



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, May 10, 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

Mark Snyder

Genna Dorow

Angel Dorow

Maria Quezada

Corey Everett

Jonathan Erickson

Councilmembers Absent:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Terry Clements, Public Works Director

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Abner Garza, IT Director

Phil Schenck, Police Chief

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of April 5, 2021 and April 12, 2021
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Surplus Items- IT

- D. Surplus Items- OPD
- E. Surplus Items- Dispatch

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

APPROVAL FOR EAGLE PROJECT IN OHELLO

Joshua Smith, Boy Scout is requesting to place green neon flags at the intersection of 14th and Scootney as a community service project to obtain rank of Eagle Scout. The purpose of this project is to make drivers aware of the pedestrian crossing to reduce pedestrian-car accidents.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE JOSHUA SMITH TO PLACE GREEN NEON FLAGS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 14TH AVENUE AND SCOOTNEY STREET. M/S Dorow/Everett

DESERT WIND WIRELESS PRESENTATION

Tyler Chappell from Desert Wind Wireless is requesting that the City allow to place some of their equipment on the City's water towers in exchange to providing the City with wireless internet. Mayor Logan informs Mr. Chappell there is an upcoming IT committee meeting at which they will discuss this proposal and staff would contact him after.

AWARD BROADWAY MANHOLE PROJECT-REVISED

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer presents a contract for the Manhole Project for a second time except with a different company. The first company awarded the project was Timberlake Industries but they cannot start the project until July so staff contacted the second lowest bidder which is Joe's Excavation who can start the project in a much more reasonable time.

Council carried a motion to AWARD THE BROADWAY MANHOLE PROJECT TO JOE'S EXCAVATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,095.60. M/S Snyder/Lallas

AWARD OF WEED SPRAYING CONTRACT

Terry Clements, Public Works Director presents a contract to be awarded to Outback Spraying Inc. for weed spraying for the City.

When staff sent out bid requests to five different companies Outback Spraying, LLC and Baisch Vegetation Management, Inc were the only companies who responded with a bid. Although Baisch Vegetation was the lower bidder they did not meet the bid requirements while Outback Spraying met all the bid requirements.

Councilman Everett is opposed to awarding the contract to Outback Spraying due to the City's experience with this company in the past (2011-2014). Councilman Everett believes their performance is the worse spraying job done for the City and it is not in the best interest of the City to contract with Outback Spraying especially for the contract amount of about \$40,000.

Councilman Erickson says after researching on MRSC he believes that a bidder who did not submit all the bid requirements does not disqualify them from being awarded the bid contract if they are the lower bidder. If this is correct, Erickson would like to award the contract to the lower bidder in the best financial interest of the City. Kelly Konkright, City Attorney weighs in and would like to research on this further.

Councilwoman Quezada questions the professionalism and dependability of Baisch Vegetation Management, Inc if they could not meet the basic bid requirements which was simply to turn in their qualifications (which they have) with their bid packet but did not after even being asked to do so. Quezada questions what this says about their company and performance.

Council carried a motion UPON THE CITY ATTORNEY'S APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE LOWER BIDDER, BAISCH VEGETATION MANAGEMENT, INC. M/S Erickson/Everett

**IN SUPPORT OF MOTION- Erickson, Everett, Lallas, Dorow
OPPOSED OF MOTION- Quezada, Garza, Snyder**

MOTION PASSES.

Council carried a motion to AWARD CONTRACT TO OUTBACK SPRAYING, LLC IF THERE ARE ANY LEGAL ISSUES AWARDING CONTRACT TO BAISCH VEGETATION MANAGEMENT, INC. M/S Dorow/Garza

OPPOSED OF MOTION- Everett

MOTION PASSES.

Councilman Snyder mentions the City is opening a bag of worms trying to award the contract to a company who does not meet the bid requirements. Councilman Garza concurs to this comment.

2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer explains this budget amendment is to allow to bring forward the unspent 2020 IT budget due COVID to the 2021 IT Budget.

Council carried a motion to ADOPT ORDINANCE 1565 AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET. M/S Dorow/Erickson

DRAFT HOUSING PLAN INTRODUCTION

Anne Henning, Community Development Director introduces the draft housing plan and recommends Council read through the Housing Action Plan before the presentation on May 24th. This project is fully covered by the Department of Commerce Grant.

FY22 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUEST

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer presents a request by staff to apply for money for a project to fully replace the two over-the-canal sewer line crossings with underground sewer lines, which pass under the canal. The results will reduce or eliminate downstream risk while not interrupting sewer service to the City of Othello. The project would proceed as a typical construction project, with design, contracting and construction.

Councilman Erickson mentions this packet was approached to the City by the South District Irrigation and he brought this information to City staff.

Council carried a motion to ALLOW STAFF TO PURSUE THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY. M/S Dorow/Erickson

EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL

Council will now adjourn at 7:30pm 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 25 minutes. Session was extended an additional 5 minutes. No action was taken during the Executive Session. Council was back in session at 8:04pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS- SET THE DATE

Councilman Erickson announces the Chamber of Commerce will be having the 4th of July Festival Event on July 3rd. The DJ they hire each year normally has a playlist during the firework show so if the City decided to have fireworks on a different date the Chamber would have to pay an additional day for DJ during the firework show. The Chamber is also trying to maximize the turn out in attendance and believe Saturday will be bring more of a crowd than Sunday. Erickson's recommendation coming from the Chamber Committee would be to have the firework show the same day as the Chambers event on July 3, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Terry Clements, Public Works Director gives an update on Well #10.

Mayor Logan announces there will be an IT meeting Wednesday at noon to discuss hiring a consultant for a broadband survey and network opportunities.

Councilman Garza asks if staff knows when the irrigation water will be installed for Sandhill.

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING

- Building and Planning Report
- Planning Commission Minutes

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:17pm.

By: _____

SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____

TANIA MORELOS, City Clerk