

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Shawn Logan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, Genna Dorow, Corey Everett, Larry McCourtie, John Lallas, and Mark Snyder.  
**Also Present:** City Administrator Wade Farris; Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Assistant Police Chief David Rehaume, Community Development Director Travis Goddard, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna, Finance Officer Spencer Williams and City Attorney Kelly Konkright.  
**Absent Was:** Councilmember Angel Garza.

Council carried a motion to approve the absence of Councilmember Angel Garza. M/S Bain/McCourtie.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

There was none.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of November 28, 2016
- B. Approval of City Council Workshop Minutes of December 5, 2016
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- D. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses
- E. Change Orders for 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvement Project
- F. Acceptance of the Palos Verdes Development

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 Check No. 47453 to No. 47516 in the amount of \$204,788.75.  
Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 30233 to No. 30262 in the amount of \$334,097.16.

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

**MID-COLUMBIA LIBRARY REPORT**

Mid-Columbia Librarian Corrine Field gave some information about their employees and reviewed an annual report of their activities with a PowerPoint presentation.

**SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF 14<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

City Engineer Kurt Holland presented the certificate of substantial completion of the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvement Project. It was completed on time and approximately \$60,000 under budget. There is a checklist of items to complete when the weather allows. Councilmember Snyder noted that signage should be installed for the intersection heading north towards Scooteny, to indicate that the left lane is a right turn only lane. Public Works Director Terry Clements advised that he has signs to be installed for now. The striping will occur when weather allows. City Administrator Wade Farris advised that the stop signs will not be reinstalled at Ash Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The original reason there were stop signs at this location was to alleviate the traffic congestion around the school because of the school bus routes and limited access to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Now there are several new accesses onto 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and if the signs were reinstalled, we believe there would be more traffic congestion at this location for the majority of the day.

Council carried a motion to approve the certificate of substantial completion for the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvement Project. M/S Dorow/Everett.

**TIB FUNDING FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE**

City Engineer Kurt Holland reported that the City received TIB funding in 2015 and 2016 for 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue surface improvements for approximately \$1.626 million. The City's match for the upcoming project is approximately \$180,000. We will be able to complete improvements to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue from SR 26 to Spruce Street.

Councilmember Lallas advised that tonight, we are considering the engineering costs for the S 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Councilmember Dorow advised it's approximately \$15,000 less than they first anticipated. Mr. Holland reviewed the engineer's scope of services, in the amount of \$161,929. He noted this does not include the costs for the engineer's oversight during the project.

Council carried a motion to approve the engineer's scope of work as presented. M/S Dorow/Everett.

**SVZ-USA AGREEMENT**

City Engineer Kurt Holland reported that SVZ-USA, Inc. approached the City in 2015 about providing treatment at the City wastewater treatment plant for their industrial waste. The City staff, engineers and the City Attorney worked with SVZ in developing an agreement for continued use of the City's wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Holland reviewed some of the technical aspects of the agreement and noted the term is for a five year period. If SVZ discharges the maximum amount allowed, it could be \$15,000 per month of revenue to the City. It also includes that if there are capital costs to the City wastewater facility, SVZ would have to participate in those costs, based upon their impact.

Council carried a motion to approve the agreement between the City of Othello and SVZ-USA, Inc. M/S Lallas/Dorow.

**ADAMS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #5 REPORT**

Adams County Fire Chief Gary Lebacken reviewed the incident reports for January, 2016 through October 31 and the City summary report for the same time period.

**SRO AGREEMENT WITH OTHELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Assistant Police Chief Rehaume presented a two year agreement for the School Resource Officer services with the Othello School District. The terms include a 3% increase in compensation to the City for 2017 and 2018. He advised that we have a positive program with the School District.

Council carried a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for the School Resource Officer services for 2017 and 2018 with the Othello School District. M/S Dorow/McCourtie.

**OPERATING ENGINEERS UNION AGREEMENT**

City Administrator Wade Farris reported that they have completed negotiations with the Public Works International Union of Operating Engineers. It includes a 2% cost of living increase for the next two years and an agreement to purchase uniform shirts for the employees to indicate that they are city employees. Mr. Farris advised that we used "interest based bargaining" and did not use a negotiator and he and the Police Chief represented the City. Attorney Konkright advised he has reviewed the agreement.

Council carried a motion to approve the 2017-2018 collective bargaining agreement between the City of Othello and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local #280. M/S McCourtie/Lallas.

**RESOLUTION FOR WATER RATES FOR ADAMS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #1**

Finance Officer Spencer Williams advised the Council held public hearings at the last meeting for the water and sewer rates for Adams County Water District #1. The rates are the same as all customers outside the city limits.

Council carried a motion to approve the Resolution establishing water rates for the Adams County Water District #1 for 2017 through 2019. M/S Lallas/Dorow. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2016-32.

**RESOLUTION FOR SEWER RATES FOR ADAMS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #1**

Finance Officer Spencer Williams advised the resolution for sewer rates for the Adams County Water District #1.

Council carried a motion to approve the Resolution establishing sewer rates for the Adams County Water District #1 for 2017 and 2018. M/S Dorow/McCourtie. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2016-33.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING OMC TITLED "LANDSCAPING"**

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Amy Hurlbut advised that one of the requirements for Tree City USA is to implement a tree ordinance, which has been adopted. The contents of the new ordinance, in addition to OMC 14.57, complete the information required for the program acceptance. This ordinance amendment has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney. It includes that no trees shall be planted by the public within the City right-of-way.

Council carried a motion to adopt the ordinance to amend OMC 14.57 "Landscaping". M/S Snyder/Everett. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1487.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2016 BUDGET**

Finance Office Spencer Williams advised that throughout the year, City Council has approved adding items to the 2016 budget. He reviewed the specific amendments to the 2016 budget.

Council carried a motion to adopt the Ordinance amending the 2016 budget. M/S Dorow/Snyder. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1488.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Councilmember McCourtie asked why there were change orders for the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue project. Mr. Farris advised that we obtained new engineers after the original plans were developed by our previous engineers. They carefully considered whether new plans needed to be developed and it was decided to save the City money to use the original plans. However, there have been change orders as the project progressed. City Engineer Holland noted that the City's Finance Officer is well aware of the costs of the change orders and how those costs will be financed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Logan made the following announcements:

- Do we cancel the Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting?

Council carried a motion to cancel the December 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. M/S McCourtie/Dorow.

- The January workshop is rescheduled to Tuesday, January 3, 2017. City Hall is closed Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The City's Christmas dinner is this Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Eagles.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:37 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEBBIE KUDRNA, City Clerk