

City of Othello  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 8, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Shawn Logan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, Genna Dorow, Corey Everett, Angel Garza, Larry McCourtie, John Lallas, and Mark Snyder.  
**Also Present:** City Administrator Wade Farris; Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Police Chief Phil Schenck, Community Development Director Travis Goddard, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna, Finance Officer Spencer Williams and City Attorney Kelly Konkright.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Manual Martinez, 1425 E Fern Street, advised that he runs the soccer league and manages 28 soccer teams and spoke about his concern that they cannot currently play soccer in Lions Park. He suggested moving the field around or shortening the fields. He advised that there were contracts entered into with the soccer groups and they paid for the use of the field. Public Works Director Terry Clements noted they do not have a contract with Manual Martinez and only have three contracts with soccer teams. Public Works have replanted areas in the soccer field and utilized the Interlocal agreement with the School District and moved the games to schools; they have closed the fields at Lions Park. It was noted that the public cannot access the fields at Wahitis School and there are no lights at the Hiawatha field. Public Works has made several attempts to move the goals, added fencing, stakes and caution tape, and those have been disregarded or removed by the teams. Mr. Clements explained that they have to schedule soccer and ballfield tournaments for use of the areas. Council asked Mr. Martinez to cooperate with the City if we moved the fields to a different location in the park. City Administrator Wade Farris agreed to move the field stakes to shorten the fields; however, if they are moved or removed by the soccer players, the field will be closed again. Mr. Martinez stated that the soccer league only uses the fields on the weekends and asked if the goals could be locked during the week and unlocked for the weekends. They asked Mr. Martinez and the soccer players, that if they see anyone mis-using the soccer field, to only ask them to leave, or call City Hall or the Police Department. Mr. Martinez stated that the soccer league gets booted off the fields when the youth baseball games and adult leagues are scheduled. Mr. Farris noted that the City needs to schedule all of the uses of the fields to work cooperatively together.

Council carried a motion to approve the agenda. M/S Garza/Dorow.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of July 25, 2016
- B. Approval of City Council Workshop Council Minutes of August 1, 2016
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- D. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses
- E. Resolution to Accept Donations
- F. Resolution to Surplus Equipment

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.

Accounts Payable Check No. 46997 to No. 47043 in the amount of \$95,231.30.

Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 30004 to No. 30079 in the amount of \$421,296.81.

Council carried a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. M/S Dorow/Lallas.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A LATECOMERS AGREEMENT FOR THE MAIN STREET WATER MAIN**

Mayor Logan opened the public hearing at 6:54 p.m. Community Development Director Travis Goddard explained that property owners affected by the latecomers agreement were notified in writing about the public hearing. He noted that this has not been discussed with the council committee and they can delay approving the ordinance. He explained that when Well #9 was constructed, the City extended the water main to tie the well into the City's water system. He reviewed the properties that could eventually connect to this water line, as listed in the proposed ordinance. Some of the properties are outside the city limits. There is not a time limit on the City latecomers agreements; however, there is a time limit for private latecomers agreement per State RCW's.

Mr. Goddard advised that the latecomers fees are not immediately due upon assessment and only become payable upon being sold and development of the property. These connection fees are also in addition to other connection, tap, and/or facility charges that would be due. Councilmember Lallas stated that this is one cost associated to connecting to the water system and there is also a connection fee cost based upon the size of the line. He voiced his concern that the City was double dipping. Mr. Goddard explained how the costs were calculated for only the water main costs. It was noted no one from the properties advised of the public hearing were in attendance. However, he did receive one phone call from one property owner and their only comment was that it only becomes due when the property is sold and developed.

Councilmember Everett asked why we're only charging the adjacent property owners when all of the community is benefiting. Mr. Goddard explained that the current users paid for the well and the pump house and not the pipe. It could be argued that the only reason we needed the additional well was because of new development and an existing rate payer should not pay for the system expansion. There was further discussion about the need for the new well and infrastructure and about charging for the water main and the connection fees. Mayor Logan asked that this be discussed further with the council committee.

Mayor Logan called for public testimony in support of the proposal. There was none.

Mayor Logan called for public testimony neutral to the proposal. There was none.

Mayor Logan called for public testimony in opposition to the proposal. There was none.

Mayor Logan closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING OMC SECTION 12.16.287(F) TITLED WATER AND SEWER SERVICE AND RATES**

This agenda item was taken off the agenda.

**FINALIZE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

Finance Officer Spencer Williams reviewed the budget committee meeting schedule.

**CONSOLIDATED DISPOSAL SERVICES INC. CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

Councilmember Corey Everett abstained from the discussion because he works for Consolidated Disposal. Finance Officer Spencer Williams reported that according to the terms of the contract with Consolidated Disposal Services Inc. (CDSI) for garbage collection services, the contract rates are subject to adjustment per the CPI, every two years. This increase is for the rates CDSI charges the city; not the rates the city charges our customers. The CPI average of the last two years is .65% and this will increase the annual charge to the city less than \$3,000. He advised that our city garbage rate ordinance covers a three year period through Dec 2017. Due to the fact that this increase is so small, there is no need to revisit the city rates until the 2018 budget season.

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Council carried a motion to authorize the City to sign the contract amendment to adjust CDSI's rate schedule. M/S Dorow/Snyder.

**AWARD CONTRACT TO CENTURY LINK**

City Administrator Wade Farris advised that this was previously discussed with Council about re-evaluating our telephone services. Mr. Farris advised that the solution our IT manager has proposed is to bring in a new land base, internet line dedicated for our telephones through a contract with Century Link.

City Attorney Konkright explained that in the governing law provision, we want to make sure its Washington State that applies. Their contract does not provide for that and any disputes will be handled in Colorado Supreme Court; however, he does not think it needs to be changed.

Our current monthly charge is \$828 and this new line will save us approximately \$358 per month. There will be a \$400-\$700 charge for the delivery and cut over of a new line.

Council carried a motion to approve the contract with Century Link. M/S Dorow/Lallas.

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE A WATER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF OTHELLO**

Mayor Logan advised that we recently held a Water Summit and he then read the Resolution into the record. Councilmember Lallas asked that any future water plans be considered by the Council, including what direction the city will pursue.

Council carried a motion to approve the Resolution to Endorse a Water Plan for the City of Othello. M/S McCourtie/Everett. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2016-22.

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER**

City Clerk Debbie Kudrna reported that our official newspaper, The Othello Outlook provided notice that July 28, 2016 was their final publication. We called for bids and accepted those up to 12:00 p.m. on August 5, 2016. We received two bids as follows:

- The Columbia Basin Herald \$8.15 per single column inch
- The Sun Tribune \$8.15 per single column inch

Council carried a motion to approve the Resolution to award the official newspaper to the Sun Tribune. M/S Dorow/Garza. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2016-23.

**RESOLUTION TO CREATE A POCKET PARK AT MADERA STREET AND CEMETERY ROAD**

Community Development Director Travis Goddard advised that at the intersection of Madera Street and Cemetery Road. There are three existing walking trails that meet at this intersection. This piece of property was deeded to the City as right-of-way. He proposed that a rest bench and shade be placed at this property. This property is within the comprehensive plan as an area in need for a park. No improvements to the storm swale would be necessary. Mayor Logan noted that if Council creates the park, we will have to name it.

Council carried a motion to approve a Resolution to create a pocket park. M/S Dorow/MCCourtie. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2016-24.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING OMC TITLE 5 TITLED "HEALTH AND SANITATION"**

Community Development Director Travis Goddard explained that Code Enforcement refers to OMC 5.20 when they investigate potential vegetation violations. The proposed ordinance prohibits all noxious weeds, whether they are dead or alive, even if they are less than 12" in height.

Council carried a motion to approve the ordinance amending OMC 5.20.030 for noxious weed control. M/S Everett/MCCourtie. This shall be known as Ordinance No.1475.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Councilmember Snyder asked what curfew would be imposed on the new park. Mr. Goddard noted that technically, the park is within the County.

Councilmember McCourtie stated he contacted the owner of the property next to the walking path near Palos Verdes and the weeds should be mowed and sprayed soon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:45 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEBBIE KUDRNA, City Clerk