

City of Othello  
Regular Council Meeting  
October 22, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Tim Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Tim Wilson; Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, Ken Taylor, Dan Dever, Genna Dorow, and Mark Snyder.

**Also Present:** City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: Finance Officer Mike Bailey, Public Works Director Terry Clements, Police Chief Steven Dunnagan, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Molly Klippert, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna, and new Finance Officer Spencer Williams.

Council carried a motion to excuse Councilmember Johnson. M/S Snyder/Bain.  
Council carried a motion to excuse Councilmember Garcia. M/S Dorow/Caylor.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of October 8, 2012
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Accept the 2012 Weed Spraying Contract

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 Claims for Check No. 41735 to No. 41784 in the amount of \$147,997.48.

Council carried a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. M/S Taylor/Snyder.

**CITY STAFF BUDGET REPORTS:**

- Overview of City Finances - Ehman Sheldon
- Finance Department - Budget/Benefit to City - Mike Bailey & Spencer Williams
- Building/Planning - Budget/Benefit to City - Darryl Piercy
- City Clerks Department - Budget/Benefit to City - Debbie Kudrna
- Police Department - Budget/Benefit to City - Chief Dunnagan
- Public Works - Budget/Benefit to City - Terry Clement
- Parks & Recreation - Budget/Benefit to City - Molly Klippert

The City Administrator gave a power point presentation regarding the City economic picture - past, present & future. The Department Heads presented information about their 2013 budget development and how each department benefits the City. They reviewed the line items in their budgets and identified their capital requests for 2013. Mayor Wilson advised that a lot of the reserve funds are earmarked for future projects.

Octaviano Salas asked whether we have seen an increase or decrease in youth gang activity. Chief Dunnagan advised that they see a decrease in people wearing gang attire and having a School Resource Officer in the Schools and in the city parks helps to deter youth crimes. Mr. Salas also asked if the city would consider an ice skate rink. Parks and Recreation Coordinator Molly Klippert advised that they have discussed this and they are going to research this further.

Mayor Wilson announced a 10 minute break at 7:37 p.m. He reconvened the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Sheldon explained the budget process for the remainder of the 2012 Council meetings.

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**COUNCIL 2013 BUDGET SUGGESTIONS**

The following suggestions and remarks were made by the elected officials:

**Councilmember Snyder:** Continue park purchase funding - \$50,000; allocate funding for a new fire truck - \$80,000 for six years.

**Councilmember Dorow:** Upgrade the sound system in the Council Chamber and purchase new chairs for the elected officials- \$2800 for the chairs; research use of a synthetic ice product that can be used for winter and summer skating and new wall boards to go around the rink.

**Councilmember Caylor:** Continue saving money for a skate board park and save more money for a community center; cover the pool or have a pool in a new community center for year-round use (just for discussion); develop the area between the railroad and canal between Elm and Scooteny Street to encourage new industrial business.

**Councilmember Dever:** Make an arrangement with the Othello School District for use of property for soccer fields; cover on the pool to use it year-round; look at other revenue sources for city services and save money for a new sewer plant.

**Councilmember Bain –** Suggested that if we're going to start charging a higher fee for baseball fields, we will need to improve the fields and facilities.

**Mayor Wilson** advised that a Beautification committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday at noon at the Othello Senior Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the Council meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk