Spud Run (slow drags). With this, staff and representatives from the Othello Chapter of the All City Classic Car Club have agreed to relocate the 2013 Spud Run back to Main Street, between 4th Avenue and 7th Avenue, if approved by City Council. Staff recommends City Council approve the amendment to the resolution authorizing the use of City right-of-way on Main Street from 4th Avenue to 7th Avenue on July 19th for the Othello Chapter of the All Cities Classic Car Club Spud Run.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Dorow to approve Resolution 2013-14 to authorize the use of City right-of-way on Main Street from 4th Avenue to 7th Avenue on July 19th for the Othello Chapter of the All Cities Classic Car Club Spud Run. Seconded by Councilmember Bain. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There is a State Webinar tomorrow, June 4th at 10 a.m.; it is an AWC presentation on hotel/motel tax. This will be held in the training room at the Police Department.

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- There is a Public Hearing relative to the Palo Verde Estate Major Plat in the Council Chambers at 10 a.m. tomorrow, June 4th.
- The Water/Sewer Committee will be having a meeting in the Water Room at Public Works on Thursday, June 6th at 9:30 a.m. (Dorow, Dever, Caylor)
- There is a Union Negotiation Committee meeting with the Teamsters on Friday, June 7th starting at 9:00 a.m. (Dorow, Dever, Caylor)
- The Othello Food Bank will be collecting canned goods during the 4th of July parade and asked Councilmembers to assist with collections. Please let me know if you are willing to help out.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the City Council Workshop at 7:40 p.m.

By: _____
KENNETH JOHNSON, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

By: _____
JENNIFER DUREPO, Administrative Secretary