

**City of Othello  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 9, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Tim Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:**

Mayor Tim Wilson

**Councilmembers:**

Kenneth Johnson

Ken Caylor

Genna Dorow

Dan Dever

Mark Snyder

Eugene Bain

Charles Garcia

**Staff:**

Finance Officer Spencer Williams

Police Officer Sean Anderson

Interim City Clerk Nacelle Heuslein

City Attorney Katherine Kenison

City Engineer Larry Julius

**ROLL CALL**

The Mayor declared all Councilmembers present.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

There were none.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council carried a motion to accept the agenda as presented. *M/S Snyder/Bain*

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**3.1** Approval of City Council Workshop Minutes of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

**3.2** Approval of City Council Minutes of August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**3.3** 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 reviewed by the Council audit committee and is available to the Council. Approval of Accounts Payables Check #43043 through Check #43097 in the amount of \$ 172,636.66.

**3.4** Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses Check paid 8/30/2013 - Check #28464 thru Check #28524 plus EFT in the amount of \$286,114.46.

**3.5** Set Public Hearing for Revenue Sources for October 7, 2013

**MOTION:** Council carried a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. *M/S Johnson/Garcia*

**4. CURRENT BUSINESS**

**4.1** Consideration of pursuing a Professional Services Agreement for the position of Contract Lobbyist and Government Relations Consultant.

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**Finance Officer Williams** stated Scott Cave recently discussed his services with the Council as a lobbyist and governmental relations consultant. Mr. Cave provided a professional services agreement for Council's consideration. Mr. Cave, President of S.C. Communications, will perform lobbying services, as well as community relations, media relations and other related communications consulting work as directed by the City Administrator and Mayor. His rate is \$100 per hour billed on the half-hour and includes all costs for administration, benefits, wages and overhead and may cost the city between \$8,000 and \$12,000 per month. Fees would be paid out of the fund benefitting from his services.

**The Council** concurred this would be of benefit to the City as did City Engineer Larry Julius. Councilmember Bain didn't disagree the city needed something like this, but thought the council should do their due diligence and perhaps check out other lobbyists. Upon a question by Councilmember Garcia, the Mayor informed him that Scott Cave could handle up to four (4) accounts at one time.

**City Attorney Kenison** wanted to make some revisions to the professional services agreement as well.

**MOTION:** **Council carried a motion to table this item until the September 23, 2013 Council meeting so the attorney can modify the professional services agreement and staff can check with other local cities to gather information regarding lobbyist services. M/S Dever/Garcia**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Councilmember Caylor** commented about setback issues and fence issues discovered when he was touring the city. The Mayor requested he meet with Darryl Piercy the City's Planner to discuss these problems.

**Mayor Pro Tem Johnson** commented on how great the improvements were at the Public Works Building.

**Councilmember Dever** suggested selling the Ceremonial Scissors to the Chamber of Commerce.

**Mayor Wilson** stated the City needed to get information out about the Sales Tax increase on the ballot for November. The City Attorney suggested the City take the lead since there wasn't a revenue stream for the TBD. Council concurred.

**MOTION:** **Council carried a motion to direct staff to prepare information on the TBD's Sales Tax Increase measure for the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 election. M/S Dorow/Snyder**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**7.1 Executive Session - Possible Litigation**

**Mayor Wilson** adjourned the Regular Council meeting at 7:34 p.m. to go into an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency, litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency." The executive session was expected to last 20 minutes. No action was taken during the executive session.

**Council** reconvened their Regular Council meeting at 7:56 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the Council meeting at 7:55 p.m.**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TIM WILSON, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**NACELLE J. HEUSLEIN, CMC, Interim City  
Clerk**