

City of Othello
Special Council Meeting
September 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Shawn R. Logan called the Special Council meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Shawn R. Logan: Councilmembers: Genna Dorow, Corey Everett, Angel Garza, John Lallas and Larry McCourtie.

Also Present: City Administrator Wade Farris, Public Works Director Terry Clements, City Clerk Rebecca P. Ozuna and Finance Officer Spencer Williams

Absent were: Councilmembers Eugene Bain and Mark Snyder

Council carried a motion to excuse the absence Councilmembers Eugene Bain and Mark Snyder. M/S Lallas/Garza.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

WELL #3 EMERGENCY

Public Works Director Terry Clements mentioned that on August 26th, 2017 Well #3 failed, gave a brief overview of the status of Well #3, when the last repairs were done and also mentioned the insurance has been contacted and stated that the deductible is \$10,000. Schneider Water Services were called to help make a determination on what the issue is with well #3. Mr. Clements commented that it was decided that well #3 would need more than a simple repair and that the decision needed to be brought before council to determine the next step in the process. If council determines that this is an emergency, work can begin right away on the repairs, bringing well #3 back on line in a very short amount of time. If council does not make the determination that this is an emergency, the bid process, including going out to bid and the bid award, it can take 4-6 weeks before work gets started. Currently all wells are running, except well #6, trying to keep up with the city's water usage. It is imperative that well #3 get back on-line as quickly as possible.

Mayor Logan asked what the expected time frame is and was responded that there is no exact time frame. Councilmember Garza asked what was the amount of money spent the last time and Finance Officer Spencer Williams mentioned that in 2015 the City spent about \$58,000 for both wells. There was discussion between Council and staff to appropriate funds from the Water/Sewer fund not to exceed \$100,000 for this emergency and also for future situations and allow the City Administrator the authority to designate the funds. Further discussion determined to raise the amount from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE REPAIRS ON WELL #3 AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SPEND UP TO \$200,000. M/S Dorow/Lallas. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2017-23

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Shawn R. Logan adjourned the Special Council Meeting at 10:19 a.m.

By: _____
Shawn R. Logan, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Rebecca P. Ozuna, City Clerk