



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, May 24, 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
Angel Garza- GoToMeetings

Councilmembers Absent:
Maria Quezada

Council carried a motion TO EXCUSE COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUEZADA. M/S Lallas/Erickson

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Logan, Mayor
Tania Morelos, City Clerk
Spencer Williams, Finance Officer
Anne Henning, Community Development Director
Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer
Phil Schenck, Police Chief

Also present was the Planning Commission: Chris Dorow, Alma Carmona, Kevin Gilbert, and Brian Gentry.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of April 26, 2021 and May 3, 2021
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Accept Well #10 Pump Station Project

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE PRESENTATION

Holly Coccia, Lobbyist for the City presents the City of Othello State Government Relations Report for the 2021 Legislative Session.

ADOPT GRIEVANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Tania Morelos, City Clerk presents a new City of Othello Policy and Resolution adopting the proposed policy. The purpose of the policy is to establish a complaints management procedure outlining how Citizen complaints will be received and managed by the City for resolution. Councilman Everett requested some changes to the Citizen Complaint form.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE CITY OF OTHELLO POLICY AND PROCEDURE 2021-01 AND RESOLUTION 2021-07 WITH THE NOTED CHANGES ON THE CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM. M/S Dorow/Everett

Councilwoman Maria Quezada joined the meeting at 6:58pm via GoToMeetings.

PUBLIC HEARING- CDBG GRANT

Mayor Logan opens the Public Hearing at 7:18pm.

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer explains the CDBG program requires the City of Othello to inform the public of the availability and eligible uses of CDBG grants, what the City intends to do with the money should its application be successful, and to solicit public comment as to whether there is a more pressing need than wastewater system improvements. The City of Othello intends to apply for both a planning only grant and a general-purpose grant through CDBG.

Mayor Logan opens the public testimony portion to those in support, neutral, and opposed- There was none.

Mayor Logan closed the Public Hearing at 7:21pm.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE CDBG GRANT APPLICATION. M/S Everett/Lallas

REJECT ASH STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BID

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer explains staff opened bids for the Ash Street Safety Improvements Project. The City only received one bid and it was well over the Engineers cost estimate. Staff has proposed some changes to the plans and specifications that will reduce the costs of the project.

Council carried a motion to REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE MAIN STREET SAFETY PROJECT AND DIRECT CITY STAFF TO REBID THE PROJECT. M/S Erickson/Lallas

Council carried a motion to HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE ASH STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. M/S Erickson/Everett

Councilman Everett mentions he is not in agreement with the changes proposed for Ash Street. Everett believes the Main Street bulb outs have already become an issue.

Councilman Erickson wants to hear from the public on the topic and would like public testimony.

Councilman Lallas says this is "called Safe Routes to Schools, it's not about the drivers it's about the kids". There are several schools around this area these improvements are intended for the safety of the children walking to school.

Planning Commissioners Alma Carmona and Chris Dorow suggest adding mini roundabouts instead of bulb outs.

Councilman Everett says he likes the idea of roundabouts.

Much discussion ensued and it was decided staff and Council would have further discussion on the proposed project.

ADOPT ORDINANCE TO REPEAL OMC CHAPTER 6.04 ANIMAL CONTROL AND OMC CHAPTER 6.06 PIT BULLS

Phil Schenck, Police Chief presents an Ordinance to repeal Othello Municipal Code chapters 6.04 and 6.06. Staff had been working on editing the Animal Control chapter for several years that so many changes were made it was best to repeal the entire chapter and adopt a new one. The state passed a law where Cities can no longer ban breed specific animals in City limits and in order to be in compliance with the new law the City would need to repeal the chapter 6.06 which bans Pit Bulls in City Limits.

Council carried a motion to REPEAL CHAPTERS 6.04 AND 6.06 FROM THE OTHELLO MUNICIPAL CODE. M/S Erickson Snyder

Councilman Everett was opposed to repealing Chapter 6.06 entitled "Pit Bulls".

ADOPT ORDINANCE RECREATING OTHELLO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6.04 ENTITLED ANIMAL CONTROL

Phil Schenck, Police Chief presents an Ordinance to recreate Chapter 6.04 "Animal Control".

Council carried a motion to ADOPT NEWLY CREATED ANIMAL CONTROL CHAPTER 6.04 WITH THE CORRECTION NOTED OF THE FEES. M/S Dorow/Everett

ADOPT ORDINANCE CREATING OTHELLO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6.10 ENTITLED FERAL CATS

Heather Miller, Code Enforcement Officer presents an Ordinance to create a new chapter in the Othello Municipal Code entitled "Feral Cats". The purpose of this chapter is to help resolve the continuing issue of feral feeding stations and altercations arising from persons who are feeding the cats with the people living in the areas and having to deal with the cats living around their homes.

Council carried a motion to ADOPT ORDINANCE 1568 CREATING CHAPTER 6.10 FERAL CATS TO THE OTHELLO MUNICIPAL CODE. M/S Dorow/Snyder

RENEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF OTHELLO AND ADAMS COUNTY PET RESCUE

Phil Schenck, Police Chief presents a renewal for the agreement between the City of Othello and the Adams County Pet Rescue.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OTHELLO AND THE ADAMS COUNTY PET RESCUE FOR SHELTER SERVICES. M/S Everett/Snyder

JOINT MEETING WITH PLANNING COMMISSION- HOUSING ACTION PLAN PRESENTATION

Andrew Bjorn, from Berk Consulting gives a presentation on the housing action plan for the City of Othello. Questions and discussion ensued between Council and Planning Commissioners. This presentation lasted sixty-one (61) minutes.

WASTEWATER FACILITY PLAN SCOPE REVISION-DESIGN OF EFFLUENT pH ADJUSTMENT SYSTEM

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer presents a contract amendment between the City of Othello and Varela and Associates Inc. This amendment adds the design of an effluent acid feed system to the chlorine disinfection system required by Ecology that is currently under design. The effluent pH adjustment system is a means to reduce effluent pH violations.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE OWNER-ENGINEER AGREEMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2020.002-REV. #2 "WASTEWATER FACILITY PLAN SCOPE REVISION- DESIGN OF EFFLUENT pH ADJUSTMENT SYSTEM" BETWEEN THE CITY OF OTHELLO AND VARELA AND ASSOCIATES, INC. M/S Dorow/Everett

AWARD SEAL COAT PROJECT

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer says staff opened bids for the 2021 Seal Coat Project and received five (5) bids. This project will chip seal over 6 miles of residential streets throughout the City. The lowest, responsible bid for the project was submitted by Tommer Construction Company, Inc. from Ephrata in the amount of \$471,000.

Council carried a motion to AWARD THE SEAL COAT PROJECT -2021 TO TOMMER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$471,000 WITH APPROVAL TO ADD ADDITIONAL STREETS. M/S Lallas/Snyder

OTHELLO DISINFECTION COST ESTIMATE

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer reports the City's NPDES Permit from the DOE requires the City to install a disinfection system to treat the effluent being discharged from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project and the costs associated with the work were not included in the 2021 budget due to the unknowns in the design and costs at the time of preparing the budget. A budget amendment will have to be approved after we know the actual costs of the project, but staff needs authorization to continue working with the DOE although this is not currently in the budget in order to meet the City's NPDES permit requirements.

Council carried a motion TO DIRECT STAFF TO CONTINUE WORKING ON THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CHLORINATIONS/DECHOLORINATION PROJECT. M/S Erickson/Lallas

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Logan announces there will be a Pet Vaccination Clinic June 5th at City Hall from 8am to 2pm.

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING

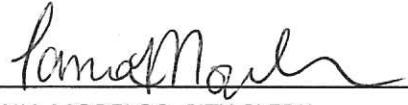
- A. Fire Department Report
- B. Planning Commission Minutes
- C. Surplus Report

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 9:28p.m

By: 
SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
TANIA MORELOS, CITY CLERK

