



## MINUTES

### City Council Regular Meeting

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6:30 PM – Monday, February 22, 2021

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#### CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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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

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Councilmembers Present:

John Lallas

Jonathan Erickson

Corey Everett

Mark Snyder

Genna Dorow

Maria Quezada

Angel Garza

Councilmembers Absent:

#### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

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Shawn Logan, Mayor

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Randy Gomez, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

#### CITIZEN INPUT

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There was none.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## CONSENT OF AGENDA

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A. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks

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

## CURRENT BUSINESS

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### AWARD MAIN STREET SAFETY PROJECT-REBID

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer explains to Council the bidding process for the Main Street Safety Project which would consist of installing two pedestrian signals with bulb outs on Main Street intersection with 5<sup>th</sup>/Venice and 6<sup>th</sup>/Desdemona Avenues. Six bids were received between \$629,081 to \$663,308. The lowest bidder was ESF Solutions.

**Council carried a motion to AWARD THE MAIN STREET SAFETY PROJECT - REBID TO ESF SOLUTIONS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$629,080.50. M/S Lallas/Snyder**

### ADAMS COUNTY PET RESCUE REPORT

Kyya Grant from Pet Rescue gives Council her annual report presentation to City Council.

### SPRING SPORT ACTIVITIES PLAN

Randy Gomez, Parks and Recreation Coordinator presents to Council the Parks and Rec plan to allow the City to once again host spring sports while still following the Phase 2 COVID-19 safety guidelines. Spring sports include soccer, little league, and flag football.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE 2021 SPRING SPORTS BY THE CITY OF OTHELLO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. M/S Erickson/Dorow**

Randy Gomez announces this is his last meeting as he has accepted another job offer and thanks Council and the Mayor for his opportunity to work alongside them while employed for the City.

### WHOLESAIL NETWORKS VARIANCE REQUEST

Mayor Logan presents the Variance request for Wholesail Networks and gives Council a brief history of the relationship between the City and Wholesail Networks who used to be known as Noel Communications. Wholesail Networks is requesting two variances to continue to build needed aerial fiber. With approval, they can move forward providing and installing pending services to Othello Community Hospital and ECBID, as well as others in the community wanting fiber.

Shelly Burton on behalf of Wholesail Networks weighs in and answers questions to the City Council. Kelly Konkright, City Attorney weighs in regarding granting the variance request.

Much discussion ensued to answer Council questions.

**Council carried a motion to GRANT WHOLESAIL NETWORKS TWO VARIANCES FOR AERIAL BUILDS OF FIBER LINES IN TWO NEW AREAS OF THE CITY. M/S Dorow/Erickson**

Councilman Snyder suggests having a meeting with Wholesail Networks about the future construction.

**SANDHILL ESTATES III VARIANCE REQUEST**

Councilman Angel Garza recuses himself due to conflict of interest.

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer presents four requests made by Angel Garza, Developer of Sand Hill Estates. Council and staff discuss each request and how this would affect the City. The developer has requested that the City participate in the costs for the extra width to construct an arterial (58' wide) or collector (48' wide) in place of a residential (42' wide) street. Approving a collector street would reduce the City's share of the costs. The developer has also requested that the City participate in the cost for installing 4 inches of asphalt for a collector street versus the 3 inches required for a residential street. Approving the request for 3 inches of asphalt would reduce the City's share of the costs.

1. **Councilwoman Dorow and Council unanimously agree to move forward with a Public Hearing for an amendment to the Development Agreement.**
2. **Councilman Everett is opposed to changing the Public Works Design Standards.**

**Council carried a motion to GRANT THE VARIANCE FOR THE 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE REQUEST. M/S Erickson/Lallas**

**FIVE TO ONE VOTE. OPPOSED BY COUNCILMAN EVERETT.**

3. **Council carried a motion to GRANT THE VARIANCE BEING REQUESTED TO INSTALL THE SIX (6) INCHES OF CRUSHED ROCK ON 7<sup>th</sup> AND 14<sup>th</sup> AVENUE AND THE RESIDENTIAL STREETS IN THE SAND HILL ESTATES III DEVELOPMENT. M/S Lallas/Snyder**

**FOUR TO TWO VOTE. OPPOSED BY COUNCILMEN EVERETT AND ERICKSON.**

4. **Council carried a motion to GRANT THE VARIANCE REQUEST TO NOT INSTALL SIDEWALK ON THE WEST SIDE OF 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE THROUGH THE FIRST THREE PHASES OF THE SAND HILL ESTATES DEVELOPMENT. M/S Lallas/Dorow**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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There was none.

## NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Erickson suggested to start a committee for Emergency Preparedness and Communications.

Tania Morelos, City Clerk provides Council with staff's plans to transition to in-person City Council meetings while still following Covid-19 restrictions and providing remote access to the public who wish to still attend meetings virtually. Othello City Council will start meeting in person again March 1, 2021.

Mayor Logan received a letter from the Board of County Commissioners a position has opened for the Adams County Economic Development Director position. Council is in favor of hiring someone to refill the position.


Councilman Erickson wants to meet regarding purchasing the Fire Truck.

## COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING

- Fire Department Report
- Othello Legislative Report

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:40 p.m.

By:   
SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:   
TANIA MORELOS, CITY CLERK