



MINUTES

City Council Meeting

6:00 PM – Monday, August 14, 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

Curt Carpenter, Public Works Director

Valerie Hernandez, Park & Recreation Director

Dave Rehaume, Police Chief

Kelly Konkright, City Attorney

CITIZEN INPUT

Scott Harris advised that he is a member of the community and wanted to discuss Pickleball Courts in Othello. Mayor Logan advised that there will be lines painted on the tennis courts for pickleball. Scott asked about nets and how they can facilitate them like other cities.

ROLL CALL

Council members Present:

Council members Absent:

John Lallas

Angel Garza

Genna Dorow

Mark Snyder

Danae Valdez
Jon Erickson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE AGENDA. M/S Snyder/Garza. The motion carried 7-0

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of Accounts Payables
- B. Approval of Payroll & Related Expenses
- C. Approval of City Council Minutes of July 10, 2023

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. M/S Lallas/Dorow The motion carried 7-0

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. 58419 to 58525 in the amount of \$1,081,690.06
Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 32904 to 32935 in the amount of \$657,828.60

CURRENT BUSINESS

Desimone Consulting LLC Federal Lobbying Contract

John Culton presented the lobbying and advocacy services he could provide the city with to obtain federal funds. The city is looking at some very large capital expenditure projects over the next 3-5 years and with John's assistance, the citizens of Othello can receive great value with federal dollars to minimize the cost of these improvements.

In consideration of the provision of the Services by the Service Provider to the Client under this Agreement, Client shall pay a monthly retainer fee (the "Fee") of \$5,000 per month for a one-year Term (as defined in Section 7 hereto). The Fee is due and payable in advance on the first of each month.

The contract will be funded by the Water Fund 50% and Sewer Fund 50%.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE FEDERAL LOBBYING CONTRACT WITH DESIMONE CONSULTING, LLC. M/S Erickson/Dorow. The motion carried 7/0

Memorandum of Understanding Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Chief Dave Rehaume informed council that this MOU established our agreement with the ATF for our participation in firearm trafficking, violent crimes where firearms are involved gather, report intelligence and participate in undercover operations where appropriate. The agreement allows us the use of ATF resources when necessary. It does not obligate us financially. This also extends ATF authority to our assigned detective when appropriate. The Chief stated that our department benefits greatly from our cooperation with this memorandum. The focus of this task force is to identify, apprehend and successfully convict arrestees of firearm related violent crime.

The council carried a motion to APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES AND THE OTHELLO POLICE DEPARTMENT. M/S Dorow/Garza. The motion carried 7/0

Othello Chamber of Commerce Back to School Movie at the Park

Jacklyn Wilhelm, The Greater Othello Chamber of Commerce Manager and Thalia Lemus, The Greater Othello Chamber of Commerce President presented to council that they will be hosting a community back to school movie night at the Kiwanis Park Amphitheater to include food vendors and informational booths. Thalia informed the council that they have several sponsors for this event to include the Othello School District and McCain Foods. The budget for the event is \$938.84 which includes a \$510 deposit. Councilmember, Jon Erickson asked that the fees be waived for the event. The council agreed that this was a benefit to the community and agreed to waive the fees.

The council carried a motion THAT THE CITY OF OTHELLO CO-SPONSOR WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PARK, WAIVE THE FEES, APPROVE THE FACILITY USE AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION. M/S Lallas/Dorow. The motion carried 7/0

Resignation of Jon Erickson

Councilmember Jon Erickson announced his resignation to the city council effective immediately. Mayor Shawn Logan congratulated Jon on his public service and presented him with a Certificate of Recognition. Mayor Logan announced there would be cake and punch after the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Process to fill vacant position

Kelly Konkright, City Attorney explained the process to the city council to fill the vacant position. Councilmembers agreed to wait for the election and let the people decide who will fill the vacant position.

Council carried a motion TO WAIT AND LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE TO REPLACE COUNCILMAN ERICKSON'S POSITION UNTIL THE ELECTION M/S Everett/Dorow. The motion carried 6/1.
Opposed: Snyder disagreed on waiting to fill the vacant position.

Request a 3rd member on the Budget Committees

Mayor Logan informed council that Spencer Williams, Finance Officer requested that a 3rd member be assigned to the finance and audit committee. Mayor Logan advised that Councilmember Danae Valdez has offered to be on those committees.

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

A. Building & Planning Report

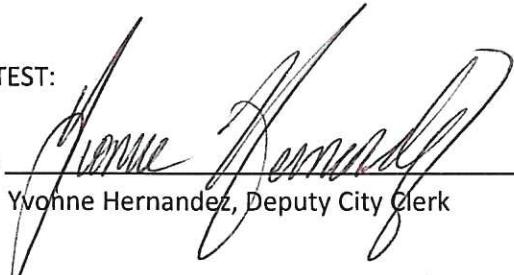
ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor, Shawn Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:11 p.m.

By: 

Shawn Logan, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 

Yvonne Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk