

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Tim Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: Finance Officer Mike Bailey, Police Chief Steven Dunnagan, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna; and City Attorney Katherine Kenison.

Absent Was: Councilmember Marc Spohr and Charles Garcia.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of February 28, 2011
- B. Approval of City Council Workshop Minutes of March 7, 2011
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- D. Annual Loan Display Agreement for the T-33A Aircraft in Pioneer Park

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 Checks 39489 to No. 39552 in the amount of \$467,244.17.

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

SANDHILL CRANE FESTIVAL PRESENTATION

Dixie Fultz, Chairperson of the Sandhill Crane Festival gave a report on the festival activities. She thanked the Council for the City's assistance and for validating the crane festival. Registrations are coming in and tourists are already coming into town.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Ben Garcia from the USDA Rural Development gave a report on their single family housing, funding programs. He requested that the Council consider allowing the 502 home repair funding information to be printed on the city's utility bills.

BALLFIELD LIGHTING BID DISCUSSION

City Engineer Larry Julius reported that bids were received for the ball field lighting installation project as follows:

Prater Electric, Inc.	\$123,316.50
Shannon Industrial Contractors, Inc.	\$140,010.00
Dorsey Electric, Inc.	\$142,702.50

The engineer's estimate was: \$ 71,082.00

Mr. Julius advised that they have checked the references for the low bidder and they meet the contract criteria and recommended to award the contract to Prater Electric, Inc. Mr. Julius stated that there are several reasons for the engineer's low estimate and they believe this is a fair bid. Finance Officer Mike Bailey explained the funding scenario. He reported that the 2011 fund balance of \$88,507 carried forward into the beginning fund balance from 2010. He asked for the Council to appropriate \$130,000 for the project and to cover any contingencies. He noted they could use funding from the real estate excise tax. Mr. Julius reviewed the contractor's schedule, noting that the lights at Lions Park would be complete by the end of April.

Council carried a motion to award the bid to Prater Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$123,316.50. M/S Johnson/Dever. Councilmember Snyder cast an opposing vote.

OTHELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE AND PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

City Administrator Ehman Sheldon reported that the Othello School District has provided notice of and a petition requesting annexation of property into the city limits. The property is currently owned by the Othello School District and is approximately 40 acres. The legal description of the property is contained in the petition and is generally described as the property on the southeast corner of the intersection of 14th Avenue and Cemetery Road.

Council carried a motion to accept the annexation petition submitted by the Othello School District. M/S Dever/Dorow.

AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW MAYOR TO SIGN EASEMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Sheldon reported that city owned equipment for the operation of street signalization has been placed on privately owned property. The property owner has requested an easement to allow the continued operation and maintenance of the city owned equipment. The property is located adjacent to Main Street at the location of Johnson Glass and Doors LLC.

Council carried a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute an easement agreement with Johnson Glass and Doors, LLC, for an easement to allow for the placement, operation and maintenance of city owned equipment for street signalization. M/S Dever/Caylor. Councilmember Johnson abstained from this conversation, due to a conflict of interest.

RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY

Police Chief Steve Dunnagan presented the resolution to surplus old police equipment. He requested that the Council declare the items listed in the resolution as surplus.

Council carried a motion to approve A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OTHELLO, WASHINGTON DECLARING SURPLUS. M/S Dorow/Caylor. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2011-05.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING OMC SECTION 6.04.015 TITLED "NUMBER OF DOGS"

City Administrator Ehman Sheldon presented four separate ordinances. These proposed ordinances are to clear up the conflict of two current ordinances. He reviewed the ordinance limiting three dogs for each dwelling or lot. This ordinance also provided a provision for foster dog permits and grandfathering in those families that possess more than three dogs at the time of adoption. Mr. Sheldon clarified that the proposal allows for two foster dogs up to 60 days with a one-time 60-day renewal. If they wanted to exceed that time period, they could request authorization from Council for another extension. Ms. Kenison's recommendation was to eliminate the hobby kennel definition and still maintain the 3 dog limit. No action was taken.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OMC SECTION 17.09.420 TITLED "KENNEL"

Mr. Sheldon advised that this ordinance would be changed to not include a definition of a hobby kennel. It was clarified that Ms. Hunter would be allowed to license her eight dogs and she won't be classified as a hobby kennel. She acquired another dog and as of December, 2010 and she has not been able to license it. Mr. Sheldon stated that since the ninth dog was not previously licensed, and since the Council had set a moratorium on licensing no more than two dogs, she will not be able to license it (see later discussion). No action was taken.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING OMC SECTION 17.56.125 TITLED "USE OF PREMISES – KENNELS"

Mr. Sheldon advised that this ordinance is relevant to use of premises. The provisions about hobby kennels would be deleted. There was some discussion about the proposed annual fee and whether the dogs would have to be licensed. It was decided to impose a \$100 annual kennel fee and a regular business license. No action was taken.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING OMC SECTION 17.56.175 TITLED "RESIDENTIAL FOSTER DOG PERMIT"

Mr. Sheldon reviewed the proposed ordinance. No action was taken.

Arnett Hunter, 1221 E. Juniper explained that she has had the 9th dog for 6 months and asked that it be grandfathered in. It was noted that she already had the dog prior to the dog license moratorium. Council's consensus was to allow Ms. Hunter to license her 9th dog.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the Council meeting at 8:17 p.m.

By: _____
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk