

City of Othello
Emergency Special Council Meeting
April 16, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Tim Wilson called the Emergency Special meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: Assistant Police Chief David Inks, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna, Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness and Public Works Supervisor Terry Clements.

Absent Was: Councilmember Marc Spohr.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mayor Wilson read into the record that the emergency meeting was called in short notice. Staff has taken all steps possible to notify the citizens and the press. It was determined at 3:30 p.m. yesterday that Council needed to meet at 1:00 p.m. today.

Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness advised on the current well capacity and production. He noted that Well #5 and #6 are currently not producing water. Well #5 is down and it is very possible it is not salvageable. When the column came apart, 29,000 lbs. fell down 200 feet and we are currently unable to retrieve it at this time. It's possible, the hole caved in. At Well #6, yesterday we experienced a steady reduction in pumping capacity from 3,100 gpm to 400 gpm. Staff has inspected the telemetry system; static and pump set levels and they are working properly. Staff believes that the screens are plugged on Well #6. We will have to pull the column; video the bore hole; clean the screens and inspect the pump bowls; purge the debris at bottom of the hole and reset the column. They have received an estimated cost, excluding the cleaning of the bottom of the hole for \$35,000 from Schneider Equipment and \$20,000 for Duncan Crane, for a total of \$55,000. The work will begin on Sunday. He explained that the work scheduled to be completed with the CDBG grant at Well #6 will not be included in this emergency repair. With Well #5 down, we can't have Well #6 down any longer than necessary. Our industrial plants have slowed down production to help us maintain sufficient water tables. We need to get Well #6 fixed and back on line; figure out the status of Well #5 and then complete the rehabilitation on Well #6.

City Administrator Ehman Sheldon advised that he met with McCain's and they have shut down a line to help with water conservation. Simplot also implemented water conservation measures. Mr. Sheldon stated that we have not lost water static levels, this is an emergency repair of Well #6. Public Works employee Dan Quick advised that he pumped Well #6 to waste last Thursday and brought it back on line Monday. They generally run Well #6 four times during the summer if it's on line to meet demand. We had good flow on Monday and then it started dropping it off in one day.

Council carried a motion to approve A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY AND DISPENSING WITH THE STATUTORY COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS. M/S Johnson/Caylor. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2010-08.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the emergency special Council meeting at 1:12 p.m.

By: _____
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk