

City of Othello  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 25, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Shawn Logan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested that Councilmember Eugene Bain lead the meeting prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, Genna Dorow, Corey Everett, Angel Garza, Kenneth Johnson, John Lallas, and Mark Snyder.

**Also Present:** City Administrator Wade Farris; Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Police Chief Phil Schenck, Finance Officer Spencer Williams, City Planner Darryl Percy, Receptionist/Clerk Rebecca Perez-Ozuna and City Attorney Katherine Kenison.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Corrine Field, Mid-Columbia Library Othello Branch, gave a brief overview of the Summer Reading Program. She explained how their program works and the prizes that people are able to receive depending on the amount of books that they read. Ms. Field also named some of the local companies in town that contribute prizes for children and adults to receive.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of August 11, 2014
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Set Public Hearing on the CDBG Grant Funding for the West Moon Street Sewer System Improvements

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. 44305 to No. 44357 in the amount of \$120,055.68  
Accounts Payable Check No. 5095 to No. 5118 in the amount of \$2,390.09

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

**APPOINTMENT OF SGT. DAVID REHAUME TO ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF**

Police Chief Phil Schenck, commented that this is his third week at the Othello Police Department; his first time presenting and that one of the pleasures is the staff he has the opportunity to work with. Chief Schenck mentioned that Sergeant Rehaume has been a great help and has done a great job for the City. Chief Schenck requested that Sergeant Rehaume be promoted to Assistant Chief, noting he is very capable of being the right hand man in the department.

Mayor Shawn Logan, presented a Ribbon of Honor and Accommodation Award to Sergeant David Rehaume for his outstanding service as Acting Chief of Police from March 7, 2014 through August 11, 2014.

Council carried a motion to APPOINT SERGEANT DAVID REHAUME AS ASSISTANT CHIEF. M/S Dorow/Bain.

Police Chief Schenck allowed Mrs. Rehaume to pin the newly appointed Assistant Chief David Rehaume, with his new Assistant Chief Shield. Newly Appointed Assistant Police Chief David Rehaume thanked all present for their support.

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**FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR PALO VERDES**

Councilmember Garza requested to be excused during this discussion, due to a conflict of interest in the matter. Mayor Shawn Logan excused Councilmember Angel Garza.

City Planner, Darryl Piercy, commented that the City received a request from the applicant of Palo Verdes Plat/PUD for a Final Plat approval. The application for a Major Plat/PUD was approved by the Hearing Examiner and issued an approval of the Preliminary Plat/PUD, subject to conditions. City Planner, Darryl Piercy, explained the process to approve the Final Plat and mentioned after several months of review, the applicant has demonstrated fulfillment of the required conditions set by the Hearing Examiner. Mr. Piercy recommended the approval of Palo Verdes Final Plat/PUD Approval.

Mr. Piercy mentioned there were a few unique characteristics of the plat that were of the overall approval process. One in particular was the transfer of a piece of property into the City of Othello; this transfer of property has been already taken place. Mr. Piercy also commented that the other outstanding items which were listed on the agenda memo, with the exception of the final review of the mylar's, have also been completed. Added was the statement that the City Engineer has already reviewed the mylar's and there is a correction that needed to be made. The mylar's have been sent back to the original engineer to have them corrected and Mr. Piercy mentioned they feel comfortable bringing the matter back before the council once corrected. Also the bond currently held in place is primarily for the completion of the sidewalk system, where the applicant is required to provide curb, gutter and sidewalk on both sides, as required per city code.

City Planner, Darryl Piercy, stated that in regards to the sidewalks, it was determined the sidewalks would be installed as each individual lot is being developed, due to the plat having a lot of custom built homes and would be difficult to determine where the certain aspects will go. Councilmember Lallas asked "why is it not possible to make rolling curbs so that they could be completed ahead of time?" Mr. Piercy commented there was a number of reasons why, however primarily the decision was made based upon the recommendation of the City Engineer who did not feel that rolling curbs adequately serve the City's needs in term of long term maintenance requirements. He also commented that Public Works believes that the plowing efforts will be enhanced by having standard curbing.

Councilmember Snyder ask "does he have a certain amount of time to complete the plat improvements?" Mr. Piercy mentioned that the bond in place is a 2 year bond. He also commented that the applicant would need to come back to council after those 2 years, if they choose to or were not able to complete the tasks to ask for an extension and provide a new bond or complete the project at that time. There was further discussion between Council and Mr. Piercy regarding the construction of sidewalks in the plat.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT/PUD FOR PALO VERDES AND  
AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE FINAL MYLAR UPON COMPLETION OF  
THE FINAL ENGINEERING REVIEW AND RECOGNIZE THE TRANSFER OF THE LAND TO  
COMPLETE THE OVERALL PLAT. M/S Johnson/Dorow.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

City Finance Officer, Spencer Williams, gave a brief explanation of how our budget process works and mentioned when the budget committee meetings are expected to begin.

City Administrator, Wade Farris, gave an update on Well #9 drilling indicating that they have surpassed the contracted point of 952 ft. They had planned to pump test the well once they reached 1100 ft. but upon advice from the water expert and well driller, they suggested the City continue to drill and attempt to tap into the Grande Ronde Aquifer. The city is currently at 1080 ft. as of last Friday afternoon and has entered its 4<sup>th</sup> water bearing zone.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:58 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**REBECCA PEREZ-OZUNA, Receptionist/Clerk**