

Mayor E R Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Leonard Lyon, Eleanor Brodahl, Les Clemons, Don Derifield, Jeannie Ochoa and Kenneth Johnson. Absent was Everett Cole. Also present were: Curt Andrews, Rhonda Miller and Debbie Kudrna, City Department Heads; William Shaw, City Administrator; and James Whitaker, City Attorney.

Council member Kenneth Johnson led the opening invocation and Mayor Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Kelley asked that the following items be added to the agenda:

1. a. Authorization to purchase property – USBR easement.
- b. Authorization to purchase property – Well #8 site.

Council carried a motion to approve the agenda with the two additions as announced by Mayor Kelley. M/S Ochoa/Clemons.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY – USBR EASEMENT

City Administrator, Bill Shaw noted that this is the right-of-way purchase from Taggares Company for approximately 1-acre for the amount of \$20,000.00. City Attorney, James Whitaker noted that the offer to purchase was needed to formalize the purchase arrangements.

Council carried a motion to authorize the purchase procedure for the USBR right-of-way from Taggares Corporation in the amount of \$20,000.00. M/S Clemons/Johnson.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY – WELL #8 SITE

Mr. Shaw clarified the purchase is for \$20,000.00 for the well site with that funding to come out of the water department. He noted that the \$20,000.00 for the right-of-way purchase would be out of the street fund and it will be included in our contribution toward the matching funds for the Lee Road Project.

Council carried a motion to authorize the offer to purchase the Well #8 site from the P. J. Taggares Company for \$20,000.00. M/S Clemons/Johnson.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes of March 26th, 2001.
- b. Approval of Payroll and related Expenses for March 2001.
- c. Approval of Warrants for March 2001.

Accounts Payable was audited and certified by the Auditing Officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080; and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that is available to the Council.

Expense Claim Check No. 23027 to No. 23172 in the amount of \$285,175.88.
Payroll Check No. 14253 to No. 14342 in the amount of \$166,971.96.

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

REFINANCING OF 1995 G.O. BONDS – MARTIN NELSON AND COMPANY

Finance Officer, Rhonda Miller introduced Jim Nelson of Martin Nelson and Company, Senior Municipal Underwriter. Mr. Jim Nelson addressed the Council regarding refinancing of the 1995 General Obligation Bonds from 2006 through 2015. Mr. Nelson noted that our current interest rate is now at 5.5% - 6.20% and with this refinancing proposal, he projected an interest rate of 4.54%. Mr. Andrews gave a full explanation of refinancing the bonds noting that it would just be for the time period of 2006 through 2015. He projected a savings to the city of \$79,735.00 and noted that this savings did include the financing cost of 2% and stated that there was no out of pocket expense to the city. Mr. Nelson explained the bond sale procedures and the procedure for refinancing and other general information regarding the process.

Council carried a motion to proceed with the refinancing of the 1995 General Obligation Bonds with Martin Nelson and Company. M/S Derifield/Clemons.

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – MAY 3, 2001

Mayor Kelley read into the record the proclamation for the National Day of Prayer.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MOSES LAKE FOR COMBINED POLICE TACTICAL RESPONSE TEAM

Police Chief, Bill McDonell explained that the interlocal agreement with Moses Lake would formalize the current working agreement for a joint Police Tactical Response Team. The Chief explained that this work force is already training together and a working relationship has been established regarding joint response.

Council carried a motion to adopt the interlocal agreement between the City of Othello and the City of Moses Lake regarding a combined Police Tactical Response Team. M/S Ochoa/Clemons.

STORMWATER DIKE & DITCH CONTRACT CONFIRMATION

Building Official, Curt Andrews presented the bid results for the Stormwater Conveyance Ditch Project noting that the low responsible bidder was Oasis International in the amount of \$77,282.89. Mr. Andrews noted that the Engineers estimate for this project was \$90,000.00.

Council carried a motion to award the small works roster Stormwater Conveyance Ditch Project to Oasis International, Inc in the amount of \$77,282.89. M/S Ochoa/Derifield.

J. R. SIMPLOT – PERMIT TO WORK WITHIN CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY

City Administrator, Bill Shaw noted that there has been discussion with J. R. Simplot Company about the company wanting to relocate a new waste water line prior to the city's Lee Road Project. He explained that Simplot has an existing waste water line that is buried under what will be the widened new addition of Lee Road and their concern was replacement of that water line at a later date. Simplot would like to start construction of a new waste water line that would cross Broadway and cross Lee Road in two points and run along the north shoulder of Lee Road to a point about 4300 feet east of the Broadway/Lee intersection. Mr. Shaw noted that the staff is currently working on a "Right-Of-Way Use Ordinance," which would set the provisions for occupying the city's right-of-way and fees for the use of the right-of-way. However, that has not yet been presented to

the Council and Simplot is ready to start this construction soon. A discussion was held regarding inspections by the city of their work and a charge for use of that right-of-way.

Council carried a motion to grant J. R. Simplot, Inc. a 20-year license to construct a waste water line in the city's right-of-way in the vicinity of Broadway and Lee Road and to agree to the following:

- Submit a traffic control plan for any work that will be performed that effects driving lanes.
- Provide compaction to all trench backfill sufficient to meet the approved plan.
- Aggressively continue to pursue completion of a use permit for this facility.

M/S Derifield/Clemons.

ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 918

The City Clerk explained that Ordinance No. 918 realigned certain boundaries of Lee Road and 14th Ave. She noted that with the recent annexation of this entire right-of-way, the provisions of this ordinance are unnecessary.

Council carried a motion to approve AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 918. M/S Clemons/Johnson. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1087.

ORDINANCE FOR FINANCING OF POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

Finance Officer, Rhonda Miller presented an ordinance, which would authorize purchasing two new police vehicles with financing offered through the State Local Option Capital Asset Lending (LOCAL) Program in the amount of \$45,738.62. She explained that the financing will be at a preliminary 4.5% interest rate for a three-year term, with funding to come originally out of the city's Utility Tax Fund and to be re-deposited when financing from the State is received in June of 2001. There was some discussion regarding the savings the city will receive for this financing option and Mr. Shaw noted that the savings would be approximately \$3600.00 for the two Police Department vehicles.

Council carried a motion to adopt AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OHELLO, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AND EXECUTION OF A FINANCING CONTRACT AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF SAID PERSONAL PROPERTY. This included authorization of the Mayor, E R Kelley; City Administrator, Bill Shaw; and Finance Officer, Rhonda Miller to be the authorized agency representatives for all documents regarding this financial package. M/S Lyon/Johnson. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1088.

RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

The City Clerk reviewed the resolution presented to the Council, which declared certain items surplus to the needs of the city. She noted that this was discussed during the Workshop but staff has included nine chairs that are located down at the Library and an Okadata OL-810 printer to the list. She noted that a tentative date has been set for a silent auction of the items for Saturday, May 5th, 2001. Staff had requested that Council allow them to negotiate selling the trophies to the Chamber of Commerce; the Jacobson Gang Mower and parts to the Adams County Park and Recreation District; and the 1977 International Dump Truck to the Othello Housing Authority. Council member, Brodahl voiced some concerns of surplussing the spot light, noting that it is used by several organizations throughout the year. Staff explained that the city could no longer guarantee

the workability of the spot light. They were also concerned about the electrical hazards and the staff time it takes to check the equipment out, receive it in and inspect it. The Clerk explained that all users of the spot light would be informed of the item being included in the surplus sell, hoping that one of the organizations would buy it and work cooperatively with the other organizations for use of this spot light.

Council carried a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OTHELLO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND DIRECT STAFF TO SELL THE ITEMS IN A COMMERCIALY REASONABLE MANNER, WITH PREFERENCE OF THE ITEMS DISCUSSED TO THE GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. M/S Derifield/Clemons. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2001-05.

RESOLUTION TO ISSUE A BUILDING PERMIT TO THE OTHELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Shaw explained that the School District is requesting a permit to build a restroom/concession stand at their new ball fields located south of Juniper Street. He noted that this is on unplatted land and current city provisions require the Council to authorize issuance of a building permit on such land. The resolution provided that the Othello School District will plat the land that is located between 4th Ave. and 7th Ave., and Hemlock Street and Elm Street in accordance with Othello Municipal Code 16.17, with the platting process to be completed no later than December 31st, 2001. The resolution also provided that the structure would not be placed closer that 33 feet from the centerline of Juniper Street. Mr. Andrews noted that this is in a residential zone and the School District is also requesting a permit to a place a scoreboard on the new baseball field.

Council carried a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS ON UNPLATTED LAND. M/S Johnson/Brodahl. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2001-06.

NEW BUSINESS

The City Clerk announced the Federal Census count for 2000 has been set at 5,847 for the City of Othello.

Council member, Brodahl requested that the City Council request a tour of the Port District Well Site in order to advise Council of options for cost reductions for future city wells. Mr. Shaw noted that after reviewing the Port plans of their well at Bruce, that there were several differences in construction and agreed that the Port District's plans were simpler than the City's Well #7 plans.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Kelley adjourned the Council meeting at 8:15 p.m.

E R KELLEY, Mayor

ATTEST:

DEBBIE L KUDRNA, City Clerk

