

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Shawn Logan called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and led an 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, Police Chief Phil Schenck, 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 excuse the absence of Councilmember Angel Garza. M/S Dorow/Everett.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of City Council Minutes of January 11, 2016
2. Approval of 2015 Accounts Payable Checks
3. Approval of 2016 Accounts Payable Checks

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.

2015 Accounts Payable Check No. 46231 to No. 46255 in the amount of \$93,872.93.

2015 Accounts Payable Check No. 5257 to No. 5257 in the amount of \$10.00.

2016 Accounts Payable Check No. 46256 to No. 46286 in the amount of \$61,622.43.

2016 Accounts Payable Check No. 5258 to No. 5262 in the amount of \$1,094.85.

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

DR. KWESI OSEI-BONSU, SISTER CITY DELEGATE OF WULENSI, NANUMBA SOUTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, GHANA, AFRICA

Mayor Logan announced that Dr. Kwesi Osei-Bonsu, Chief from our Sister City, Wulensi Africa was in attendance. Mayor Logan introduced former Mayor Shannon McKay, who then formally introduced Dr. Kwesi Osei-Bonsu. Mr. McKay gave some background about the sister city relationship. He announced that Dr. Kwesi Osei-Bonsu has been appointed Chief of Ghana Africa. Mr. McKay noted that he is working on a project to get more farming equipment to the sister city community. Chief Osei-Bonsu gave a report about his village and becoming a Chief. He listed the various items that could be used in his community for farming. Gifts between Mayor Logan and Chief Osei-Bonsu were exchanged. Mr. Tim Fought and former Mayor E. R. Kelley gave reports on their trips to Wulensi Ghana Africa.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND OMC SECTION 9.08.065 TITLED "RESTRICTED PARKING"

Police Chief Schenck reviewed the changes to the code, which includes changing the current penalty from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction. He explained that the current code provides parking restrictions, including a section of 1st Avenue. He explained that most of the restrictions in this code are in place to assist public works with snow removal and street cleaning. The proposal also

changes the designation of no parking up to the 1200 Block of Hamlet. Councilmember Everett reported that the restrictions of no parking on Main Street and 1st Avenue between 2 a.m. – 5 a.m. seem to be creating an inconvenience to our citizens and businesses. He asked that those restrictions be removed. Chief Schenck suggested a change to OMC 9.08.030 for street closures during the winter months (December – February) and change the parking restrictions for the remainder of the year. This proposal will be brought back to the Council on the consent agenda with these changes.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND OMC SECTION 9.12.060 TITLED “LOAD LIMITS”

Police Chief Schenck explained that specific references for load limits have been removed from this ordinance and it now refers to the Washington State Department of Transportation adopted load limits for state highways. The ordinance also allows temporary restrictions as needed to prevent damage to streets or alleys and/or allow repair projects. The proposed ordinance will also change the penalty from a misdemeanor to an infraction.

Council carried a motion to adopt an Ordinance of the City of Othello amending Section 9.12.060 of Chapter 9.12 titled “Load Limits”. M/S Dorow/Everett. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1462.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND OMC CHAPTER 9.32 TITLED “SPEED LIMITS”

Police Chief Schenck advised that staff have prepared changes to this code section including making our street signage match our ordinance provisions and increases the speed limit from 25 mph to 30 mph on Main Street from the western city boundary to the start of the 35 mph zone identified by code.

Chief Schenck and the School District have addressed the issue of children crossing Main Street in inappropriate areas and the High School kids seem to be using the crosswalks now. Councilmember Snyder stated he is not in support of changing the speed limit to 30 mph on Main Street for several reasons. Councilmember Everett suggested that Broadway Avenue should be 35 mph from Hwy. 24 to the north city limits. The City Attorney advised this new suggestion be brought back to Council in ordinance form.

Council carried a motion to adopt this speed change ordinance. M/S McCourtie/Dorow. Councilmember Snyder cast an opposing vote. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1463.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Logan made the following announcements:

- Council received Department Head reports.
- The Chamber of Commerce annual banquet is scheduled for February 19th.
- Thursday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. a legislative reception will be held at the Capital Building in Olympia to honor legislators in Washington.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:28 p.m. A reception was held.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE KUDRNA, City Clerk