



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, January 25, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Logan called the meeting of the Othello City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

John Lallas

Jonathan Erickson

Corey Everett

Mark Snyder

Genna Dorow

Maria Quezada

Angel Garza

Councilmembers Absent:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Logan, Mayor

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Phil Schenck, Police Chief

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Kelly Konkright, City Attorney

Thalia Lemus, Grant Writer Administrator

Heather Miller, Code Enforcement Officer

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

A. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF THALIA LEMUS

Mayor Logan introduces Thalia Lemus, the new Grant Writer Administrator. Thalia Lemus also gives more background about herself.

AWARD JANITORIAL BID TO A & H RENOVATIONS AND APPROVE CONTRACT

Tania Morelos, City Clerk presents a new contract for Janitorial services with A & H Renovation after advertising for bid proposals. One bid was received from A & H Renovation for \$2,000 a month.

Council carried a motion to AWARD JANITORIAL BID TO A & H RENOVATIONS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2021 AND APPROVE THE JANITOR CONTRACT. M/S Erickson/Dorow

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AN INTERGREATED PLANNING GRANT AND ACCEPT THE DOE GRANT FOR PHASE 2 ESA

Mayor Logan presented a resolution to accept a DOE grant of up to \$32,000 for site assessments on property adjacent to City property and to authorize the Mayor to apply for additional funding under a DOE Integrated Planning Grant in the amount of \$200,000. The purpose of the IPG is to identify a plan and scope of work that will provide a firm estimation and steps to clean up the property.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-1 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR DOE INTEGRATED PLANNING GRANT. M/S Lallas/Everett

PUBLIC HEARING ON RENTAL HOUSING LICENSING AND INSPECTION

Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Anne Henning, Community Development Director presents an Ordinance creating a residential rental licensing and safety inspection program. This ordinance would be used as a tool for staff and code enforcement to ensure public health and monitor criminal activity.

Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those in support, neutral, and opposed of the proposal.

Lolo Garza, 605 N. 12th Ave speaks in opposition of the Ordinance. Garza believes staff's intent of the proposed Ordinance is well, but it is "opening a can of worms" and thinks staff needs to spend more time to further review the language of the Ordinance.

Jose Garza 605 Danielle Rd suggests the Ordinance to have a term or trial and to see if it is effective or not "use as a foundation".

Leo Galleta, echoes points mentioned by Lolo Garza and Jose Garza. Galleta believes staff should collect more data and see how big the issues mentioned really are.

Much discussion ensued. Roger Enz and Chris Dorow from the Planning Commission weighed in on discussions.

Mayor Logan closed the Public Testimony at 7:54 p.m.

The Public Hearing was continued to February 1, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Mayor Logan asks the Landlords to submit written comments to staff over the week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Snyder asks why roads were not salted today, roads were slick. Mayor Logan did not have answer at the moment will respond within the week.

Councilman Everett asks for an update on recycling bin area with fencing and cameras. Mayor Logan says due to the weather he is estimating more work will be done end of February into March.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING

- A. Fire Department Report
- B. Legislative Report

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:13 p.m.

By: 
SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
TANIA MORELOS, CITY CLERK

