



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:00 PM – Monday, August 8, 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

Yvonne Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Phil Schenck, Police Chief

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

Corey Everett

Genna Dorow

Mark Snyder

John Lallas

Angel Garza

Jonathan Erickson

Maria Quezada

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Logan asks for approval of the council to move the order of the agenda items. Item (A) ARPA Funds /Grant update be moved to item (B).

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes for August 1, 2022
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses

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

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. 56640 to No. 56734 in the amount of \$364,138.62.

Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 32538 to No. 32597 in the amount of \$585,205.96

CURRENT BUSINESS

RESOLUTION WAIVING BID REQUIREMENTS FOR A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer presents a resolution authorizing the city staff to use the sole source procurement process to purchase the street lighting materials for the Main Street Project. Discussion ensued regarding the project and the cost involved that the grant will not cover.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY STAFF TO USE THE SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT PROCESS TO PURCHASE THE STREET LIGHTING MATERIALS FOR THE MAIN STREET PROJECT. M/S Dorow / Everett

ARPA FUNDS/GRANTS UPDATE

Thalia Lemus, Grant Writer Administrator as mentioned in the previous meeting we were in the process of receiving our 2nd transfer of ARPA funds. The city has received a total of \$2.3 million of ARPA funds. Lemus reminded council of the eligible uses for ARPA funds but also stated that due to the standard allowance we do have more flexibility to use the funds for anything from the general fund. Lemus demonstrated the current expenses and allocations with a total of \$797,807 allocated for allowing a total left to spend of \$1,543,128. Currently staff is asking for city council to approve two other items which are a road grader and police body cameras.

Council also discussed possibly going solar in the future. Lemus updated council of the current grants and grants in process.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF THE ROAD GRADER. M/S Everett/Dorow

AXON POLICE BODY CAMERAS/FLEET CAMERAS/DIGITAL OFFSITE STORAGE

Phil Schenck, Police Chief presented to council the proposal for Axon police body / fleet cameras. Chief Schenck stated we have received quotes from Axon to provide 18 body cameras as well as unlimited cloud storage and 13 vehicle cameras. This proposal reduces our car camera numbers prioritizing patrol and SRO's. This excludes detectives and administration. This proposal is a five-year agreement, with equal annual costs. The body cameras are replaced without cost on year 3 and end of year 5. The fleet cameras will be refreshed on year 6 if we continue this agreement.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE AGREEMENTS WITH AXON FOR BODY AND VEHICLE CAMERAS THROUGH ARPA FUNDING FOR TWO YEARS, AUTHORIZING THIS AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED BY THE MAYOR. M/S Erickson/Snyder

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Councilman Snyder asked for an update about the stoplight on Main and Broadway again. Traffic light is red for about 2 minutes and he suggests the timer needs to be changed due to truck traffic.
- Councilwoman Dorow asked for the results on the study on the traffic circles.
- Councilman Lallas asked about the wood sign that is leaning over near Kixstand.

NEW BUSINESS

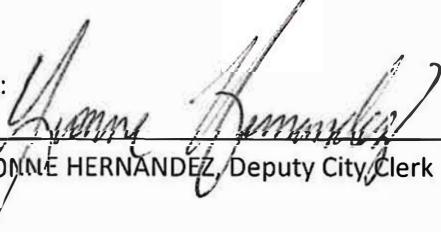
- Mayor Logan stated that there will be a blood drive on Thursday.
- Mayor Logan informed council that Farmers Market will start Thursday and run every Thursday until October 6 in front of city hall.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:03 p.m.

By: 
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
YVONNE HERNANDEZ, Deputy City Clerk