



## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting

6:00 PM – Monday, August 7, 2023

Council Chambers/Zoom

#### CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Yvonne Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk  
Anne Henning, Building & Planning  
Curt Carpenter, Public Works Director  
Valerie Hernandez, Park & Recreation Director  
Dave Rehaume, Police Chief

#### CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

#### ROLL CALL

Council members Present:  
Angel Garza (*Remotely*)  
Genna Dorow  
Mark Snyder  
Corey Everett  
Danae Valdez

Council members Absent:  
Jon Erickson

**Council carried a motion to excuse Councilmembers Corey Everett, Danae Valdez & Jon Erickson. M/S Dorow/Everett. The motion carried 5/0**

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes for June 26, 2023 and July 3, 2023
- B. Accept Kiwanis Park Cultural Resource Contract

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

## CURRENT BUSINESS

### APPROVE FACILITY USE AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION 2023-15 FOR LATINO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Valerie Hernandez, Park and Recreation Coordinator presented to council the special event application, facility use agreement and resolution for the yearly Latino State Championships. Charles Garcia, tournament director has requested use of the Lions Park in conjunction with the Lions Park Athletic complex to host the event on Friday August 18, 2023, through August 20, 2023. Garcia has requested the use of Lions Park to expand the facility availability to tournament participants and allow space for festivities and entertainment. RV dry camp space is requested on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and East Hamlet Street along with the city lot of 9<sup>th</sup> and Pine. Garcia has also requested portable toilets and hand washing stations that will be utilized for the RV spots. Public works will schedule five staff members for the duration of the event for field maintenance and facility upkeep. With the city council approval Garcia will enter into a facility agreement with the City of Othello and provide a certificate of liability insurance. The special event fee, \$464, is for the anticipated attendants. \$1807.44 Lions Park athletic complex and the balance of \$10413.70 is a total for the additional items for the amenities that include picnic tables, garbage cans, dumpsters, portable toilets, and event staff. The total budget is \$13195.14.

Charles Garcia addressed the council about the importance of the tournament to the community. Garcia stated he understands that the cost has increased over the years but stated that the extra staff charge was quite a bit and asked council if they would waive the fees for staff.

Curt Carpenter, Public Works Director informed the council that the actual cost for the tournament was presented as they have asked for it in the past. Curt informed council that staff does not have the ability to waive the fees.

*Councilmember Danae Valdez recuses herself from the vote.*

Council carried a motion to APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-15 AND FACILITY USE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR THE 2023 LATINO CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$3885.14. M/S Everett/Dorow. The motion carried 4/0

**APPROVE FACILITY USE AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION 2023-16 FOR COLUMBIA BASIN HEALTH ASSOCIATION RUN FOR A CAUSE**

Valerie Hernandez, Park and Recreation Coordinator presented to council the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CBHA Run for a Cause. The expected attendance for the event is 1,000. The special event fee is \$464 for the city right of way for the use of Kiwanis and Pioneer Park. CBHA has paid the processing fee of \$153 which will be applied towards the event fee of \$464 and the deposit of \$510, leaving a balance of \$821 to be paid upon council approval.

The City of Othello would like to donate as a Run for a Cause Sponsor in the amount of \$2500 in memory of Liam Taylor Gomez.

Corey Everett, Councilmember stated he would like to waive the \$464 event fees or add \$464 to the donation.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-16 AND FACILITY USE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR RUN FOR A CAUSE ON AUGUST 26, 2023. M/S Everett/Valdez. The motion carried 5/0

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE FINANCIAL DONATION AS A RUN FOR A CAUSE SPONSOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2964 IN MEMORY OF LIAM TAYLOR GOMEZ. The motion carried 5/0

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCHOA ANNEXATION AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 1599 ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS TO THE CITY OF OTHELLO**

Anne Henning, Community Development Director gives a staff report and informed council that AJ and Jodi Ochoa have submitted a petition for annexation of 442.2 acres located east of existing city limits at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Main Street and Lee Road.

Gilbert Alvarado, representative for the Ochoa's reported to council about the potential developments and projects for the property.



Mayor Pro-Tem John Lallas opens the public hearing at 6:40 pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem John Lallas opens the public testimony. There was none.

Mayor Pro-Tem John Lallas closes the public hearing at 6:50 pm.

**Council carried a motion to ADOPT ORDINANCE 1599 ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS TO THE CITY OF OTHELLO. M/S Dorow/Valdez. Motion Passed 5/0**

**APPROVE DISPATCH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

Chief Dave Rehaume informed the council that the police department support and limited commissions staff have voted to accept the attached agreement. This CBA adds a 10-hour shift availability.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE 2023-2025 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT AND LIMITED COMMISSIONED STAFF AND THE CITY OF OTHELLO. M/S Dorow/Snyder. The motion carried 5/0**

**APPROVE DISPATCH CONSOLE UPGRADE**

Chief Dave Rehaume informed the council that it was discovered that the police department dispatch console #1 was failing. Service parts for the failing Scout hardware is no longer available. The communication company Racom provides these parts. Racom provided a quote to upgrade both hardware and software. The quote for this upgrade is \$14,333.79. This would upgrade Dispatch Console #1; Dispatch Console #2 has the same part but is not showing signs of failure yet.

Dave stated that the Othello Police Department's 2023 budget includes funding (\$65,000) for a Police Explorer Van. This purchase was put on hold due to the low numbers of Police Explorers. The request is to forego the purchase of the Explorer van and reassign those funds to fix and upgrade Dispatch Console #1 for \$14,333.79. We can consider upgrading Dispatch Console #2 at this same time for the same price.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE 2023 BUDGET CHANGE TO DISPATCH CONSOLES RATHER THAN PURCHASING THE VAN M/S Dorow/Snyder. The motion carried 5/0**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Councilmember Mark Snyder asked about the status of the fire department. Mayor Pro-Tem John Lallas stated that the truck is supposed to be delivered on August 15.

Councilmember Genna Dorow asked about the parking lines being painted. Curt Carpenter informed the council that they will be restriping but did not have a date when that would occur.

Mayor Pro-Tem John Lallas asked about Well #3 that we had issues with. Curt Carpenter stated that most of the parts have come in and it should be back online in a couple weeks.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

#### COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

##### **A. Finance Report**

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Pro-Tem, John Lallas adjourned the Council meeting at 7:05 p.m.

By: 

John Lallas, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

By: 

Yvonne Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk

