

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
July 13, 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 Taylor, 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 AGENDA

Council carried a motion to approve the agenda. M/S Brodahl/Snyder.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of June 22, 2009
- B. Approval of City Council Workshop Minutes of July 6, 2009
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- D. Approval of Payroll for June 2009
- E. Department of Transportation – Letter of Understanding

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. 36895 to 36974 voided, printing error.

Expense Claim Check No. 36975 to No. 37057 in the amount of \$ 655,998.34.

Payroll Check No. 25846 to No. 25927 in the amount of \$ 244,673.09.

Council carried a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. M/S Wilson/Dever.

RENEW INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #5 – USE OF WATER TENDER

Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness advised that in 2008 the City and Adams County Fire District #5 entered into an annual agreement for use of a water truck that the County owns. He had discussed the renewal with the Fire Chief and they recommend that a change be made to the agreement to automatically renew it annually, unless either party advise the other of termination of the agreement. As part of the agreement, the Fire District can use this vehicle if needed. The City maintains the vehicle. Mr. Van Ness stated that the City has used the water truck to clear spills off the city streets.

Council carried a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Adams County Fire District #5 for the use of the water truck. M/S Taylor/Dever.

ANNUAL CRACK SEAL – BCV

Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness reported that the crack sealing project is an annual maintenance service. They have checked prices and found that BCV is usually half the cost for the maintenance project and their estimate this year is less than it was last year. They will crack seal the curbs and gutters of new street overlay projects and will work on the streets that can still be salvaged. They have \$30,000 budgeted and Public Works will use a small portion for other small projects.

Council carried a motion to accept the agreement with BCV as presented. M/S Johnson/Snyder.

FIBER OPTICS AGREEMENT WITH SADDLE MOUNTAIN WIRELESS

City Attorney Jim Whitaker advised that this is a service which can be obtained without going through the bid process. Saddle Mountain Wireless is able to provide hard wire fiber optics to City

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Hall, which will benefit the Police and other departments. Council is permitted to enter into an agreement, which includes sharing the costs; providing an area at City Hall for some equipment owned by Saddle Mountain Wireless, and in exchange, there may be a cost savings to the City for the fiber services.

IT Manager Stan Anderton advised that the Police Department will benefit with faster, more reliable service to the State data base and connection to the Sheriff's Department. The Finance Officer provided a summary of the costs currently paid for the T-1 lines and connection to the Sheriff's Department. There have been some issues with the data connection failing in the Police Department and the old equipment is non-serviceable. The cost benefit will include the cost sharing with Saddle Mountain to bring the fiber equipment into the City Hall building and a small monthly savings of \$77. This will bring fiber internet connections to City Hall, the Police Department and we will be able to connect Public Works into our system. Councilmember Johnson asked why we would retain one T-1 line into City Hall. Mr. Anderton advised that the T-1 line is for the phone system; we have a current 3-year contract with Qwest. Councilmember Spohr asked why the cost for the T-1 line is so high. Mr. Anderton explained that there are several options that are included in that fee. He advised there will not be any additional expenses for installation of the fiber equipment. Mr. Whitaker offered that either party could give notice to terminate the contract.

Council carried a motion to approve the Fiber Access and Use Agreement with Saddle Mountain Wireless. M/S Dever/Johnson.

ALSCO AGREEMENT FOR CITY HALL/O.P.D.

City Clerk Debbie Kudrna advised that we have had an agreement with ALSCO since we moved into the building in 1997 to maintain, clean, and replace various space rugs throughout the building. She presented a three year service agreement to continue the service. The cost is approximately \$1300 per year for the carpet services for the City Hall building.

Council carried a motion to approve the three years service agreement with ALSCO for maintenance and cleaning of the rugs at City Hall and the Police Department. M/S Brodahl/Wilson.

ORDINANCE TO NAME A NEW STREET

City Clerk Debbie Kudrna explained that street names are usually proposed by a developer and approved during the planning and platting process. OMC 11.32.100 provides that the City Council can change, rename, or name an existing or newly established street. When the Buck Commercial Plat was finalized, it did not include a name for the street approach that goes west off of south Broadway. The Planning Department is working on the development of lot 3 in the Buck Commercial Plat, therefore it is necessary to name this street approach and the Council can do this with the adoption of an ordinance. Staff recommends that we create a street name plan for this area to be of mountain ranges or similar names. Adams County reviews all suggested street names to assure that they do not conflict with names of roads established in the county. The City Clerk provided a list of names that have been approved by Adams County and suggested that Council adopt an ordinance to name the street approach Alpine Street. Council reviewed the list of names and agreed upon naming it Summit Street

Council carried a motion to adopt AN ORDINANCE NAMING SUMMIT STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF OTHELLO. M/S Spohr/Wilson. Councilmember Dever cast an opposing vote. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1293.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Johnson asked if Attorney Whitaker knew any particulars about the new Tim Eyman initiative. Mr. Sheldon advised that he copied articles for the Council regarding the property tax proposal.

Mayor McKay made the following announcements:

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- Othello's Relay for Life event is July 24, 2009.
- The City's new population estimate is 6595.
- The All Cities Classic Car Show is this weekend.
- Coyote Ridge has offered a meeting to discuss the work crew project tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. Councilmembers Dever, Caylor, and Snyder will attend the meeting.
- The Mayor's Luncheon is this Wednesday at the Senior Center.
- We have received a request from Northland Cable to negotiate a new franchise. Councilmembers Johnson, Spohr, and Wilson will be on the committee.

Councilmember Caylor advised that he will be in Olympia on Wednesday to discuss with the Department of Transportation what their definition of a scenic byway is. Councilmember Dever reported that the Senior Center is negotiating paving their gravel parking lot.

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