



## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting

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6:00 PM – Monday, July 24, 2023

Council Chambers/GoToMeetings

#### CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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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

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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

#### CITIZEN INPUT

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Jake Mendez commented on how impressive Lions Park looks and how well the Parks and Recreation department has done. Mendez also encouraged the community to vote for EMS.

#### ROLL CALL

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Council members Present:

John Lallas

Genna Dorow

Corey Everett

Mark Snyder

Angel Garza – *(Remotely)*

Jon Erickson – *(Remotely)*

Council members Absent:

Danae Valdez

Council carried a motion to excuse Councilmembers Danae Valdez M/S Dorow/Snyder. The motion carried 6-0

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE AGENDA. M/S Everett/ Garza. The motion carried 6-0

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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##### **A. Approval of Accounts Payable**

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. M/S Snyder/Lallas. The motion carried 6-0

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.

Accounts Payable Check No. 58271 through 58354 in the amount of \$944,652.47

Accounts Payable Check No. 58355 to 58418 in the amount of \$265,191.65.

Manual Check No. 5552 to No. 5562 in the amount of \$117,351.13

#### CURRENT BUSINESS

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##### **Approve Resolution 2023.13 for 2024 TIB Grant Application**

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer informed council that in order to apply to the Transportation Improvement board grant program, the city council must pass a resolution authorizing submission of an application and allocating matching funds. Shawn informed the council that they are looking to apply for a grant to construct sidewalks along collector and arterial roads.

Council carried a motion to AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF THE TIB GRANT APPLICATION AND ALLOCATE THE REQUIRED TIB FUNDS TO MEET THE LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023.13 M/S Dorow/Erickson. The motion carried 6-0

##### **Award Lions Park Playground Equipment Installation**

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer informed the council that the City budgeted \$1,800,000 for the installation of the new playground and awarded this project to Wildwood. Staff just recently received the estimated costs from Wildwood for the poured-in place and turf installation, the

playground equipment installation, the shade structure, and shade structure installation. The shade structure was not part of the original plan. The total estimated price is now estimated to be \$1,931,188.82.

Spencer Williams, Finance Director informed the council that there is about \$200,000 of ARPA funds remaining.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, SURFACING, AND SHADE STRUCTURE WITH WILDWOOD AND FOR THE ADDITIONAL COSTS TO BE COVERED WITH ARPA FUNDS. M/S LALLAS/Dorow. The motion carried 6-0**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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There was none.

## NEW BUSINESS

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### Adams County Pet Rescue

Councilmember Jon Erickson addressed the council in regards to the needs and challenges that the Adams County Pet Rescue are facing. Jon said he did some investigating and stated that they were financially struggling due to losing a major donor. Jon said that he supported taking on the pet rescue because there is no other option.

Mayor Logan also stated that pet rescue had a major donor who had contributed for years and he unfortunately passed which changed their financial picture. Mayor stated that their operating costs are more than what their revenue is. The city currently has a contract for \$55,000 a year which ends this year. Mayor stated the city would be negotiating a new contract with pet rescue and would like to add more money to their budget. Adams County Pet Rescue has also been seeking assistance from Adams County Board Commissioners as they also perform work out in the county. The City does benefit from the services that they do provide. Mayor stated that he will be planning on having a meeting with the Adams County Pet Rescue along with Chief Dave Rehaume to negotiate a contract and will report back to the council.

### All Star Tournament

Mayor Shawn Logan thanked the Public Works Department and the Parks and Rec Department in the outstanding effort they did to put on the tournament and the block party event.

### Playground Equipment

Councilmember Genna Dorow asked Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer what the closing date is for having all the playground equipment put in. Shawn stated that it is still in the air with all the different contractors working on different projects it is hard to tell especially with the fall weather coming in. Genna asked how long it would take Wildwood to get the equipment installed and Shawn stated the hope was for it to be late September or early October.

Councilmember Jon Erickson also addressed Shawn in regards to locking up the fields and if citizens are allowed to utilize the fields. Shawn stated as far as he knew the gates have not been locked up and it is his understanding that if people wanted to have sole use of them they had to reserve and pay for the fields. Mayor Logan also mentioned that the concession stands and fields was a construction site from April into June and the public access was limited.

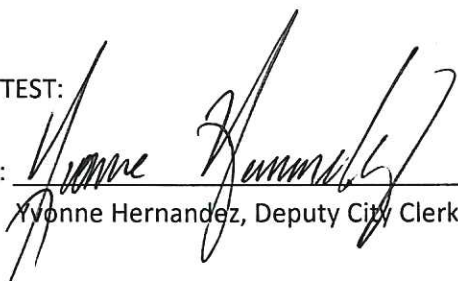
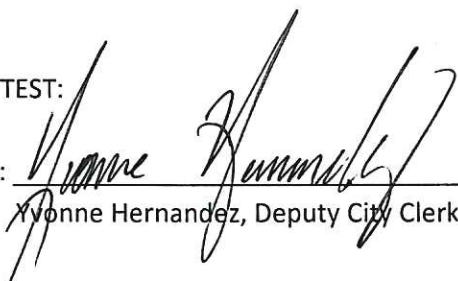
#### COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

- A. Planning Commission Minutes
- B. Adams County Fire District June City Report

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor, Shawn Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 6:46 p.m.

By:   
Shawn Logan, Mayor

ATTEST:   
By:   
Yvonne Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk