

City of Othello  
Special Council Meeting  
October 22, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Shawn Logan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and Councilmember Everett led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, Genna Dorow, Corey Everett, Kenneth Johnson, and John Lallas.

Also Present: City Administrator Wade Farris; Department Heads: City Clerk Debbie Kudrna, Public Works Director Terry Clements and Finance Officer Spencer Williams.

Absent Was: Councilmembers Angel Garza and Mark Snyder.

Council carried a motion to approve the absence of Councilmembers Garza and Snyder. M/S Johnson/Bain.

**WELL #3 EMERGENCY REPAIRS**

Public Works Director Terry Clements reported that it has become apparent that there are major issues with Well #3. The druck has failed, which is used to determine water-table levels. The water-table levels have dropped in the well and without the druck, the well has sucked air a few times over the summer and this fall. When the well sucks air it can cause significant strain and possible damage to the bowls and pump.

Mr. Clements advised that the upper bearing for Well #3 has started to fail and the well is critical to the city's water supply and without it, the city water supply levels could be in serious trouble. To go out with a formal bid process would delay the immediate necessary repairs that the well is requiring. It takes approximately 6 weeks to go out with the formal bid process, which we feel the well pump motor and pump will not last. The longer we wait the more damage the pump and bowls will sustain and the more expensive the repairs will be.

During the time that Well #3 is down, we plan on operating Well #6, which should allow us to sustain current water levels for the time being.

The estimate that we have received to make the repairs on well #3 is approximately \$55,000. In the 2014 budget, we have \$65,500 in the well repair & maintenance line items and \$29,000 in the system improvements & rehabilitation line item.

Public Works employee Dan Quick provided more information on the status of Well #3. He noted that Well #3 has not been pulled for service in over 13 years. He recommended that they video the well hole to determine the necessary repairs.

Council carried a motion to approve the Resolution to declare the repairs on Well #3 an emergency. M/S Dorow/Lallas. This shall be known as Resolution #2014-30.

Mayor Logan advised there is a telephone conference with our water consultant scheduled for Friday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Special Council meeting at 1:15 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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