



## MINUTES

### **City Council Regular Meeting**

6:30 PM – Monday, March 22, 2021

Council Chambers/GoToMeetings

#### **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

##### **Councilmembers Absent:**

Angel Garza

Maria Quezada

**Council carried a motion to EXCUSE COUNCILWOMAN QUEZADA. M/S Dorow/Lallas**

**Council carried a motion to EXCUSE COUNCILMAN GARZA. M/S Erickson/Snyder**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Shawn Logan, Mayor

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Phil Schenck, Police Chief

Terry Clements, Public Works Director

Kelly Konkright, City Attorney

#### **CITIZEN INPUT**

There was none.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

## CONSENT OF AGENDA

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- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of February 1, 2021 and February 8, 2021 and February 22, 2021
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Reappoint Faith Cerrillo to the Board of Directors of the Housing Authority
- D. Annual Loan Display Agreement for T-33A Aircraft

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

## CURRENT BUSINESS

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### RECOGNITION OF 15 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT SERGEANT AARON GARZA

Chief Schenck begins by announcing Sergeant Garza is the first Sergeant SRO for the City of Othello. Mayor Logan reads a bio of Garza and all his accomplishments in his 15 years with the City of Othello. Sergeant Garza shares a few words.

### ASPECT CONSULTING CONTRACT CHANGE- WELL #8 PUMP REBUILD

Andrew Austreng with Aspect Consulting explains there was an inspection done on the pump for Well #8. After inspection it was recommended to rebuild the pump due to the wear and replace the shafts, and couplers since the shafts are pitted to get a true run out reading on them and used couplers are more prone to breakage after reinstalling. This requires a contract change and the cost would be \$41,053. Councilman Snyder asks where the money would come from to pay for this expense. Spencer Williams, Finance Officer answers that there is money set aside in the budget each year for Well Maintenance.

**Council carried a motion to ACCEPT THE CONTRACT CHANGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,053 WITH ASPECT CONSULTING FOR WELL #8 PUMP REBUILD AND SHAFT REPLACEMENT. M/S Lallas/Erickson**

### OTHELLO BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE PRESENTATION-SIGNS IN CITY LIMITS

Lynette Cruthers, President of OBC gives Council a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed new Wayfinder (navigation) signs within the City of Othello. The cost to install the signs would be \$11,686.26. The proposal before Council is to help fund this project in the full amount. If Council decides to not fund the full amount, OBC would cover the remainder of the costs.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE \$11,686.26 FOR WAYFINDING SIGNS DEVELOPED BY THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE. M/S Erickson/Snyder**

Councilwoman Genna Dorow recuses herself due to conflict of interest before the next item on Current Business.

### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSULTING CONTRACT

Mayor Logan explains the City wastewater treatment plant has been working off an expired permit for six years. The City was issued a new permit October 2020 but the new permit requires an testing which would require the City to construct a new wastewater treatment plant

to meet all the requirements. Genna Dorow is a Level IV wastewater treatment plant operator and is experienced with City staff and its operations. Hiring Dorow as the City's consultant would be a cost savings as she can help the City become lab accredited so staff can do all its own testing.

Council asks if there is conflict of interest because Dorow is also a Councilwoman and asks if the City can legally contract with Dorow to do the work? Kelly Konkright, City Attorney weighs in on the legality of this issue. There are exceptions since contract is under \$10,000.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH GENNA DOROW'S TIME AND EXPENSE FOR NO MORE THAN \$10,000.00 TO ASSIST THE CITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT DEPARTMENT IN MEETING THE NEW NPDES REGULATION AND LAB CERTIFICATION. M/S Everett/Dorow**

Councilwoman Dorow rejoins Council on the dias.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AMENDMENT TO SAND HILL ESTATES DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer explains the history on the development agreement between the City of Othello and Sand Hill Estates. As part of the agreement, the developer was allowed to delay the reconstruction of 7th Avenue until additional phases of the development were completed or until October 1, 2022. The original agreement stated "Future development of this street is expected to be to an Arterial standard." On January 11th, 2021, the City Council adopted a Street Classification Map which designates 7th Avenue as a Collector. Therefore, the proposal is to amend the Development Agreement to state "Future development of this street is expected to be to a collector standard and shall be constructed in such a way to comply with the applicable design standards for streets classified as collectors. There is no financial impact to the City's budget for this amendment.

Questions and discussion ensued between staff and Council.

**There was no public testimony in support, neutral, or opposition.**

Mayor Logan closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

**AMENDMENT TO THE SAND HILL ESTATES DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

Mayor Logan entertains a motion to approve the Amendment to the Sand Hill Estates Development Agreement.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SAND HILL ESTATES. M/S Lallas/Dorow**

**FIELD TRIP TO ASH STREET-BULB OUTS**

Mayor Logan announces there was a planned field trip to Ash Street, but the meeting has been in session longer than expected and it is now dark out. This field trip is postponed.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Thalia Lemus, Grant Administrator presents to Council that City staff has been presented with a bid price received by the Fire District for a Fire Truck purchase. Staff wants to know if Council would like for City staff to do their own bidding process to potentially find a lower bid. If staff goes out to bid it would approximately take about four (4) weeks. In the meantime, the bid received by the Fire Department would expire and staff would run the risk of losing that bid price if a lower price is not received during the new bid process by City staff.

Chief Lebacken shared that the make and model for the current bid is already in his fleet and they are very reliable which he was happy with. The City has an Interlocal Agreement with HGAC which allows the City to not have to go through the normal formal competitive bidding process therefore, allowing the City to accept the bid from HGAC.

After much discussion Council concluded that new bids could be higher, and staff may miss out on the first bid. It was Council consensus to move forward with the current proposed bid for the Fire Truck purchase.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Lallas inquires about Well #10. Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer says the project is about to be complete and outlines the small details being worked on at the moment.

#### COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING

- Fire Dept. Report
- Legislative Report

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:11 p.m.

By:   
SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:   
TANIA MORELOS, City Clerk