



## MINUTES

### City Council Regular Meeting

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6:00 PM – Monday, May 22, 2023

Council Chambers/GoToMeetings

#### CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Mayor Pro tem, John Lallas 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

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Tania Morelos, City Clerk  
Yvonne Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk  
Spencer Williams, Finance Officer  
Dave Rehaume, Assistant Police Chief  
Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer  
Curt Carpenter, Public Works Director  
Anne Henning, Community Development Director

#### CITIZEN INPUT

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Jake Mendez Jr. wanted to address publicly that he will be assisting Adams County Pet Rescue as far as donations and other support. Mendez informed council that he will be forwarding the budget and the things needed to the Adams County Commissioners and also send a certified letter to Jay Inslee to get more funds as they are undervalued and over worked. Mendez is hoping to get the attention of the people of the community to support Adams County Pet Rescue.

#### ROLL CALL

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Council members Present:  
John Lallas  
Jon Erickson  
Genna Dorow

Council members Absent:  
Angel Garza

Mark Snyder  
Corey Everett  
Danae Valdez

**Council carried a motion to excuse ANGEL GARZA. M/S Dorow/Snyder**

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of Accounts Payables
- B. Approve City Council Minutes for May 8, 2023
- C. Appoint Thalia Lemus to the Othello Housing Authority Board
- D. Reappoint Jessie Dominguez to the Othello Housing Authority Board

Councilmember, Jon Erickson asked to remove the approval of the minutes for discussion due to a discrepancy error. Mayor Pro Tem Lallas stated that the minutes will be moved to new business in order to discuss.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING. M/S Erickson/Everett**

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. 57996 to No. 58057 in the amount of \$569,659.40

## CURRENT BUSINESS

### PUBLIC HEARING FOR CDBG GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Pro-Tem, John Lallas opens the public hearing at 6:04 pm.

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer explains that city staff is wanting to apply for a CDBG grant to do some repairs to the parking lot at Lions Park. CDBG program requires the City of Othello to inform the public of the availability and eligible uses of CDBG grants, what the City intends to do with the money should its application be successful, and to solicit public comment as to whether there is a more pressing need than repairs to the park lot at Lions Park.

Mayor Pro Tem, John Lallas opens the public testimony portion to those in support, neutral, and opposed.

Ruth Sawyer came up to ask for clarification of what exactly was going to be done, as she lives at the east end of the park.

Mayor Pro Tem, John Lallas closes the public hearing at 6:10 pm.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE CDBG GRANT APPLICATION.  
M/S Dorow/Valdez**

**AWARD LIONS PARK BASKETBALL COURT PROJECT TO DUG EXCAVATION, LLC**

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer explains the City opened quotes for the Lions Park basketball court project. The city received eight bids for the work ranging from \$418,125 to \$727,221 for the base bid and from \$600,420 to \$895,049 including the light additive. Shawn stated that the grant does not require the lighting to be installed but is an eligible addition that the city council has the option to award.

**Council carried a motion to AWARD THE QUOTE FOR THE LIONS PARK BASKETBALL COURT PROJECT TO DUG EXCAVATION, LLC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,420 WITH THE LIGHTING ADDITIVE AND DEDICATE ADDITIONAL CITY FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE WORK. M/S Erickson/Dorow**

**Council carried a motion to TAKE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT FROM ARPA FUNDS. M/S Snyder/Everett**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**AMEND MINUTES FROM MAY 8, 2023**

Councilmember, Jon Erickson informed council that in the draft meeting minutes for May 8, 2023 it states that he had made a motion to appoint Assistant Chief Dave Rehaume as Interim Chief and stated that is not correct. Erickson stated that he in fact made a motion to appoint Assistant Chief Dave Rehaume as the Police Chief of which there was a second. Upon further review and discussion Erickson realized he had an option to approve or reject an appointment but not change the terms of which the Mayor was appointing.

**Council carried a motion In FAVOR TO APPOINT ASSISTANT CHIEF DAVE REHAUME AS INTERIM POLICE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF OTHELLO. M/S Erickson/Dorow**

**Council carried a motion TO AMEND THE MINUTES TO CLARIFY THE MOTION THAT WAS MADE TO REFLECT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION MADE. M/S Dorow/Everett**

**NEW BUSINESS**

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There was none.

## COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

- Finance Report
- Fire Dept. Report- Councilman Erickson requests a committee meeting be scheduled.
- Building & Planning Report

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem, John Lallas adjourned the Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

By: 

John Lallas, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

By: 

Yvonne Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk