



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:00 PM – Monday, October 24, 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

Abner Garza, IT Director

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

Jonathan Erickson

Corey Everett

Mark Snyder

John Lallas

Councilmembers Absent:

Maria Quezada

Angel Garza

Council carried a motion to EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER ANGEL GARZA. M/S Erickson/Dorow

**Council carried a motion to EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER MARIA QUEZADA. M/S
Dorrow/Everett**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Accept Completion of Asphalt Repair Project – 2022 and Final Pay Estimate
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

PROCESS TO FILL VACANT COUNCIL POSITION

Shawn Logan, Mayor advised council that Maria Quezada turned in her letter of resignation from council. Mayor Logan read the letter of resignation. Kelly Konkright, City Attorney briefed the city council of the process to fill the position.

2023 TOURISM FUNDING

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer informed council that the City of Othello collect lodging tax to promote events. These dollars are to be used by organizations that promote tourism within the City of Othello. The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee met and distributed the monies between several organizations. Spencer presented the proposed allocation for 2023 and advised that they typically leave a reserve of at least \$30,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL

Council will now adjourn at 6:18 pm to go into an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) to review the performance of a public employee. The Executive Session is expected to last 15 minutes. No action will be taken during the Executive Session.

Council went back in session at 6:29 p.m.

MERLE BOOKER FARM LEASE

Shawn Logan, advised that since 2014 the city has leased approximately 7.25 acres of farmland around Well #9 to Merle Booker. Mayor stated that Booker would like to extend the farm lease for another 5 years at \$350 per acre plus leasehold tax. Corey Everett, councilmember stated that he believed the city was leasing the property way under market value and recommended that the city lease it for \$500 an acre. After brief discussion council agreed to renew the farm lease agreement as presented.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE FARM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MERLE BOOKER AND A.A.C.C., LLC FOR THE PROPERTY BY WELL #9. M/S Dorow/Snyder

SPRAY EQUIPMENT

Kurt Carpenter, Public Works Director presented a variety of equipment prices to be purchased in order for the City of Othello staff to do its own spray work instead of contracting out. Council went into discussion of the pros and cons over the equipment being purchased.

Council carried a motion to GO OUT TO BID FOR CAN AM. M/S Everett /Dorow

Council carried a motion to GO OUT TO BID FOR ACCEPT THE ESTIMATE FROM AG ENTERPRISE SUPPLY, INC. \$67,096.66. M/S Everett/Dorow

IRON HORSE PLAYGROUND ADVENTURE EQUIPMENT

Kurt Carpenter, Public Works Director informed council that he was notified by our program consultant that the equipment was going to go up 11% by November 1st. The grants for the new playground were approved as of October 1st. Kurt also notified council that he was just updated that the playground equipment is \$800,000. Council went into discussion to revise the motion to the new adjusted price for the playground equipment.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FROM WILDWOOD PLAYGROUNDS FOR \$800,000 DOLLARS. M/S LLALAS/DOROW

ALGAE TREATMENT PROGRAM

Kurt Carpenter, Public Works Director informed council that after testing and Dept of Ecology approving a manageable algae control program in which staff will have the ability to administer and maintain. In order to be able to follow through with this program staff is in need of a 14ft flat bottom boat and equipment.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE 2ND SANITARY WWTP ALGAE TREATMENT PLAN PROGRAM 2022. M/S Lallas/Erickson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Jon Erickson, councilmember asked about the temperature taking stations that the city is no longer using. Erickson asked about donating them to health organizations or someone who can use them. Mayor Logan stated we could surplus them at are next auction or also said he would contact a couple organizations to see about donating to make them useful.
- Mayor Logan updated on city hall remodel.
- Mayor Logan updated of where we are in the process of the Municipal court

NEW BUSINESS

- Mark Snyder, councilmember inquired about abandoned parked cars.
- Mayor Logan stated there would be a water sewer treatment committee meeting on Wednesday October 26 at noon.
- Mayor Logan stated that Chief Phil Schenk will be returning to light duty on October 25.
- John Lallas, councilmember mentioned the remodel at public works building and how good of a job they have done.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:10 p.m.

By: _____

SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____

YVONNE HERNANDEZ, Deputy City Clerk