

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
September 14, 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 Dever/Johnson.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of August 24, 2009
- B. Approval of City Council Workshop Minutes of September 8, 2009
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- D. Approval of Payroll for August 2009
- E. Set a Public Hearing on an amendment to the 2009-2014 Six Year Street Plan for September 28, 2009
- F. Set Public Hearing on the City's Revenue Sources for Monday, October 5, 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. 37225 to No. 37294 in the amount of \$289,768.63.

Payroll Check No. 26012 to No. 26132 in the amount of \$270,787.08.

Council carried a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. M/S Wilson/Caylor.

USE OF SOCCER FIELDS IN KIWANIS PARK

Mr. Sheldon advised that the Council has studied the soccer game issues at Kiwanis Park twice. Mr. Parrish had originally asked that the City provide a storage structure for their soccer goals. Staff suggested that they store their goals in a non-used corner of the park. Mr. Sheldon explained that the City's insurance company would support that project, with some type of liability exclusion. Mr. Parrish had also asked Council to authorize use of Kiwanis Park for youth soccer. Mr. Sheldon advised that the City has never received complaints relevant to the use of the park. He explained that the definition of "passive park" was a Park Board definition, and was never an action of the Council. Letters were sent to all of the property owners adjacent to Kiwanis Park advising them of the recent request and inviting them to this meeting. Mr. Bert Parrish advised that they are asking for a spot to leave their soccer goals for the youth soccer group.

Public comments were received from Mr & Mrs Raun Jensen; Janice Farley and Laura Cooper. Mayor McKay explained that he knows there is not sufficient parking at any of the parks. Councilmember Spohr questioned whether Council should change the policy of Kiwanis Park as a passive park. Councilmember Wilson stated that he is wondering how to keep Kiwanis Park as a passive park and still allow youth soccer. He stated that Council could adopt a rule to allow youth soccer for one day at restricted hours. Mr. Parrish advised that they play Tuesday's and Thursday's 5-6 p.m. and Saturday's. Mayor McKay advised he would like to support the past Park Board's desire for Kiwanis Park to be a passive park and believes there would not be a problem allowing the youth soccer league play. Councilmember Wilson asked if the soccer parents could be asked to not park in the residential areas. Councilmember Johnson stated that he doesn't mind allowing the youth soccer leagues use the park, the only issue was storage for their goals, and agreed that parking is an issue. Councilmember Dever noted that they have used the park for soccer for approximately 6 years. He believes that the past park board members would support youth soccer games on a limited basis in the park. Councilmember Caylor understands the

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property owner's side of the issue and supports the use on a temporary basis and supports not allowing more organized sports in the park. He agreed that the parking issue needs to be discussed further. He also suggested that the park hours be adjusted to close earlier than 11:00 p.m. Mayor McKay suggested that the Council approve the continued use for a year and discuss it next year to see how it's going. Councilmember Brodahl stated that there are adults practicing soccer in Kiwanis Park and is concerned of how the City would limit the use to the youth soccer. Councilmember Johnson asked staff to set up vehicle counters at the entrances into Kiwanis Park. Councilmember Spohr noted that he has received comments about the organized soccer games in Kiwanis Park in the past. He stated that the Council has the authority to define a passive park or to set rules for use of the parks.

Council carried a motion to acknowledge the original wishes of the park board designating Kiwanis Park as a passive park; allow the youth soccer in March, April, September, and October on Tuesday's and Thursday's 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. and on Saturday's 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.; allow the youth soccer teams to store their soccer goals in an agreed upon location; address the parking issues, and revisit this issue again in one year. M/S Snyder/Wilson. Councilmembers Dever and Brodahl cast opposing votes.

Mr. Raun Jensen introduced Phong Le, the exchange student from Vietnam.

CONTRACT WITH ALL AMERICAN PROPANE

City Planner Darryl Piercy presented an agreement with All American Propane for a 10-year payment plan for the \$7,823.18 water connection fee. He stated that the Adams County Health Department is going to allow the type of a sewer system, as was requested by Mr. Start. Municipal Services Coordinator Mr. Van Ness noted that the main connection fee was developed to be applied to developments that front the 16" water main. He explained that developments west of Buck Commercial Plat will not be charged for the water main fee, unless they front South Broadway and connect directly to the 16" water main installed by the City. Councilmember Caylor stated that the City installed the 16" water main and there was not an issue of upsizing to accommodate future needs.

Council carried a motion to approve the 10-year repayment agreement for the \$7,823.18 water main connection fee with All American Propane. M/S Caylor/Johnson.

ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION OF COMMERCIAL DISTRICT DESIGN STANDARDS

City Planner Darryl Piercy presented the ordinance relevant to commercial design standards, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Council carried a motion to adopt AN ORDINANCE REPEALING OTHELLO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14.10 ENTITLED "SIGN CODE" AND ADOPTING CHAPTER 14.30 "COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS", CHAPTER 14.57 "LANDSCAPING" AND CHAPTER 14.58 "SIGNS". M/S Dever/Snyder. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1298.

ORDINANCE TO MODIFY SITE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS

City Planner Darryl Piercy presented the ordinance that would implement the commercial district design standards, as recommended by the Planning Commission. It provides for a site plan review process.

Council carried a motion to adopt AN ORDINANCE REPEALING OTHELLO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14.40 ENTITLED "SITE PLAN PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS AND ZONE CHANGES" AND ADOPTING CHAPTER 14.49 "SITE PLAN REVIEW". M/S Wilson/Johnson. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1299.

EXTRATERRITORIAL AGREEMENT WITH ADAMS COUNTY PARK DISTRICT #1

City Clerk Debbie Kudrna explained that the City received a request from Adams County Park District #1 to receive city water and sewer services in January 1999 to the location known as

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Taggares Park. The water service is for two restrooms and they use irrigation water for the park. The Park District also asked for the connection fees to be waived and a decision was made by the Council on February 8, 1999 to not waive those fees. In July 1999, an agreement was entered into to transfer the title to a piece of property within the park to the City for a future well site. Those details were followed through; the water and sewer connection fees were paid, and a utility account was set up as of July 2001. However, the extraterritorial agreement was never presented to the Council and we have not filed an agreement with Adams County.

Council carried a motion to approve the extra territorial utility extension agreement, covenant running with the land, and power of attorney for water and sewer services with Adams County Park District #1 for Taggares Park. M/S Johnson/Caylor.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009 BUDGET

Finance Officer Mike Bailey explained that the Centennial Committee had presented a request to help fund a portion of their brick fundraising project. He presented a budget amendment to cover the projected and overrun costs in the amount of \$7,000.

Council carried a motion to adopt AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF OTHELLO AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 1282. M/S Wilson/Snyder. Councilmember Spohr cast an opposing vote. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1300.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor McKay asked staff to research options for additional parking at Kiwanis Park and signage. Councilmember Johnson asked if the camera system at Kiwanis Park has been effective and whether we should install more cameras. Chief Dunnagan stated that it has been an asset and all four cameras are in use. Councilmember Johnson suggested more cameras and it was noted that extra lighting would be beneficial.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor McKay adjourned the Council meeting at 8: 14 p.m.

By: _____
SHANNON MCKAY, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk