



MINUTES

City Council Meeting

6:00 PM – Monday, June 26, 2023

Council Chambers/Zoom

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor, Shawn 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

Yvonne Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk, Spencer Williams, Finance Officer, Anne Henning, Building & Planning Director, Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer, Curt Carpenter, Public Works Director, Valerie Hernandez, Park & Recreation Coordinator, Sgt. Aaron Garza, Othello Police Department

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Logan

Council members:

John Lallas

Genna Dorow

Danae Valdez

Corey Everett - *(Remotely)*

Angel Garza - *(Remotely)*

Council members Absent:

Mark Snyder

Jon Erickson

Council carried a motion to excuse Councilmembers Mark Snyder and Jon Erickson. M/S Lallas/Dorow. The motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE AGENDA. M/S Garza/Lallas. The motion carried 5-0

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of Accounts Payables
- B. Approval of City Council Minutes of June 5, 2023, and June 13, 2023

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. M/S Dorow/Valdez. The motion carried 5-0.

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.

Special Run Accounts Payable Check No. 58058 through 58058 in the amount of \$416.87.
Accounts Payable Check No. 58059 to 58211 in the amount of \$1,157,536.77.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Skillsource Partnership/Supporting Youth Presentation

Jacob Gama with Skillsource presented a pre-employment transition services for youth program that provides summer career exploration and work readiness training to students. Currently this program is being offered to students in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Adams counties. Employers are invited to participate by hosting worksite learning activities and students in work experience. Gama advised council that Skillsource pays 100% of student wages and covers all employer liabilities including L&I. Gama would like to see a partnership between Skillsource and the City of Othello amongst other surrounding businesses.

Parks & Recreation Community Block Party

Valerie Hernandez, Park & Recreation Coordinator presented preliminary plans to host a community block party following the opening day of the Little League State Tournament games. Preliminary plans included a variety of food, obstacle course, games, kid zone, live music, mechanical bull and an adult beverage garden. The Park & Recreation Department will be hosting this event on July 22, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Valerie requested due to the event being hosted by the City of Othello Parks and Recreation Department that pool passes and additional items, requested amenities such as picnic tables, garbage cans, dumpsters, staff and event fees should be waived.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY AND WAIVE ALL FEES. M/S Dorow/Valdez. The motion carried 5-0

Award Lions Park Playground Project to PMOW, LLC

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer presented to staff that on June 22, 2023 staff opened bids for the Lions Park Playground project. The city received six bids for the ranging from \$289,935 to \$429,947. The lowest responsible/responsive bid for the project was submitted by PMOW, LLC from Auburn, WA.

The project is part of the package that is being paid for with \$1,100,000 from two RCO grants, \$100,000 of city funds, and \$600,000 from Washington State budget appropriation.

Council carried a motion to AWARD THE LIONS PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT TO PMOW, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$289,935.43. M/S Dorow/Valdez. The motion carried 5-0

Approve Resolution 2023-11 to Build on Unplatted Property – Temporary Adams County Evidence Facility

Anne Henning, Community Development Director, stated that the Adams County Sheriff's Office is working on creating a facility for evidence processing and storage. The long-term goal is a new building, but that will take several years to complete. In the meantime, they are proposing a more temporary solution consisting of cargo containers and a membrane cover. The site is not platted. Per OMC 14.04.070, building and other development permits can only be issued for structures within recorded plats, except that the City Council can authorize a building permit provided the public interest will not be adversely affected. The Adams County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the Planning Commission at their June 19 meeting. The Commission recommended that permission to build on unplatting property be granted, based on the impermanent nature of the structure and the public safety need for this structure. Planning and Engineering recommended the following conditions:

1. Platting should be required before a building permit for the permanent evidence storage building.
2. A covenant for street and utility improvements should be required before the permit for the membrane structure is issued.
3. The containers should be painted to match the cover.
4. The containers and membrane structure shall be removed within 3 years or when a permanent building is completed, whichever comes first.

Councilmember Lallas stated that he did not agree with the conditions. Lallas stated that if we were going to allow for the structure to be built why should we have them take it down later if they could continue to use it. Councilmember Dorow also asked for clarification on the covenant condition. Dorow suggested that the condition state that the covenant would need to be completed with the permanent structure. Councilmember Everett stated he disagreed with

Councilmember Lallas in regard to the timeframe of having a permanent structure being completed within 3 years. Councilmember Lallas stated that he disagreed with the condition and didn't think that they should have to take it down even after the building is built. Lallas stated he opposed to the term in not allowing them to utilize the asset afterward.

Councilmember Dorow made a motion to APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-11 ALLOWING A PERMIT TO BE ISSUED FOR A MEMBRANE STRUCTURE AT THE ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WITH THE CHANGE TO THE COVENANT BEING ISSUED WHEN THEY APPLY FOR THE PERMANENT STRUCTURE M/S Dorow/Everett.

Councilmember Lallas questioned Councilmember Dorow about not approving of the resolution as it is and asked if she was asking to change the resolution. Mayor Logan asked for further discussion.

Henning stated in order to be clear it would be better to work off the resolution so that the resolution is right. Councilmember Dorow stated that her only change would be to remove the covenant requirement and everything else would be the same. Mayor Logan restated the motion, which was to approve the resolution but delete section c which would require a covenant guaranteeing street and utility improvements to Concrete Drive.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-11 AS AMENDED ALLOWING A PERMIT TO BE ISSUED FOR A MEMBRANE STRUCTURE AT THE ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE M/S Dorow/Everett. The motion carried 4-1. Opposed: Lallas because he disagreed with the conditions placed.

Approve Ordinance 1598 Amending OMC.14.36 Fences, Walls and Hedges

Anne Henning, Community Development Director stated that the Council recently updated the residential fence regulations, based on recommendations from the Planning Commission. Several issues came up at the last moment, but it was decided to address them in a future update rather than delay action in adopting the other needed changes. Since that time, it has been discovered that there was an error in the language that was adopted.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE ORDINANCE 1598 AMENDING SECTIONS 14.36.020 AND 14.36.030 OF OMC 14.36 FENCES, WALLS AND HEDGES. M/S Dorow/Valdez. The motion carried 5-0.

Approve Budget Adjustment for Planning Commission I Pads

Anne Henning, Community Development Director stated that When the Council adopted the budget for 2023, they included funds to purchase iPads for the Planning Commission, so that Commissioners could read and access their agenda packets without needing to print out the often-lengthy packets or try to read them on their phones. The Council budgeted \$6000, but since that time has increased the Planning Commission from 5 to 7 members. This creates the need for additional funds, estimated at no more than \$8000 for 7 iPads.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE TO ADJUST THE 2023 BUDGET BY INCREASING THE BUDGET FOR PLANNING COMMISSION iPADS FROM \$6000 to \$8000. M/S Valdez/Dorow. The motion carried 5-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

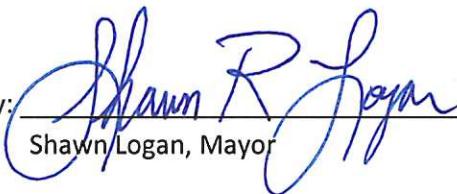
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COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

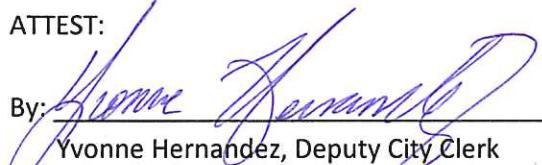
- Finance Report
- Building & Planning Report - May

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor, Shawn Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 6:45 p.m.

By: 
Shawn Logan, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
Yvonne Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk

