



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, June 7, 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 6:36 p.m. and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

John Lallas

Jonathan Erickson

Corey Everett

Genna Dorow

Maria Quezada-GoToMeetings

Angel Garza

Councilmembers Absent:

Mark Snyder

Council carried a motion to EXCUSE COUNCILMAN MARK SNYDER. M/S Erickson/Lallas

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Logan, Mayor

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

CITIZEN INPUT

Dave Sperl provided pictures to Council regarding the bulb outs on Main Street and explained his concern how the bulb outs could be dangerous to pedestrians to close into the streets while waiting to cross the street when big vehicles are turning.

Roger Enz passed out a Facebook poll print out regarding street widths and explained how majority of the community does not want narrower streets.

Kristi Spohr, speaks about her concern of narrowing the streets and suggests the City Council reject the Ash Street project.

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 May 10, 2021 and May 24, 2021
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- C. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses
- D. Well #8 Pump Inspection/Rebuild
- E. Recycling Fence Project at Broadway and Fir

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

SWEAR IN OF OFFICERS BRYAN JACOBSEN AND CHRISTIAN OCHOA

Mayor Logan welcomes Christian Ochoa and Bryan Jacobsen, reads a short bio of each swears them in as they recite the Oath of Office.

Chief Schenck announces the Othello Police Department is now fully staffed. Both Ochoa and Jacobsen are lateral officers, have completed the academy, and are ready to patrol the streets of Othello.

INTRODUCE AND APPOINT DANIELA VOORHIES TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Logan announces there is an opening on the Planning Commission after the resignation of Roger Enz. Daniela Voorhies has been interviewed and agreed to be a volunteer as a Planning Commissioner and recommends appointing Voorhies to the City Planning Commission.

Chris Dorow, on behalf of the Planning Commission shares quick story on what to expect being on the Planning Commission and welcomes Voorhies on board.

Council carried a motion to ACCEPT MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF DANIELA VOORHIES TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION. M/S Erickson/Everett

OUTBACK SPRAYING CONTRACT/ADDENDUM #1

Kelly Konkright, City Attorney presents the contract addendum with Outback Spraying and reminds Council of the legal issues regarding the award of the bid for the Weed Spraying Contract.

Councilman Everett believes the Council needs to void and null the contract with Baisch since the Council motioned to accept contract. The City Clerk reads the two motions made on May 10th for clarification.

Councilman Everett says if the contract with Outback Spraying is approved it cannot be for \$40,000 plus because it is already the middle of the year. Everett also suggests the City does a one year contract and come budget time that Staff budget for a 500 gallon tank and hire part time help to spray weeds in the summer.

Council carried a motion TO HIRE OUTBACK FOR THE REMAINING SEASON PRORATED M/S Everett/Lallas

IN favor- Dorow, Garza, Quezada, Lallas
Opposed- Everett, Erickson

STREET SAFETY PLAN PRESENTATION

Chris Dorow and Alma Carmona, Othello Planning Commissioners present a proposed Street Safety Plan and explain the method and purpose of the action plan.

Council will take the recommendations and meet in a Water/Sewer/ Street committee.

HOUSING ACTION PLAN

Anne Henning, Community Development Director presented a draft Housing Action plan and mentioned this is not a regulatory document and used as suggestions. Much discussion ensued between Council.

ASH STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer proposed design changes to WSDOT Ash Street Safety Improvements Project since the costs for the project ended up being a lot more than what the City budgeted for.

Councilman Erickson questions the dangers of turning down grant money. Erickson reminds Council that most of the public is not in favor of the bulb outs on Ash Street but he understand it is important to consider the consequences of turning down the grant.

Councilman Lallas suggests staff go back to the bidder to see how much it would cost to reduce the bulb outs to 6ft before it is too late.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Erickson agrees that the Council was appointed to make the best educated decisions on behalf of the City and pleads to the public to come forward with concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Garza mentions debris on 14th needs to be cleaned.

Mayor Logan mentions there is a Park and Rec meeting and W/S/S meeting soon.

Mayor Logan announces the first annual Chalk the Block event at City Hall June 10th from 11:00am to 1:00pm with the Special Education students.

Mayor Logan announces an open house from 4:00pm-8:00p for the Farmers Market, park master plan, and options for the future Farmers Market.

Mayor Logan reminds Council there will be a joint meeting with the School Board June 8th at 6:00pm at the School District's board room.

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING

- Building and Planning Report

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:50p.m.

By:

SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:

TANIA MORELOS, CITY CLERK