

City of Othello  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 26, 2000

Mayor E R Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Leonard Lyon, Eleanor Brodahl, Les Clemons, Everett Cole, Don Derifield, and Jeannie Ochoa. Absent was Kenneth Johnson. Also present were: Curt Andrews, Debra Travis, and Debbie Kudrna; City Department Heads, William Shaw, City Administrator; James Whitaker, City Attorney; representatives of Wal-Mart, Inc.; Eagle Scout, Matt Walker; and Robert Lopez representing Fiesta Amistad.

Council Member Leonard Lyon led the opening invocation and Mayor Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council carried a motion to approve the agenda as presented. M/S Cole/Clemons.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of June 12, 2000 City Council Minutes
- b. Reschedule Bid Opening Date for Dump Truck to July 14, 2000 at 2:00 p.m.

Council carried a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. M/S Ochoa/Derifield.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Matthew Walker, Eagle Scout member presented his concept of replacing the weathered "Welcome to Othello" sign located at 14<sup>th</sup> and Main Street. This would include removing the signboard and leaving the stone sides. He does have help to complete this project and asked the Council to consider contributing to the cost of materials. Council Member Cole made a motion to approve the concept presented by Matt Walker for an Eagle Scout Project to replace the "Welcome to Othello" sign, without financial support from the City. Council Member Lyon seconded the motion.

Council members Cole, Clemons, and Lyon cast affirmative votes; and Council members Ochoa, Derifield, and Brodahl cast opposing votes, therefore creating a tie vote.

Eric Strauss, Real Estate representative of Wal-Mart, introduced himself to the Council and made a statement that Wal-Mart will donate the money to build the new "Welcome to Othello" sign for the Eagle Scout Project. Mayor Kelley voted to support the replacement of the "Welcome to Othello" sign as presented (without financial support from the city), therefore breaking the tie.

There was some discussion regarding the location of the sign because eventually it will be located in the middle of town, due to the construction of commercial activity east of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOW FIESTA AMISTAD-AUGUST 12, 2000**

The City Clerk introduced the resolution noting that changes will be made to the resolution because the date of the festival is August 12, 2000. The committee has been working diligently and their planned activities include: soccer games, food booths, a car show, arts and crafts display, and family entertainment. Robert Lopez, Chairman of the Committee asked for the City's support of the upcoming festival.

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Council carried a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR THE AMERICAN FIESTA AMISTAD TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2000. M/S Ochoa/Cole. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2000-10.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY'S SIX YEAR STREET PLAN 2001-2006**

Mayor Kelley opened the public hearing regarding the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement program 2001-2006 at 7:18 p.m. and requested a staff report. Curt Andrews, City Planner reviewed the 14 projects on the TIP Program. He noted that these projects were not general maintenance of existing streets but were projects that need planning and additional funding. Mayor Kelley asked if there were comments from the public, there were none. Mayor Kelley asked for Council comments, there were none. Mayor Kelley closed the public hearing on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program at 7:31 p.m.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CITY'S SIX YEAR STREET PLAN 2001-2006**

Council carried a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF OTHELLO SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2001-2006. M/S Cole/Derifield. Voting in favor of the motion was: Council Members Lyon, Brodahl, Clemons, Cole, Derifield and Ochoa. This shall be known as Resolution No 2000-11.

**RESOLUTION TO ISSUE BUILDING PERMIT – WAL-MART**

Building Official, Curt Andrews explained that Pacific Land Design on behalf of Wal-Mart Store Inc., has requested a building permit to construct the one retail store. Due to the fact that the property is currently un-platted, and City Ordinance provides that when building permits are requested, the property must be platted. The developers are in the process of the final plat, therefore, this request is before the Council to authorize the building permit based upon the fact that the platting process continue. He noted that Wal-Mart has also presented a performance bond in the amount of \$624,721.00 pledging that they will proceed with the platting infrastructure requirements.

Eric Strauss, Real Estate Representative from Wal-Mart Inc. addressed the Council noting that Wal-Mart is very excited about the development of the first "Super Center" in Washington State being built in Othello. They anticipate construction to begin by the 1<sup>st</sup> of August with hopes of obtaining approval on the final plat in July. City Administrator, Bill Shaw noted that the covenant issues are to be included and executed at the time of the final plat approval. The covenants include a commitment for completion of infrastructure as has been discussed with the Council. The performance bond has been issued by Wal-Mart to cover the infrastructure issues.

Council carried a motion to adopt A RESOLTUION AUTHORIZING THE BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL TO ISSUE A BUILDING PERMIT TO WAL-MART. M/S Ochoa/Clemons. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2000-12.

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR M & I WATER**

Curt Andrews, City Engineer reviewed the proposed resolution, which would update our Comprehensive Water Plan. He noted that the city is also going to include an irrigation water plan within the scope. They discussed the application to USBR for M & I Water noting the city would not give up any of the current agricultural rights. He did state that the city staff is discussing with the industrial plants the use of the M & I Water if appropriated. This resolution also requests that DOE protect the Wanapum Aquifer as the City's sole source of potable water.

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Council carried a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION BY THE OTHELLO CITY COUNCIL TO UPDATE A COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLAN. M/S Derifield/Cole. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2000-13.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING O.M.C. CHAPTER 17.59 "HOME OCCUPATIONS"**

The City Clerk presented an amendment to O.M.C. 17.59.015 regarding some of the procedures for receiving home occupation applications. It also changes the appeal process from being heard by the Planning Commission to being heard by the Hearing Examiner.

Council carried a motion to adopt AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OTHELLO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17. 59 "HOME OCCUPATIONS" M/S Lyon/Clemons. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1066.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

City Administrator, Bill Shaw reported that the water quality consumer report was mailed out last week to all water connection users. Council member Ochoa asked what the water usage was averaging out at this time for residential and commercial. Mr. Shaw reported that the current use and projective use is very comparable but will get a report put together for the Council.

Mr. Shaw announced that Dick Wells is still considering annexation of property south of the current city limits. Mr. Wells reported that he has been able to collect signatures on a petition and the city will receive it soon.

Mr. Shaw reported that last year the Council repealed a section of the O.M.C. which provided private use of fire hydrants. He has drafted a policy that will allow use of these fire hydrants only if approved by the Public Works Department.

Council Member Lyon mentioned that the council had set a cap of 100 children being allowed through the Migrant Swim Program at the swimming pool and noted that there might be another report given on this on a later date.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The City Clerk reported that the Old Hotel committee is applying to the State of Washington Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation for listing the Old Hotel property on the state register and they have asked for Council approval and support of their application.

Council carried a motion to support the application of The Old Hotel to the Washington State Archeology and Historic Preservation for listing the property on the State Register of Historic Places. M/S Cole/Clemons.

Council Member Cole requested further consideration of the migrant swim contract, which limits the number of children allowed in the pool during the one-hour session. Council Member Ochoa explained that she originally only wanted to be fair to all kids and thought that the cap would eliminate over-crowding of the pool. Mr. Shaw explained that staff members have reported that the capacity load has not been reached because of the children from the Migrant Summer School Program and suggested deleting the cap language in the contract.

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Council carried a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute an amended contract to the Migrant School that removes the limit of 100 migrant students using the city pool on any one day. They also authorized the Pool Staff to ensure that fairness is applied to all users at the time that the children from the School Program attend the pool. M/S Ochoa/Cole.

Council Member Derifield voiced concerns of noise levels in residential areas and was directed to call the Police Department during those instances.

Council Member Ochoa stated that the directional sign at 395 and Highway 26 has been changed to include Othello. Council Member Ochoa also reported that there is a free service for crushing old vehicles in Adams County and other cities in the county are taking advantage of this program.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-REAL ESTATE**

Mayor Kelley, City Council and Staff adjourned into an Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes to discuss Real Estate. Council reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

**LAND ACQUISITION**

Mayor Kelley asked the Council members if they wanted to take any action regarding land purchase for the City Storm Water Drainage Project.

Council carried a motion to proceed with purchase of property currently owned by the Port District for the best negotiated price, but no more than \$75,000.00, and whereby the Port District would pay for all the closing costs. The land is to be used for the City Storm Water Drainage Project. M/S Clemons/Lyon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Kelley adjourned the meeting of June 26, 2000 at 8:57 p.m.

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E R KELLEY, Mayor

ATTEST:

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DEBBIE L KUDRNA, City Clerk