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**CALL TO ORDER** Planning Chairman, Larry McCourtie, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. October 15, 2012.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Chairman Larry McCourtie, Terry Thompson, Clair Lackie

Absent: Rex Robbins

Staff: City Planner, Darryl Piercy and Planning Secretary, Trisha Tolley

Quorum Established.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 16, MEETING**

Minutes of July 16, 2012 are approved without discussion M/S Thompson/Lackie.

**Public Hearing Regarding the Placement and Regulations of Medical Marijuana Collective Gardens**

Chairman Larry McCourtie opened the Public Hearing at 6:09 pm and asked if there was any public discussion. With no discussion from the public the Public Hearing was closed at 6:09 pm.

Darryl Piercy, City Planner stated that the City Council has taken a number of steps to place a moratorium on the placement on Collective Gardens for the purpose of cultivating medical marijuana. We are now currently on the third, six month moratorium which will expire in February 2013. The City Council has asked the Planning Commission to concise the issue and prior to the expiration of the current moratorium, move forward with the recommendation on how the city should proceed with the issue. The three options in front of the Planning Commission are to allow for Collective Gardens with the outline and guidance that's provided for under state law, and not impose any city regulations or restrictions for the placement of those gardens. The second option would be to adopt rules and regulations within the zoning code that would limit the placement of the Collective Gardens and provide a series of regulations for the control of those gardens in the city limits. The third option would be to prohibit them all together in the city. The safest route to protect us from law suits is to adopt option two with rules and regulations and limited placement. The other approaches have some exposure from a legal stand point, if a group wanted to challenge the city for not complying with the state law.

Chairman McCourtie told the Planning Commission members that they could let the City Council know they recommend that any Marijuana Gardens grown in the City of Othello be prohibited. M/S Thompson/Lackie

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no other business at hand Chairman Larry McCourtie asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting, the next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2012. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm. M/S Lackie/Thompson

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trisha Tolley, Planning Secretary

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