



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:00 PM – Monday, January 9, 2023

Council Chambers/GoToMeetings

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Logan called the meeting of the Othello City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Tania Morelos, City Clerk
Spencer Williams, Finance Officer
Anne Henning, Community Development Director
Curt Carpenter, Public Works Director
Phil Schenck, Police Chief

CITIZEN INPUT

Jake Mendez Jr. gives credit to public works on their efforts to cleaning streets during snow fall and gave feedback on methods to plow the streets. Mendez speaks about issues with snow being plowed onto sidewalks which effects the handicap. Last providing handicap facilities/equipment at Kiwanis and Lions Park.

ROLL CALL

Council members Present:

Mark Snyder
Corey Everett
John Lallas
Genna Dorow
Jon Erickson
Danae Valdez
Angel Garza

Council members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approve Accounts Payable Checks
- B. Approve Payroll and Related Expenses
- C. Approve CERB Contract for Planning Study
- D. Sandhill Estates #4 Final Plat
- E. Sandhill Estates #4 Easement Resolution

Accounts Payable was audited and certified by the Auditing Officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080; and those expense reimbursement claims certified and as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that has been reviewed by the Council audit committee and is available to the Council.

Accounts Payable Check No. 57319 to No. 57366 in the amount of \$276,237.83.

Accounts Payable Check No. 57367 to No. 57404 in the amount of \$139,730.40.

Accounts Payable Check No. 57405 to No. 57419 in the amount of \$355,298.30.

Accounts Payable Check No. 57420 to No. 57445 in the amount of \$146,295.05.

Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 5530 to No. 5549 in the amount of \$121,459.24.

Councilman Garza recuses himself from the Consent Agenda Items D and E.

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

ELECT MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Logan calls for votes for the 2023 Mayor Pro Tem.

**Council carried a motion to NOMINATE JON ERICKSON AS MAYOR PRO TEM FOR ONE YEAR.
M/S Snyder/Everett**

**Council carried a motion to NOMINATE JOHN LALLAS AS MAYOR PRO TEM FOR ONE YEAR.
M/S Valdez/Dorow**

Mayor Logan goes around the table for votes for Jon Erickson- votes were cast by Council members Jon Erickson, Mark Snyder, and Corey Everett

Mayor Logan goes around the table for votes for John Lallas- votes were cast by Council members John Lallas, Danae Valdez, Genna Dorow, and Angel Garza

John Lallas is appointed as the 2023 Mayor Pro Tem.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Logan announces council should have a copy of the current committee assignments and asks council to go over their assignments and come back next week to let us know if they want to be removed or added to a committee.

LATERAL POLICE SIGNING BONUSES

Phil Schenck, Police Chief asks Council to approve an increase to the Lateral officer signing bonus from \$7,500 to \$15,000. Council suggests discussing this and other options to recruit officers in a committee meeting.

**Council carried a motion TO TABLE TO HOLD A LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING.
M/S Lallas/Erickson**

ADOPT ORDINANCE 1593 REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTERS 8 & 9 AND REPEAL CHAPTER 5.38, ENACTING TITLE 5.40 NUISANCES

Phil Schenck, Police Chief explains with the termination of the agreement with Adams County for District Court services, Othello must now adopt both criminal and traffic codes. This is necessary to charge offenders locally into Othello's new municipal court.

Council carried a motion TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1593 TO REPEAL AND REPLACE OTHELLO MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 8 AND TITLE 9 ENACTING TITLE 5.40. M/S Dorow/Everett

APPROVE PUBLIC WORKS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

Phil Schenck, Police Chief presents the public works union contract for 2023 through 2025 and outlines the major changes.

Council carried a motion TO APPROVE THE THREE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL #280 (PUBLIC WORKS UNION) FOR 2023 THOROUGH 2025. M/S Erickson/Snyder

PUBLIC HEARING MULTI-FAMILY TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE

Mayor Logan opens the public hearing at 6:56pm.

Anne Henning, Community Development Director gives a staff report.

Mayor Logan opens for public testimony.

Neutral- Bob Carlson agrees we need housing, but this is also taking money away from junior taxing districts who are not getting compensated.

Much discussion ensued. Council was not ready to make a vote tonight.

Council carried a motion to CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HERING TO JANUARY 23RD WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE 20 YEAR OPTION IN THE PROPOSAL. M/S Erickson/Lallas

Public hearing was continued at 7:56pm.

TAGGARES PARK RESTROOM-PURCHASES

Curt Carpenter, Public Works Director explains the anticipated costs for the Taggares Park restrooms has increased and requests Council to approve an additional \$110,000 for the project.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE \$110,000 INCREASE, TOTAL BUDGET \$310,000 OUT OF THE REET FUND. M/S Erickson/Snyder

PURCHASE LIGHTS PROGRAM FOR BASEBALL FIELDS

Curt Carpenter, Public Works Director requests approval for a lights program at the Lions Park ballfields which would allow staff to control lights from their phones or other devices.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE QUOTE AND PURCHASE OF MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING-SOURCEWELL PURCHASE- CONTRACT #071619-MSL. M/S Dorow/Valdez

SCHEDULE FOR LIONS PARK DEMO

Curt Carpenter, Public Works Director gives council an information schedule of the Lions Park demolition projects.

BOILER UPDATE

Curt Carpenter, Public Works Director gives council an update on the City Hall boiler.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

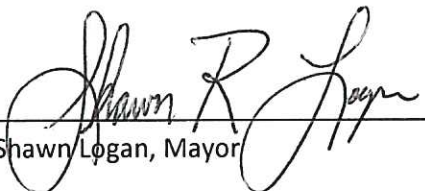
- Fire District annual Awards banquet will be on January 29th. Mayor Pro Tem John Lallas will attend on behalf of the city.

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

- Building and Planning Report

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:33 p.m.

By: 
Shawn Logan, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
Tania Morelos, City Clerk