

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, 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.

Absent was: Councilmember Angel Garza.

Council carried a motion to approve the absence of Councilmember Angel Garza. M/S Snyder/Lallas.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to approve the agenda. M/S Bain/Snyder.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of September 12, 2016
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Set Public Hearing on Revenue Sources for 2017 for October 3, 2016
- D. Interlocal Agreement with Othello School District
- E. Fire Department Generator Acceptance
- F. Change Order #10 – 14th Avenue Improvement Project
- G. Change Order #11 – 14th Avenue Improvement Project

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. 47160 to No. 47216 in the amount of \$488,336.21.

Accounts Payable Check No. 5339 to No. 5358 in the amount of \$2,305.49.

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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – DEBBIE KUDRNA 30 YEARS

Mayor Logan presented a plaque of appreciation to City Clerk Debbie Kudrna for 30 years of employment with the City of Othello.

ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATION

Community Development Director Travis Goddard advised that Avista Energy Corp can receive up to 80% of the installation cost for the expense to construct an electric car charging station. Staff has worked with Avista to identify a viable site for the charging station and the City Hall parking lot was determined to be the most advantageous site at this time.

The station needs to be close to a power source so the plan would be to take two parking spaces at City Hall near 5th Street (each station has 2 charging nodes). Avista would bore under the grass to the power box and connect to power. It is estimated that the cost to the City would be between \$1,000 and \$1,500 and the City would also be responsible for the electric bill for the station. Avista is also researching whether there is a better location for the charging station.

Council's consensus was for staff to proceed discussing this project with Avista.

INTRODUCTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT RFP CONTRACT

Community Development Director Travis Goddard reported that the City received \$24,000 of CDBG funds to update our critical areas ordinances. A portion of that grant money is earmarked for technical support from a consulting firm. Staff called for proposals, held interviews and recommends that we select AHBL to be our primary consultant for the work. The dollar threshold is below which normally triggers the need for a contract; however, because CDBG funds are involved, a contract is required in order to qualify for reimbursement. Mr. Goddard advised that staff is reviewing the boilerplate contract submitted by AHBL.

WASHINGTON TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION EMPHASIS GRANT AGREEMENT

Police Chief Schenck explained that the purpose of this agreement is to provide funding for the Othello Police Department to conduct traffic safety emphasis patrols in support of "Target Zero". The training is available for impaired driving, seat belt, and distracted driving patrols and refunds officer's overtime hourly rates for each type of emphasis.

Council carried a motion to approve the Interagency Agreement between the Othello Police Department and the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission. M/S Lallas/Everett.

VOLPENTEST HAMMER FEDERAL TRAINING CENTER SERVICE AGREEMENT

Police Chief Schenck explained that this agreement allows members of the Othello Police Department to utilize the "Volpentest Hammer Federal Training Center". The training covers an Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC). The cost is \$403.28 per day to use the center.

Council carried a motion to approve the agreement between the Othello Police Department and Volpentest Hammer Federal Training Center. M/S Dorow/Snyder.

CALL FOR BIDS FOR SEWER AND IRRIGATION IN COLUMBIA STREET

Community Development Director Travis Goddard noted that these projects were reviewed by Council before and staff has continued to discuss this with Olsen Homes, Garza Enterprises and DDM to work out the details. Olsen Homes has incorporated this into their development projects for Sagestone 8, 9, and 10 and DDM has a copy of the dedication deed to be reviewed by their attorney. We are obtaining the signed easement from Garza Enterprises.

Public Works has identified this as an opportunity to bring irrigation water in 14th Avenue south to Columbia Street. Staff's desire is to add irrigation "purple pipe" in Columbia Street and has agreed to provide the developer of Sagestone 8, 9 & 10 with purple pipe, in return for having it installed within their subdivision. The developer has agreed. The exact costs for these improvements are being calculated as the designs are finished and the water/sewer committee will review them before the project can be bid.

Council carried a motion to authorize staff to proceed with the preparation of documents to put the necessary utilities in Columbia Street out to bid. M/S Dorow/Lallas.

ORDINANCE AMENDING OMC SECTION 12.16 REGARDING SEWER CONNECTION FEES AND CREATING A SEWER LATECOMERS CODE

Community Development Director Travis Goddard explained this was brought to the Council last month and there was an inquiry about the cost for water connections for industrial users. This section has not been completely resolved; however, staff is considering establishing a cost for larger water connections for industrial users, instead of using the formula currently in the code. Mr. Goddard advised that the owner of the Waterhole 17 is desiring to build more development and they need to know what the sewer latecomer costs will be for their property; therefore, he asked the Council to consider adopting the ordinance relevant to sewer latercomers fees.

City Attorney Konkright advised that Washington laws allows cities to impose latecomers fees for sewer connections.

Council carried a motion to adopt An Ordinance Amending Othello Municipal Code section 12.16 Titled Water and Sewer Service and Rates. M/S McCourtie/Dorow. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1478.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Officer Williams rescheduled the parks and recreation budget meeting to October 14th at noon. Budget meetings will begin later this week. Councilmember McCourtie thanked Public Works for improving the entrance into City Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – REAL ESTATE

Mayor Logan announced that the City Council will adjourn at 7:03 to go into an executive session pursuant regarding real estate. The executive session is expected to last 15 minutes.

Mayor Logan reconvened the council meeting at 7:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:14 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE KUDRNA, City Clerk