



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:00 PM – Monday, January 23, 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

Ruth Sawyer explains she had an issue with her garbage pickup where the trash was not picked up and wishes a reimbursement for the extra pickup after she said she did not want it.

Linda Toscano had a concern about prejudice and racism within the City.

Chris Dorow requests council revisit the ADU ordinance and pass it back to the planning commission to make some recommendations.

ROLL CALL

Council members Present:

Mark Snyder
Corey Everett
John Lallas
Genna Dorow
Jon Erickson

Council members Absent:

Danae Valdez
Angel Garza

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approve Accounts Payable Checks
- B. Appoint Daniela Gomez to Civil Service Commission
- C. Reappoint Melissa Love and Appoint Maria Quezada, Maggie Alfaro, and Matt Garza to the Independent Salary Commission
- D. Reappoint Alma Carmona and Daniela Voorhies to the Planning Commission

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. 57446 to No. 57475 in the amount of \$443,489.73.

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JANUARY 22-28, 2023, AS CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS' WEEK IN THE CITY OF OTHELLO

Mayor Logan reads the proclamation announcing January 22nd through 28th as Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week.

PET RESCUE REPORT

Kiyya Grant from Pet Rescue gives Council their annual report.

RESOLUTION TO RE-ESTABLISH PETTY CASH/CHANGE FUNDS

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer requests Council approve an additional cash drawer with a daily starting balance of \$200 for the court clerk office to take court payments.

Council carried a motion to ADOPT THE ATTACHED PETY CASH AND CHANGE FUND RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE OTHELLO MUNICIPAL CHANGE FUND OF \$200. M/S Erickson/Valdez

REJECT SOD REMOVAL PROJECT

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer explains staff was looking at removing sod from Lions Park and installing it at Taggares Park. The estimated project cost was \$6,362.16. Staff received quotes ranging from \$41,895 to \$87,101 therefore staff recommends rejecting the project.

Council carried a motion to REJECT ALL QUOTES FOR THE SOD REMOVAL PROJECT. M/S Lallas/Snyder

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE

Phil Schenck, Police Chief explains ICAC has offered to train two officers in voice stress analyzer technology. The \$18,000 cost for the training would be reimbursed to the City.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SEATTLE POLICE FOR ICAC EXPENSES. M/S Lallas/Everett

LATERAL POLICE SIGNING BONUS

Phil Schenck, Police Chief requests Council approve an increase to the Lateral Officer signing bonus from \$7,500 to \$15,000 and additionally approve \$1,000 recruitment bonus to any current City of Othello employee.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE AN INCREASE IN THE SIGNING BONUS FOR A LATERAL POLICE OFFICER TO \$15,000 AND OFFER A \$1,000 RECRUITMENT BONUS TO CITY OF OTHELLO EMPLOYEES SUCCESSFULLY RECRUITING A LATERAL OFFICER. M/S Erickson/Everett

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Logan went through the committee assignments with the council and assigned members to committees that needed to be filled.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING ON MULTI FAMILY TAX EXEMPTION

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

Anne Henning, Community Development Director opens with a staff report.

Comments were received in support of by Brittany Johnson from Mere Cash Communities who has been interested in Othello for affordable housing development. Mary Reinbold a Commerce Senior Plan statewide expert of MFTE provides WA statistics on housing needs and Othello is the perfect place for it.

Council ensued in much discussion.

Mayor Logan closed the public hearing at 7:49pm.

Council carried a motion to ADOPT ORDINANCE 1594 CREATING OMC 3.40 ENTITLED "MULTI-FAMILY TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM". M/S Dorow/Snyder

Opposed to motion- Council members Erickson and Everett

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Councilman Everett requests a maintenance plan/plowing plan on the alley ways

- Councilman Erickson requests a department update on IT projects

NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Logan explains staff has been working on a personnel policy update which he will send to council to review and will bring to Council on March 6th for discussion

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

- Gordon Thomas Honeywell-Legislative Report
- Planning Commission Minutes

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:57 p.m.

By: 
Shawn Logan, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
Tania Morelos, City Clerk