

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
October 26, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Shawn Logan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Councilmember Bain led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, Genna Dorow, Corey Everett, 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, and Finance Officer Spencer Williams.

Absent Was: Councilmember Angel Garza.

Council carried a motion to approve the temporary absence of Councilmember Angel Garza. M/S Dorow/Bain.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of October 12, 2015
- 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.

Accounts Payable Check No. 45861 to No. 45924 in the amount of \$167,918.21.
Accounts Payable Check No. 5232 to No. 5240 in the amount of \$2305.91.

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

NOEL – LAD IRRIGATION VARIANCE

Community Development Director Travis Goddard advised that Noel Communications has indicated that any future cost for undergrounding the cable that serves Lad Irrigation would be borne by Noel and Avista. He recommended that Council approve the requested variance. Councilmember Everett asked Noel's representatives about future maintenance of their utility lines and noted that there is a line in town that is sagging that has not been improved. Jim Schuler of Noel addressed Mr. Everett's concern and advised that the particular line will be corrected. He advised they are also inspecting their infrastructure and they will continue to improve their relationship with the City. Mayor Logan asked if there any comments for, against or neutral to the variance issue. Randy Gubler of Lad Irrigation advised that they are improving their operations for the Othello store and having a viable internet connect is critical.

Councilmember Garza arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Council carried a motion to approve the variance submitted by Noel Communications. M/S Johnson/Bain. Councilmember Everett cast an opposing vote.

TASER AGREEMENT

Police Chief Phil Schenck reported that the police department has a total of 16 tasers, which were purchased between 2008 and 2012. TASER no longer repairs the models that we own. Chief Schenck presented a contract with Taser International to purchase 17 new tasers. He noted that

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the 2012 models will be issued to Reserve Police Officers. The Taser Assurance Plan provides maintenance for 5 years, at which point Taser International will send us new devices at no additional cost. We will pay approximately \$3,500 per year after the original purchase for maintenance.

The cost for the new tasers is approximately \$17,563 plus tax, which is appropriated in the 2015 budget and we will budget \$3,500 per year for maintenance.

Council carried a motion to approve the purchase agreement. M/S Dorow/Snyder.

Mayor Logan announced an intermission at 6:16 p.m. and dinner was served. Mayor Logan reconvened the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Councilmember Dorow and Mayor Logan gave a report on the recent IACC conference.

DESCRIPTION OF CITY'S FUNDS/SOURCES

Finance Officer Spencer Williams reviewed the various city funds; what the funds can be used for, and the available dollars in each fund.

ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Finance Officer Spencer Williams reviewed the “red line”, discretionary budget requests in the administration budget. Council and staff discussed the red line, discretionary budget requests.

POLICE BUDGET

Police Chief Schenck reviewed department statistics to support the Police Department budget requests and reviewed the red line, discretionary budget requests.

PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET

Public Works Director Terry Clements reviewed information to support his “red line”, discretionary budget requests in the public works budget. Council and staff discussed the red line budget items.

PARKS BUDGET

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Molly Kisler reviewed the “red line”, discretionary budget requests in the parks budget. Council advised they had already approved the additional costs for the skate park.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:33 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE KUDRNA, City Clerk