

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 Johnson/Snyder.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of September 14, 2009
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks

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. 37296 to No. 37351 in the amount of \$164,733.38.

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

COLUMBIA BASIN DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE PRESENTATION

Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness explained that the City has made payments to the Columbia Basin Development League since 2004, whether it was the \$300 annual service fee or the \$6,000 contribution. Sean McGrath Executive Director of Columbia Basin Development League gave an overview of the organization's projects. Their main focus is to help the Bureau of Reclamation complete the Columbia Basin River Management Program. He reiterated that the Odessa Aquifer is rapidly depleting and they will complete their study on this water issue in 2011. They are also working on the Potholes Supplemental Feed Route Project which will convey water through Crab Creek into the Potholes Reservoir. They are also working on the Baken Siphon Tunnels project at I-90 to deliver water into the southern project areas. Mr. McGrath asked for the City's financial support of \$6,000 plus the \$300 membership fee. Mayor McKay advised that for the past two years, the City has paid the \$300 annual membership fee. He explained that all of the money raised is used for lobbying and educational purposes for the projects. Mr. McGrath advised that they share information with the Ground Water Management Association. Mayor McKay recommended the Council support their effort.

Council carried a motion to approve the \$300 membership and \$6,000 contribution for 2010. M/S Caylor/Wilson. Councilmember Spohr cast an opposing vote.

GRANT AGREEMENT DEPT. OF COMMERCE – WELL #6

Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness advised that the City received a grant of \$312,000 for the rehabilitation of Well #6 from the Department of Commerce (CDBG). He stated that we are still waiting for a design approval for the rehabilitation of the well from the Department of Ecology. He explained that the project cost was from an engineer's estimate and the City will have an additional \$25,000-\$30,000 expenditure.

Council carried a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant agreement with the Department of Commerce. M/S Dever/Snyder.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE WELL #4 PROJECT

Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness explained that Well #4 had a pump failure earlier this year. The contractor completed the project by June 22, 2009. The issue was turned into the City's insurance company receiving \$27,000 and expect an additional \$8,000 more for repayment. The new pump has a two-year warranty.

Council carried a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION ACCPETING THE WELL #4 PROJECT. M/S Wilson/Caylor. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2009-19.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PARK HOURS

City Administrator Ehman Sheldon explained that the Council heard public testimony regarding sport activities and storing soccer goals in Kiwanis Park. As a spin-off of that conversation, there was also discussion about the need of additional parking for park activities and about the hour of closure of Kiwanis Park. He presented an ordinance which provided that Kiwanis Park would be closed between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and shall be closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Mayor McKay supported the proposals and stated that the Council will be reviewing options for additional parking at Kiwanis Park at the workshop.

Council carried a motion to adopt AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OTHELLO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 11.24 ENTITLED "CLOSURE OF CITY PARKS". M/S Johnson/Snyder. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1301.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor McKay read into the record the Proclamation Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day - October 8, 2009.

Councilmember Spohr noted had several questions relevant to the financial report; Finance Officer Mike Bailey will respond in writing to his questions.

Mayor McKay made the following announcements:

- A Natural Gas Summit meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on October 28th at City Hall.
- An audit entrance briefing is scheduled for Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
- The 2010 budget committee calendar had been presented to the Council and Mayor McKay asked for any changes to accommodate the Council's schedules.
- The Adams County Library District has signed an agreement with Mid Columbia Library District.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor McKay adjourned the Council meeting at 7:45 p.m.

By: _____
SHANNON MCKAY, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk