

RESOLUTION NO. 2012- 19

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 35A.
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. . . “
3. 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.
4. Well No. 6 suffered a major failure of the pump, resulting in a severe vibration of the shaft within the well. The costs of repair of Well 6 are expected to exceed the authority of the city to obtain those services by solicitation or quotation. The repairs will involve the grouting of the hole, sanitizing the hole, cleaning of the shaft, installation of the shaft and connection to the motor, and testing of Well 6. The procedure is a long lead process involving weeks to complete. Without Well 6, the city is without any back up certified for ongoing potable water use to its water system to meet the needs of the city for potable water, industrial processing water and fire flows. Without the water supplied by Well 6, the city cannot meet all its contracted potable water delivery obligations under full demand. The loss of Well 6 creates an emergency condition for the citizens of Othello. The delay in the repair of Well No. 6 by complying with the statutory bid requirements could put off the replacement well into the summer high water demand season.
5. There are sufficient unexpended monies available for well repairs by means of interfund loans or fund reserves.


**Resolved:**

1. An emergency exists since the loss of Well 6 from the city's water system creates a shortage of water for fire flows, potable water needs and industrial processing water. 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 6 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 6.
3. This emergency condition of Well 6 was discovered during repair work on the Well. 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 either with the current vendor or after the quote opening and inform the City Council of the execution of the contract.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Othello, Washington this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

By:   
Kenneth Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

By:   
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk