

City of Othello  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 10, 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 Caylor, 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/Caylor.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of July 27, 2009
- B. Approval of City Council Workshop Minutes of August 3, 2009
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- D. Approval of Payroll for July 2009

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. 37108 to No. 37164 in the amount of \$ 120,079.98.

Payroll Check No. 25928 to No. 26011 in the amount of \$ 264,591.48.

Council carried a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. M/S Johnson/Snyder.

**AUTHORIZING ACTION FOR WALK PATH - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Mayor McKay introduced Eagle Scouts Callen Andersen and Michael Gerber. Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness advised that the two Eagle Scouts have asked the City if they can place improvements along the city walk/bike path. The Scouts advised they are going to install four exercise stations along the walk path, beautify the areas where the exercise stations, are and will install a sign at the path, which will detail out the entire walking path. Councilmember Caylor stated that he will meet with the Scouts tomorrow to discuss the Coulee Corridor plans for the walk path. The scouts asked for volunteers and for funding to help with their project. They asked if the City had any funds to appropriate towards this project. Mayor McKay advised that the City doesn't have funding currently appropriated, but to keep them advised of their project. Mr. Sheldon asked that the Eagle Scouts provide a list of the volunteers to be included in the City's L & I report.

Council carried a motion to authorize Callen Andersen and Michael Gerber to move forward with their plans to make the improvements to the walk path, as presented. M/S Caylor/Wilson.

**WELL #6 UPDATE**

Jay Van Ness, Public Works Municipal Services Coordinator provided copies of the letter to the Department of Ecology (DOE) relevant to the proposed rehabilitation plan for Well #6. Kevin Lindsey, from GSI Water Solutions, Inc. recapped the hydrology of Well #6. He advised that the letter will include all of the data necessary for DOE to consider the proposed action to rehabilitate the well and reduce the fluoride concentrations. Through the well testing process, they found that that most of the water production is from the lower half and there is water production throughout the hole. They found high fluoride concentrations at 930-950 feet below ground surface (bgs) and low and moderate concentrations of fluoride below and above that point. The target is to keep the well production up and reduce the amount of fluoride below 4 mg/L. The letter proposes two specific actions to rehabilitate the well. The first is to obtain authorization to seal off the mid section of the well (between 915-930 feet bgs) that has high fluoride intervals. They believe that the fluoride levels will then balance out and predict that we could lose one-third or more water production by sealing this portion of the well. The second action that we're asking DOE to approve is for a variance for the liner and screen. He explained that the liner and screen does not meet the current requirements in the Washington Administrative Codes. The stainless steel liner

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is in good condition, not degrading nor causing a public health or environment issue. Mr. Lyndsey advised that if DOE does not approve sealing the section of the well, then it would not be necessary to ask for the variance on the liner and screen. Larry Julius, Gray & Osborne, advised that the funds paying for the well construction is from the economic stimulus grant funding through CDBG. Mr. Van Ness stated that if DOE doesn't approve the rehabilitation program, it could still be used as an emergency water source.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT 2009 OVERLAY AND SPORT COURT PROJECT**

Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness advised we entered into a contract with Central Washington Asphalt in April for the street overlay, construct a new basketball court, and overlay the sport courts. The projects are complete. He advised there is some water puddling on the tennis courts, but it is not on the play areas. There is also some puddling on the south end of the basketball court and Public Works is working on that issue. It was noted that the new basketball courts do not have lights and was not included within the project.

Council carried a motion to adopt a RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2009 STREET OVERLAY AND SPORT COURT PROJECT. M/S Snyder/Johnson. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2009-17.

**RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT**

City Clerk Debbie Kudrna presented a resolution to surplus various office equipment and outdated computer equipment. The majority of the items will be transferred to Property Room to be sold online and the old monitors will be recycled. She explained that all hard drives will be taken out of the computers.

Council carried a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OTHELLO, WASHINGTON DECLARING SURPLUS OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT. M/S Dever/Wilson. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2009-18.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Wilson asked if the City's contractor sprays the weeds along the walk path. Mr. Van Ness stated he did spray one time this year and they'll look at it again. Councilmember Spohr explained that the gas bill for the month of July for the pool was \$5,700. He suggested that we be more prudent running the pool next year. Mayor McKay asked that we compare this cost with last year's. Mr. Sheldon advised that pool participation is low and seems to decrease towards the end of the season. Councilmember Brodahl asked if it's possible to get a thermal liner to regulate the temperature. Mr. Sheldon advised that the chemicals are supposed to keep the pool warm. Mr. Van Ness explained that there is cool water put into the pool when they back flush and refill it.

Councilmember Johnson advised there is an ACDC meeting in Othello this Thursday. Mr. Sheldon advised ACDC is hosting a golf tournament on August 26. It was announced that Fiesta Amistad is this weekend. Councilmember Dever stated he has received complaints about the weeds in the vacant lots by Auto Zone. He also asked if there is a settling problem on Broadway from the sewer lift project. Mr. Van Ness stated that the contractor has been notified and they are trying to figure out how to get adequate compaction. Councilmember Caylor reported a dip in the road by McCain Foods.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, Mayor McKay adjourned the Council meeting at 7:34 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANNON MCKAY, Mayor

ATTEST:

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