

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
September 28, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Shawn Logan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Councilmember Garza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Angel Garza, 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, Community Development Director Travis Goddard City Clerk Debbie Kudrna, Finance Officer Spencer Williams and City Attorney Kelly Konkright.

Absent Was: Councilmember Eugene Bain.

Council carried a motion to approve the absence of Councilmember Bain. M/S Johnson/Lallas.

CITIZEN INPUT

Eric Perez, 620 Rose Drive spoke to council about a problem in his neighborhood at the Rose Place apartments. This includes excessive speeding; walking through yards; not respecting their neighborhood; hazardous driving; littering, loud music after 10:00 p.m. and neighbor property values are declining. He provided two solutions to the Council for consideration. Councilmember Johnson advised that the property owner is Jon Warling. Police Chief Schenck asked for time to look into it; he noted there are other options to correct the issue. He advised that the property owner works with the police department through the crime prevention housing program. Mayor Logan stated that we would look into this issue.

Larry McCourtie, who lives on Catalpa Street, advised that they had their first block party last week. Since then, a police officer noticed their garage door was open and he stopped to make sure everything was O.K. He said that he appreciated that an officer noticed it and stopped.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of September 14, 2015
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Set Public Hearing on Revenue Sources for 2016 for October 5, 2015

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. 45762 to No. 45801 in the amount of \$157,269.59.

Accounts Payable Check No. 5224 to No. 5231 in the amount of \$3,204.25.

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

HAMPTON 14TH AVENUE C-1 ZONE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Logan opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. Community Development Director Travis Goddard reported that the City received a request from the R. A. "Bud" Hampton Trust to annex approximately 16.4 acres of property. He advised that the Council initially approved the annexation ordinance on July 27, 2015. This public hearing is required for completing the rezone for the annexed property. The property was given a "proposed" C-1 zone designation in the interim. No public comments have been received as a result of the public notices.

Mayor Logan asked for comments in support of the proposed zoning. No comments were made. Mayor Logan asked for comments neutral to the proposed zoning. No comments were made. Mayor Logan

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asked for comments in opposition to the proposed zoning. No comments were made. Mayor Logan closed public testimony and the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Council carried a motion to approve Ordinance No 1439 in its final form. M/S Lallas/Dorow.

PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH AUGUSTIN ALANIS

Community Development Director Travis Goddard advised that Mr. Agustin Alanis hired a contractor to place a sign at his business location at 601 S. 1st Avenue. The contractor began excavating the foundation and city staff recognized that no utility location had been requested. The contractor had the utility locations completed and in the process of getting a right-of-way permit, staff found that 11-feet of the 16-foot long foundation was within the city's right-of-way. Mr. Goddard advised that the license agreement includes an annual fee of \$50; the property owner is responsible for maintenance of the sign and the property owner must carry \$1 million in liability insurance for both the owner and the city. The agreement also authorizes the city to terminate the agreement within 30-days of notice and that the owner would bear the cost of removal, replacement or relocation. Mr. Goddard explained that the strip mall is zoned C-2 and the property owners' zone change request will be heard by the Planning Commission in October. Mr. Clements advised the City's right-of-way is 25' back from the sidewalk.

Council carried a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the license agreement. M/S Dorow/Lallas.

AWARD OF WELL #9 PUMP STATION

City Engineer Jesse Cowger reported that Schneider Water Services submitted a quote for the Well #9 pump station for \$543,125.09. The project includes constructing the building, piping, the chlorination system, site work and fencing. They reviewed the bid and found it in order. This quote is within the project construction estimates. The total for the complete Well #9 is \$775,000. Mr. Cowger reviewed a schematic of the pump house.

Council carried a motion to award the Well #9 pump station project to Schneider Water Services. M/S Snyder/Garza.

SMALL WATER SYSTEMS CONSOLIDATION FEASIBILITY STUDIES

City Engineer Jesse Cowger reported the City received grant funding from the Department of Health (DOH) Drinking Water Revolving Fund to study the feasibility of consolidating eight small water systems into the City's water system. The grant is approximately \$208,000. Mr. Cowger presented amendment No. 2015-005, with work to include inventorying the existing small systems; documenting existing deficiencies; defining options for connection to the City's system; estimating the cost of improvements, and estimating connecting these small systems to the City's system.

City Engineer Jesse Cowger explained that Council will use the water supply study from Aspect and will coordinate with staff to estimate the water use projections. They will produce schematic layouts to be used to estimate connecting these to the City's infrastructure. DOH provided funding to encourage consolidation of the smaller water systems. Mayor Logan noted that the property owners will have to cost share of any grant funding that we may apply for.

Council carried a motion to approve the Engineering Services Amendment 2015-005 – Water Systems Consolidation Feasibility Studies. M/S Dorow/Lallas.

RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS CONCESSION STAND ITEMS

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Molly Kisler presented a resolution to surplus food items that could not be returned for credit from the pool concession stand. She requested that Council surplus the concession items and authorize that they be donated to the Othello Food Bank.

Mrs. Kisler advised that we have the same amount of items that were left over last year. Preliminarily, there seems to be more sales of no tax items from the concession stand.

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Council carried a motion to approve the resolution to surplus the excess items from the Othello Community pool concession stand. M/S Dorow/Johnson. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2015-24.

CRIME PREVENTION FUND EXPENSE LINE FOR POLICE EXPLORERS

Police Chief Schenck explained that Council had previously approved the creation of the crime prevention fund and the vehicle impound ordinance. The crime prevention fund has grown to more than \$3,200 and is expected to continue to collect revenue from impounded vehicles. The Police Department has created the Police Explorer program and they currently have 23 youth in their program. The Police Explorer program has costs, such as dues, insurance and uniforms. Chief Schenck asked approval to transfer money from the crime prevention fund to purchase explorer uniforms; pay dues and insurance. The Explorers helped with the fair parade and the block parties this year.

Council carried a motion to transfer money from the crime prevention fund to purchase explorer uniforms; pay dues and insurance in the amount of \$2900. M/S Everett/Garza.

ORDINANCE TO CREATE 8.70 TITLED “FALSE ALARMS”

Police Chief Schenck advised that this ordinance will help curb the number of false alarms that the police officers respond to. Nearly 8% of the calls our officers respond to are false burglar alarms and in the first three quarters of 2015 they have responded to more than 260 false alarms. The Police Chief presented an ordinance which authorizes the city to bill property owners who have more than 3 false alarms within a quarter. Chief Schenck advised they would run a report every quarter and send out bills for \$25 per false alarm after the third false alarm. Chief advised they will provide information to our citizens and business owners.

City Attorney advised that the ordinance covers false burglar and fire alarms.

Council carried a motion to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OTHELLO ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 8.70 TITLED “FALSE ALARMS”. M/S Lallas/Snyder. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1442.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Officer Spencer Williams reviewed the budget committee meeting schedule.

Mayor Logan presented a plaque from WFOA for a Distinguished Budget Award to Finance Officer Spencer Williams. He expressed his gratitude to Mr. Williams for teaching them about the budget and the budget process and for the City meeting all of the State Audit requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:06 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE KUDRNA, City Clerk