

RESOLUTION NO. 98-11

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY AND
DISPENSING WITH THE STATUTORY COMPETITIVE BIDDING
REQUIREMENTS

RECITALS:

1. The City of Othello is a code city operating under the authority of RCW 35 A,
2. The city, under RCW 35A.11.020 has:

"...any authority ever given to any class of municipality or to all municipalities of this state..."

The city has the authority to commence a public work without complying with the statutory bid requirements in an emergency situation under the authority given by RCW 35.22.620(6) and other Washington law.

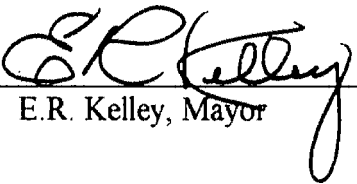
Well No. 5 suffered a failure of the pump, pumping shaft and possibly well casing within the well. The costs of repair of Well No. 5 are expected to exceed the authority of the city to obtain those services by solicitation or quotation. The repairs will involve the custom fabrication of a new pump to be used in Well No. 5, the long lead process involves six weeks or more to complete, once the extent of necessary repairs or replace is determined. Other aspects of the repair will require the removal of the pump, pump shaft and inspection and possible repair of the well casing. Without Well No. 5, the city is without any back up to its water system to meet the needs of the city for potable water, industrial processing water and fire flows. The loss of Well No. 5 creates an emergency condition for the citizens of Othello. The delay in the repair of Well No. 5 by complying with the statutory bid requirements could result in water shortage.

RESOLVED:

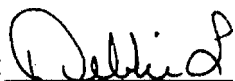
1. An emergency exists since the loss of Well No. 5 from the city's water system creates a shortage of water for fire flows, potable water needs and industrial processing water. This area is now experiencing extreme hot conditions, making an additional demand on our water system. In the event another well within the water system should fail at this time, Othello is without adequate sources of potable water to permit the continued consumption of water at or even near current levels. An emergency exists and it is imperative to return Well No. 5 to service as quickly as possible to insure an adequate water supply in the event of a fire or other large water demand.

2. Because an emergency exists, under the laws of the State of Washington, the statutory bid requirements are waived for repairs to Well No. 5.
3. Quote packages shall be sent to contractors in the area that are capable and qualified to perform this public work. Contractors shall have a limited time to respond. The Mayor is authorized to approve the contract immediately after the quote opening and inform the City Council of the execution of the contract.

ADOPTED by the City Council on the 10th day of August, 1998.

By: 
E.R. Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
Debbie L. Kudrna, City Clerk

VOTES TAKEN:

AYES: Cole, Brodahl, Clemons, Derifield, Ochoa, Garza

NOES: None 1