

City Of Othello  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 24, 2000

Mayor E R Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Leonard Lyon, Eleanor Brodahl, Everett Cole, Donald Derifield and Kenneth Johnson. Absent were Les Clemons and Jeannie Ochoa was attending the Adams County Health Board meeting and arrived at 7:16 p.m. Also present were: Debra Travis, Debbie Kudrna and Curt Andrews, City Department Heads; William Shaw, City Administrator and James Whitaker, City Attorney.

Council Member Leonard Lyon led the opening invocation and Mayor Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Kelley requested agenda item 3-A, A Resolution Authorizing Kenneth Johnson to be a Member of the Volunteer Fire Department. Item 3 was changed to 3-B.

Council carried a motion to approve the agenda with the noted changes. M/S Cole/Johnson.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of January 10, 2000 Council Minutes.

Council carried a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. M/S Lyon/Derifield.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO BE A MEMBER OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

City Attorney, James Whitaker explained the state statute regarding authorizing a council member to also be a member of the Volunteer Fire Department and past experience with state auditors interpretation of this state statute.

Council carried a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER KENNETH JOHNSON TO BE A MEMBER OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2000-01. M/S Derifield/Brodahl. Kenneth Johnson abstained from the vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ZONE REQUEST AND ANNEXATION REQUEST FILED BY P.J. TAGGARES COMPANY**

There was a brief explanation of the Public Hearing process. The Public Hearing to receive staff and public input about the proposed zone request and annexation request by the P.J. Taggares Co. was opened at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Kelley. Mayor Kelley asked that anyone who had an objection to his participation or any other Council Members participation, to state so and to give the reason for the objection. There was none heard. Mayor Kelley asked if any Council Member had an interest in the property or issue. There was none heard. Mayor Kelley asked if the Council Members could hear and consider the matter in a fair and objective manner. The Council Members agreed. Mayor Kelley asked for the Council Members to place on the record the substance of any communication they may have had outside of the Public Hearing with opponents or proponents on the issue to be heard. There was none heard. Mayor Kelley reported that staff and himself had met with the P.J. Taggares Company regarding zoning and infrastructure needed in the area. Curt Andrews entered the following exhibits into the Public Hearing record:

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- Exhibit 1: Letter dated November 18, 1999 from the P.J. Taggares Company requesting annexation into the city limits and requesting that the land be rezoned to Industrial 2. It acknowledged that the City is working on a draft Comprehensive Plan and ultimately this will be zoned as Industrial 4. Mr. Andrews explained that Industrial 2 is heavy industry and Industrial 4 is a medium industry use and the proposed use of the property does comply with the Industrial 4 zone. The letter also agrees to the assumption of city indebtedness.
- Exhibit 2: A recommendation from Brad Risenmay, Chairman of the Othello Planning Commission, supporting and recommended the zone of Industrial 2 for this property.
- Exhibit 3: The legal description of the proposed annex property.
- Exhibit 4: Letter dated January 24, 2000 from Jerry Crossler, Adams County Assessor, which determined that the city had met the criteria required in RCW 35A.01.040 determination of sufficiency.
- Exhibit 5: The Urban Service Area and Utility Planning Map. Mr. Andrews noted that the site is included within the planning area and fits within the long-term growth plan.

Mr. Andrews explained that the parcel is at least 60% surrounded by current city limits and includes approximately 31 acres. The staff had modified the area to align the current city limits. This will include the first 400 feet of McMannon Road from the Lee Road and Broadway intersection and approximately 1500 feet east of the intersection of Lee Road. The main property owners of this annexation are AVISTA Corp. and P.J. Taggares Company, and they have both signed petitions for annexation.

Council Member Jeannie Ochoa arrived at this time and Mayor Kelley halted the Public Hearing to ask if she had any interest in the property or issue at hand. Mrs. Ochoa answered, no. Mayor Kelley asked if she could hear and consider this matter in a fair and objective manner. Mrs. Ochoa answered, yes. Mayor Kelley asked for her to place on the record the substance of any communication she may have had with opponents or proponents on the issue to be heard. Mrs. Ochoa answered that there was none.

City Administrator, Bill Shaw made a staff recommendation to zone the property as Industrial 2 and annex the property as described in the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Kelley requested any public testimony at this time. There was none. Mayor Kelley requested any comments or questions from the Council. There was none. Mayor Kelley closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

**ORDINANCE TO ANNEX THE LEE ROAD INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY**

Council carried a motion to adopt AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY, PURSUANT TO THE PETITION METHOD, ASSIGNING A ZONE CLASSIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF EXISTING CITY INDEBTEDNESS. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1050. M/S Ochoa/Cole.

**APPROVAL OF HAMLET EAST RE-PLAT NO. 1**

Mr. Shaw reported that a request had been received from Olsen Homes to re-plat lot 7 of the Hamlet East Plat. Council was presented the Hamlet East Re-plat and Mr. Shaw

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explained that it basically created two lots out of lot #7. Mr. Andrews reported that both lots meet the R-2 zone requirement.

Council carried a motion to approve the Hamlet East Re-plat No. 1 as presented. M/S Lyon/Ochoa. Council Member Don Derifield cast an opposing vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

City Clerk, Debbie Kudrna gave a brief report on Long-term Care Insurance for LEOFF I retired employees. She reported that the city had purchased three Long-term Care Insurance packages in 1989 for three retired LEOFF I employees. A fourth insurance policy has been secured for another retiree and the older three insurance packages had been reviewed, with recommendations to purchase additional Long-term Care Insurance coverage. Mrs. Kudrna reported that these four policies will be approximately \$13,410.00 annually and recommended postponing a budget amendment. It was noted that Long-term Care Insurance for LEOFF I active and retired employees may be discussed further during the Council Retreat.

City Administrator, Mr. Shaw updated the Council on the proposed annexation south of Bench Road. The Developer has discussed with staff extending a water line at Bench and Highway 24, south to front of Radar Trailer Court, to his undeveloped property. If this were pursued, the Council would discuss the annexation including the property known as Joe's Market, the Veterinary Clinic, Radar Trailer Court and the Bench Road, Highway 24 intersection. Other items to consider, would be allowing a water extension agreement, which would include future annexation. The City could consider requiring the Trailer Court to improve to city standards, issues of access onto Highway 24, responsibilities for the property such as police and fire and improvements to the intersection. Mr. Shaw also reported that Mr. Wells would have to petition the City to consider the annexation request.

The City Clerk reported the planning grant on the feasibility of a Community Center final report is available for Council to review.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member, Jeannie Ochoa reported the Adams County Health District is facing a \$40,000.00 reduction to their budget due to the passage of Initiative 695. To help with the budget reduction, the Health District Board decided to close the WIC services in Washtucna and the Adams County District Office in Othello will be closed on Friday's but will continue to have nursing services available. They are also considering rotating locations of the meeting.

Finance Officer, Debra Travis reported that the Teamsters Medical Insurance reported an increase for Medical Insurance of 17%, effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000. This will impact the city budget by approximately \$15,000.00. Council Member, Derifield requested that the staff research the availability of other medical insurance programs.

The City Clerk asked the Council if they would like to host a free dump day for lawn and vegetation debris this spring. The Council authorized the Clerk to proceed with this program.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Kelley adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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E R KELLEY, Mayor

ATTEST:

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DEBBIE L KUDRNA, City Clerk