



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, November 8, 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
Maria Quezada
Angel Garza

Councilmembers Absent:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Logan, Mayor
Tania Morelos, City Clerk
Spencer Williams, Finance Officer
Dave Rehaume, Assistant Police Chief
Anne Henning, Community Development Director
Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer
Terry Clements, Public Works Director
Abner Garza, IT Director

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- B. Approval of City Council Minutes for October 25, 2021

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

COUNCIL BUDGET RETREAT

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer kicks off the budget retreat. Department Heads presented items they wished to be added to the 2022 Budget which were listed as red zone items. Council discussed and prioritized the red zone items that were not yet worked into the budget and walked through the remainder of the budget season.

CAMERA SYSTEM

Abner Garza, IT Director presents pricing for camera systems at City Hall and City Parks. Vandalism in Othello is at an all-time high in 2021 and the City is in need of a security camera system that can help notify police of vandalism at the parks, fix our current cameras for accreditation, and a professional camera system that is upgradable and expandable.

The presentation was informational, and no action was taken.

PUBLIC HEARING #2 ALLOCATION OF ARPA FUNDS

Mayor Logan opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

Thalia Lemus, Grant Writer Administrator gives a presentation on the suggested items to be funded by ARPA funds. These items were up for discussion, some were wish list items by department heads and Council and some were items from community feedback.

Mayor Logan opens the public testimony portion for those in support, neutral, opposed.

Larry Myrick, small business owner gives his opinion on the suggested use of funds by City staff and Council. Myrick requests Council consider allocating ARPA funds for small business owners.

Michael Conrad, former police officer speaks on behalf of the community and requests Council use ARPA funds to help people in the community who are in need or have had financial hardships due to COVID.

John Pierre, from HAM Radio shares more information on the needs and importance of HAM radio.

Gary Lebacken, Fire Chief requests \$86,000 for 8 exhaust fans and a foyer/lobby to the Fire Department to be able to welcome the public to the building.

Dr. Don updates Council on the reader board going up on 14th and Main. Participation from the City on a second board would be appreciated.

Mayor Logan closes the public testimony portion and closes the public hearing at 9:12 p.m.

Thalia Lemus asks Council to take action on three items: \$30,000 for HAM Radio, \$12,000 for Othello Holiday Committee, and \$168,000 for City Camera System.

Council carried a motion to approve THE ALLOCATIONS FOR SADDLE MOUNTAIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FOR \$30,000, THE OTHELLO HOLIDAY COMMITTEE FOR \$12,000, AND SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS FOR \$168,000. M/S Everett/Erickson

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AND FACILITY USE AGREEMENT FOR A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET

Madison Martinez, Parks and Recreation Coordinator presents a Resolution and Facility Use Agreement for A Christmas Miracle on Main Street event taking place at City Hall on December 4th.

Council carried a motion to approve THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET EVENT. M/S Dorow/Garza

Councilman Everett suggests the City waive the special event fee as this event/committee is a non-profit and all revenues go back into the event each year.

Councilwoman Dorow withdraws her motion.

Council carried a motion to approve THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET EVENT AND WAIVE THE SPECIAL EVENT FEE. M/S Dorow/Garza

SEEK GRANT

Thalia Lemus, Grant Writer Administrator informs Council that WRPA in partnership with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) have created this opportunity in an effort to best serve school-aged youth and targeting funds for programs that prioritize activities that promote students connecting socially with their classmates, encourage students to engage in physical activity, and support families who have struggled with childcare needs. The SEEK program is for summer outdoor programs serving school aged youth (K-12 or age 4-21). Staff requests Council allow staff to apply for the grant.

Council carried a motion to approve THE SUBMISSION OF THE SEEK GRANT APPLICATION. M/S Snyder/Lallas

AWARD WELL #9 PUMP LOWERING PROJECT

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer requests Council award the Well 9 Pump Lowering Project to the lowest bidder, Layne of Washington, Inc.

Council carried a motion to AWARD THE WELL 9 PUMP LOWERING PROJECT TO LAYNE OF WASHINGTON, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,493.00. M/S Snyder/Dorow

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Park & Rec meeting will be coming up
- Interviews will be conducted for the park playground design

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

- Department Head Reports

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 9:36 p.m.

By: 
SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
TANIA MORELOS, CITY CLERK