

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
July 9, 2001

Mayor E R Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Eleanor Brodahl, Les Clemons, Don Derifield, Jeannie Ochoa and Kenneth Johnson. Absent were Leonard Lyon and Everett Cole. Also present were: Debbie Kudrna, Curt Andrews and Reuel Klempel, City Department Heads; and James Whitaker, City Attorney.

Council member, Les Clemons 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 Clemons/Ochoa.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2001.
- B. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses for June 2001.
- C. Approval of Warrants for June 2001.

Accounts Payable was audited and certified by the Auditing Officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080; and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that is available to the Council.

Expense Claim Check No. 23458 to No. 23593 in the amount of \$258,237.37.
Payroll Check No. 14522 to No. 14621 in the amount of \$162,889.91.

Council carried a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. M/S Clemons/Brodahl. Council member, Kenneth Johnson abstained from voting due to a payment to Johnson's Glass.

MEADOWLANE WATER ASSOCIATION – EXTRA TERRITORIAL AGREEMENTS FOR SEWER

The City Clerk, Debbie Kudrna stated that in March 2001, the Council had authorized the City Administrator to work out the details for sewer connections to property owners of the Meadowlane Water Association located on West Cunningham. She explained that the sewer line has been installed by the contractor, inspected by the city, with sewer tees installed to lots #13 through #25. Their contractor had installed a sewer main to the far east edge of lot #13. The Council was provided a sample Extra-Territorial Utility Extension Agreement, covenant running with the land and a power of attorney.

Council authorized the city staff to make corrections to the agreement as listed below:

1. Section 3.1 – remove the provisions that the city would provide water utilities. It was noted that their request is for sewer connections only.
2. Section 3.12 – remove the provision that the customers would be charged rates similar to customers located within the corporate limits. It was noted that the sewer rates might be amended to be a higher rate for outside of city limits.

They discussed the possibility that lot #25 would request connection to the sewer line at a later date. She explained that the contractor to the lot installed a sewer tee but there are negotiations at the present time regarding the sale of the property.

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Council carried a motion to authorize execution of the Extra-Territorial Agreements for the property owners at Meadowlane Water Association for sewer connections. This is conditioned upon the property owners agreeing to the changes in Section 3.1 and 3.12. This authorization is for lots #13 through #25 in Meadowlane Water Association. M/S Derifield/Johnson.

APPROVAL OF FIRST CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH CONSOLIDATED DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC. FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

The City Clerk presented the first contract amendment to the contract between the City of Othello and Consolidated Disposal Services Inc. (CDSI), which includes a CPI rate increase of 3.2% increase. She noted that the Finance Officer had reviewed the CPI rates for January 2000 and January 2001 and verified the 3.2% proposed rate increase and had also verified CDSI's proposed new rates based upon that CPI average. She reviewed the two new rates and their proposed schedule of costs. The first is a turn around compactor rate of \$90.00 per service, which shall be in addition to the pick up charge. The second new rate is a two-week rental of ½ of the minimum monthly rate for non-compacted drop boxes that are used by citizens for two weeks or less. There was some discussion regarding Consolidated's proposed turn around fee. It was noted that Consolidated's letter indicated that other service providers of the same type of equipment suggested the \$45.00 turn around fee for each turn, which is equal to the \$90.00 charge as proposed by CDSI.

Council carried a motion to approve the first contract amendment with Consolidated Disposal Services, Inc. including the new schedule of costs, effective July 16, 2001. M/S Johnson/Clemons.

TRAFFIC LIGHT UPGRADE

Public Works Director, Reuel Klempel reported that there is \$130,000.00 appropriated in the budget for upgrade of the city's traffic signals on Main Street. He proposed to make improvements to the lights in order to bring them up to current standards. These improvements include: new walk and don't walk signals, which will be the same at every intersection; changing some of the lenses to a 12 inch lens; and purchasing LED lenses, which are more economical and are guaranteed for five years use. He reported that the estimate to do these upgrades is approximately \$90,000.00, which would allow funding for labor costs.

Council's consensus was to proceed with the traffic light upgrades as proposed by Mr. Klempel.

PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF POLICE CHIEF

Mayor Kelley appointed the following committee to be involved in the Police Chief selection: Council members, Leonard Lyon, Donald Derifield, Eleanor Brodahl; City Administrator, Bill Shaw and himself.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council member, Johnson reported that the Council Committee to discuss the consolidation of the City and County Fire Departments would meet on July 17th, 2001 with Mr. Haworth, the consultant to discuss the consolidation of the two departments.

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Mayor Kelley commended Mr. Johnson on the fireworks display and the Public Works Department for cleaning up and picking up the trash after the 4th of July events in Lions Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kelley congratulated Tri-City Herald reporter Shirley Wentworth for her recognition for criminal justice reporting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Kelley adjourned the regular city council meeting at 8:00 p.m.

E R KELLEY, Mayor

ATTEST:

DEBBIE L KUDRNA, City Clerk