



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:00 PM – Monday, May 9, 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

CITIZEN INPUT

Jake Mendez Jr., speaks about the current graffiti in town and trying to get the youth more active in activities instead of being looked at as “criminals”. Mendez would like to be the activist to take the roll to help the youth.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

Corey Everett
John Lallas
Genna Dorow
Maria Quezada
Angel Garza
Jonathan Erickson

Councilmembers Absent:

Mark Snyder

Council carried a motion to EXCUSE COUNCILMAN MARK SNYDER. M/S Erickson/Lallas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE AGENDA. M/S Dorow/Quezada

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of May 2, 2022
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses
- D. Resolution Accepting Easement for City Utilities
- E. IT Surplus Items
- F. Public Works Surplus Items

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 Check No. 56250 to 56309 in the amount of \$259,736.37.

Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 32434 to No. 32455 in the amount of \$531,199.31.

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

KURT ANGIER 10 YEAR RECOGNITION

Mayor Logan recognized Kurt Angier, Dispatcher and Evidence Tech at the Police Department for his 10 years of service for the City of Othello.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

Phil Schenck, Police Chief explains staff is in the process of purchasing permanent cameras for the City parks, however this project may take a while before it is complete. In the meantime, there is an urgent need for cameras as summer events approach like the 4th of July. With the amount of graffiti affecting the community staff would like to purchase some temporary cameras while staff completes the process of purchasing the better quality cameras which will arrive within 2-4 weeks.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE PURCHASE OF A WIRELESS SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEM TO BE PLACED AT LIONS PARK. M/S Erickson/Dorow

ORDINANCE AMENDING OMC CHAPTER 14.56 UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITIES

Kelly Konkright, City Attorney presents an amendment to OMC chapter 14.56 undergrounding utilities as it has been problematic in the past causing several companies requesting a number of variances to be granted by Council. Council wanted to see a few more changes in the drafted

ordinance therefore staff will bring the proposed ordinance with additional changes to the next Council meeting.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ADAMS COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 1 AND THE CITY OF OTHELLO- CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND OWNERSHIP OF AN AQUATIC CENTER

Kelly Konkright, City Attorney presents the amended agreement with the Adams County Park and Recreation District regarding the swimming pool which will allow the City to advance payments to the District, without penalty resulting in the transfer of the title of the pool to the City.

Council carried a motion to ADOPT A RESOLUTION 2022-09 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND ATTACH AMENDMENT A TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ADAMS COUNTY PARK DISTRICT NO. 1 AND THE CITY OF OTHELLO REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND OWNERSHIP OF AN AQUATIC CENTER. M/S Dorow/Quezada

PUBLIC VS PRIVATE COMPARISON FOR WEED SPRAYING

Mayor Logan presents a cost comparison to Council of what it would cost the City to do its own weed spraying versus contracting with a private company.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: REAL ESTATE

Council will now adjourn at 7:27pm to go into an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase. The executive session is expected to last 20 minutes. No action will be taken during the executive session. The session was extended an additional 10 minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Council will now adjourn at 8:00pm to go into an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) "To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency." The Executive Session is expected to last 20 minutes. No action will be taken during the Executive Session.

City Council went back in session at 8:29pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Councilman Erickson asks for an update on the ASR Project

NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Schenck mentions mission critical projects/tactics to help reduce crimes

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE:

- Legislative Report
- Building and Planning Report

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:39 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
TANIA MORELOS, City Clerk