



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:00 PM – Monday, May 2, 2022

Council Chambers/GoToMeetings

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Logan called the meeting of the Othello City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Tania Morelos, City Clerk
Spencer Williams, Finance Officer
Phil Schenck, Police Chief
Anne Henning, Community Development Director
Terry Clements, Public Works Director
Abner Garza, IT Director

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

Corey Everett
John Lallas
Genna Dorow
Mark Snyder
Angel Garza
Jonathan Erickson

Councilmembers Absent:

Maria Quezada

Council carried a motion to EXCUSE COUNCIL WOMAN MARIA QUEZADA. M/S Dorow/Garza

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE AGENDA. M/S Erickson/Garza

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of April 25, 2022
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Resolution to Release Retainage to Outback Spraying
- D. Pisces Network Monitoring Agreement

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.

Accounts Payable Manual Check No. 5504 to No. 5507 in the amount of \$5,288.10.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. M/S Garza/Snyder

CURRENT BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF IT SPECIALIST

Abner Garza, IT Director introduces the City's new and first IT Specialist, Trevor Salsbury and reads a short bio.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Mayor Logan reads the National Day of Prayer which will take place on May 5, 2022 at City Hall.

INCREASE IN OHS SCHOLARSHIPS FROM OTHELLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dave Rehaume, Assistant Police Chief presents a request to increase the scholarships given out by the Police Department from two scholarships a year to four. This is a \$2,000 increase however, the City receives \$8,500 per year for the Criminal Justice High School class.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE UP TO THE FOUR \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS PER YEAR, CONDITIONAL ON ADEQUATE REVENUE. M/S Dorow/Erickson

AWARD WEED SPRAYING CONTRACT

Terry Clements, Public Works Director presents a weed spraying contract. Staff recommends to award a three year contract to Outback Spraying, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$37,200.75 plus sales tax per year.

Much discussion ensued between Council members whether to accept the contract with Outback Spraying, the performance by Outback Spraying in the previous years, and the invoices/bills received by Outback. Council went back and forth and had a difficult time accepting the contract as there was questions about the costs difference if the City would do its own spraying through Public Works staff.

Council carried a motion to ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WITH OUTBACK SPRAYING, LLC FOR THE AMOUNT STATED IN THE MEMO WITH A 60 DAY TIMEFRAME TO GET SOME KIND OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR A COST COMPARISON FOR THE CITY TO SELF PERFORM FOR WEED SPRAYING. M/S Erickson/No Second

Erickson withdrew his motion

Council carried a motion to ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WITH OUTBACK SPRAYING, LLC FOR THE AMOUNT STATED FOR THREE YEARS. M/S Garza/Dorow

**Opposed- Everett, Lallas, Erickson, Snyder
Motion failed by 4-2 vote.**

Council carried a motion to ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WITH OUTBACK SPRAYING, LLC FOR ONE YEAR. M/S Snyder/ Lallas

Terry Clements informs the Council Outback Spraying is not interested in a one-year contract.

**Opposed- Everett, Dorow, Garza
In Favor- Lallas, Erickson, Snyder
Tie Vote.**

Mayor Logan breaks the tie voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Logan says he will bring a cost comparison to the Council at the next meeting for Private versus Public weed spraying.

DISCUSSION OF ANNEXATION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES

Anne Henning, Community Development Director presents a list to Council of all City owned properties which are not annexed. Staff requests direction as to which properties Council would like to see annexed first. Council recommended to prioritize by easiest to annex to difficult but would like to see Taggares Park annexed as soon as possible so that our Police department is able to police the park.

COW PATH BAKERY LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION

Mayor Logan recuses himself due to conflict of interest at 7:00pm and leaves the meeting.

Anne Henning, Community Development Director presents a Landscape Modification for the Cow Path Bakery requested by the business owner. The landscaping chapter requires trees to be planted along the frontside of the business however, there would be challenges in planting trees due to the existing pavement, limited parking, driveway locations, etc. The business owner provided a proposed modification for Council to review.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE MODIFIED LANDSCAPING, PLANTING 5 OR 6 SMALLER TREES ALONG THE EAST PROPERTY LINE INSTEAD OF 4 TREES ALONG THE STREET FRONTAGE. M/S Lallas/Dorow

Mayor Logan rejoins the meeting at 7:12pm.

RENTAL LICENSING REPORT

Chris Dorow, Chairman of the Planning Commission gives a report to Council regarding the rental licensing requirement implemented in the City in 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Everett asks about cameras at recycling center.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Erickson suggests the planning commission should discuss or revisit the landscape ordinance and make recommendations to the Council.

Mayor Logan asks Terry to brief Council on the fire at the recycling center.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:25 p.m.

By: _____

SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____

TANIA MORELOS, City Clerk