

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
July 10, 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, Jeannie Ochoa and Kenneth Johnson. Also present were: Curt Andrews, Debra Travis and Debbie Kudrna, City Department Heads; William Shaw, City Administrator; Michael Wyman, representing James Whitaker, City Attorney; and Mike Neer, Pacific Land Design.

Council Member Kenneth Johnson 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 Payroll and Related Expenses for June, 2000.
- B. Approval of City Council Minutes of June 26, 2000.
- C. Approval of Warrants for June, 2000.
- D. Changes to Council Minutes of January 11th, 1999; February 8th, 1999; April 12th, 1999; and June 14th, 1999.
- E. Set Public Hearing on Cable Service and Future Cable Needs for August 14th, 2000, 7:00 p.m.

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. 21868 to No. 21994 in the amount of \$141,340.48.
Payroll Check No. 13398 to No. 13495 in the amount of \$151,042.74.

Council Member Lyon abstained from voting due to a payment to A & L Supply. Council carried a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. M/S Cole/Clemons.

ANNEXATION REQUEST FROM P J TAGGARES CO.

The City Council received a Notice of Intention to commence annexation proceedings from Janet Taggares representing P J Taggares Company. This included a portion of Farm Unit 74 located north of Lee Road and a portion of Farm Unit 75 located west of McManamon Road, Block 46, Columbia Basin Irrigation District. Mr. Andrews noted that this annexation request is timely due to the grant funding that the City has recently received for improvements to Lee Road. The grant funding has to be used for streets inside the City limits and with this annexation it will make it appropriate for the use of this funding. He explained that annexing this property will allow the City to "pre-process" Industrial sites to help attract investments to our community.

Council carried a motion to accept the Notice of Intention regarding annexation filed by Janet Taggares representing P J Taggares Company. The area will accept the indebtedness of the City and will be subject to the City's Comprehensive Plan and zoning regulations. Council authorized staff that a petition be signed by at least 60% of the landowners of this area and directed the zoning issue to the Planning Commission for consideration of appropriate zoning. M/S Ochoa/Cole.

APPROVAL OF WEIBLE FINAL PLAT

City Administrator, Bill Shaw reported that the final plat process has been completed, contingent upon receiving the signed covenant for future street improvements and that a title search be completed verifying ownership of the property. He recommended that the Council approve the Weible final plat contingent upon receiving the covenant and title search.

Mike Neer, representing Pacific Land Design requested approval of the final plat. He reported that the property closing will coincide with the Council's approval of the plat that is before them.

Council carried a motion to approve the Weible final plat with the contingency that the plat administrator will sign the final document when all of the required documents have been received and accepted by him. M/S Ochoa/Clemons.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2000 BUDGET

Finance Officer, Debra Travis provided a memo, which outlined the proposed amendments to the 2000 budget. She reported that the amendments are necessary because of funding that has came in or is expected to be received by the City that were not anticipated when the 2000 budget was originally adopted by Ordinance No. 1044.

Council carried a motion to adopt AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2000 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF OTHELLO AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1044. M/S Cole/Lyon. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1067.

NEW BUSINESS

City Administrator, Bill Shaw had proposed that the August Workshop be formatted like a mini-retreat in order for Staff and Council to discuss current projects such as: planning, water and sewer issues, future Library services, and future annexations, etc. He noted that a discussion for planning for drilling additional water wells would also be necessary. Mr. Shaw explained that a recent problem with Well #7 has resulted in the staff turning down the production of that well to produce only 2/3rds of its normal production. Public Works staff has been assessing the situation of Well #7 and preliminary reports is that there may be plugged screens that will need to be repaired at an estimated cost of \$100,000.00. He reported that they will continue to run the well at a lower capacity during the summer season anticipating repairing the well in the early fall. Further discussion was held regarding this proposed Workshop and it was decided to schedule this for Tuesday, September 5th, 2000 beginning at 5:30 p.m., which will allow the City Department Heads to prepare the information needed for extensive discussions.

Mayor Kelley reported that effective immediately he has issued a moratorium on all permitted fires within the city limits through July 31st, 2000. This is due to limited personnel available to respond to fire calls, hazardous and dry conditions and the hot weather. He will assess these items on August 1st, 2000 with Assistant Fire Chief Swartz to decide if the moratorium will be lifted or continued.

Mayor Kelley announced that he and Bill Shaw will be attending an Eastern Washington Water Summit Conference on Thursday and will report back to the Council on that discussion. A Resolution was presented to the Council regarding support of the Endangered Species Act Recovery and Land and Water Resource Management. This will

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be a discussion item during the upcoming summit and Mayor Kelley asked Council to adopt the Resolution as presented.

City Council adopted A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT BALANCED AND EFFECTIVE APPROACHES FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT RECOVERY AND ASSOCIATED LAND AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. M/S Ochoa/Cole. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2000-14.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - REAL ESTATE

The City Council adjourned into an executive session to discuss real estate at 7:42 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes. Council reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

Council Member Derifield voiced concerns of noise enforcement in residential areas. Mayor Kelley asked that this be directed through the Police Department.

City Administrator, Bill Shaw reported that the City has received approximately 50 applications for the Fire Chief position. Council Member Kenneth Johnson will help with the initial review of the applications and Council Member Eleanor Brodahl will be included in the interview process.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Kelley adjourned the meeting of July 10th, 2000 at 8:15 p.m.

E R KELLEY, Mayor

ATTEST:

DEBBIE L KUDRNA, City Clerk