

City of Othello
Regular Council Meeting
October 28, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Tim Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Mayor Tim Wilson; Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, Ken Caylor, Dan Dever, Genna Dorow, Charles Garcia, Kenneth Johnson and Mark Snyder.

Also Present: City Administrator Wade Farris and Department Heads: Finance Officer Spencer Williams, Public Works employee Dan Quick, Police Chief Steven Dunnagan, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Molly Klippert, and City Clerk Debbie Kudrna.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of October 14, 2013
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Set Public Hearing on the 2014-2019 Capital Facility Plan for November 11, 2013

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. 43219 to No. 43269 in the amount of \$587,447.38.

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

CITY STAFF BUDGET REPORTS:

Mayor Wilson advised that we have been working on the budget since August and have had 9 Council committee meetings to review it in its entirety. He announced that we have a balanced budget to present. He thanked the Department Heads and Councilmembers for their commitment to the budget meetings.

- Finance Department - Budget/Benefit to City - 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 – Dan Quick
- Parks & Recreation - Budget/Benefit to City - Molly Klippert

The Department Heads presented information about their 2014 budget development and how each department benefits the City. They reviewed the line items in their budgets and identified their capital requests for 2014. Councilmember Johnson asked for us to research leasing a copier instead of purchasing a new one. He also asked that we research leasing the concession stand out to another organization to operate.

COUNCIL 2013 BUDGET SUGGESTIONS

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

Councilmember Snyder: plan another well beyond Well #9; build another restroom in Lions Park, and allocate more funding for a park purchase.

Councilmember Dorow: build a skate park on the north side of Lions Park; update the elected official's laptops, noting she would support iPads.

Councilmember Caylor: continue to set aside money in reserve for a skate park and the community center (approximately \$25,000 for a community center), indicating to wait until City

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Hall is paid off in 2015 to consider building; in regards to hiring a lobbyist, it appears we weren't ready, but we should continue discussions about this project; he proposed appropriating \$35,000 for a lobbyist.

Councilmember Dever: noted that there is a City owned lot on Pine Street across from Lions Park for a skate park, and pave the alley between 3rd and 4th behind Pioneer Park to assist handicap accessibility.

Councilmember Bain: advised that he supports an upgrade to the Police Departments computer server.

Councilmember Johnson: supports building a skate park on the north side of Lions Park.

Councilmember Garcia: use some of the money set aside for a skate park for a new restroom in Lions Park.

Mayor announced the following:

- Union Negotiating committee meeting on Friday, November 1, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the Council meeting at 7:41 p.m.

By: _____
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk