



MINUTES

City Council Meeting

6:00 PM – Monday, August 28, 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
Spencer Williams, Finance Officer
Anne Henning, Building & Planning
Sarah Montemayor, Grant Writer
Curt Carpenter, Public Works Director
Dave Rehaume, Police Chief

CITIZEN INPUT

Charles Garcia wanted to thank the effort of the public works, park and recreation department and the council for the effort that everyone made to assist in the Latino Tournament. Charles did advise council that having 60 teams was a bit overwhelming and would more than likely be dropping back down to the original 48 teams as he has had in previous years. Charles advised the council that he had a video of the tournament over the weekend on his Facebook page and welcomed us to use it on our social media platforms.

Jake Mendez addressed thanked the efforts of the public works department for finishing up the park although not fully completed. Jake stated that in the future he is hoping that people with disabilities who are in wheelchairs have full access to the parks. Jake described how outdated the public restrooms are and recommended that the city consider handicapped accessibility to the restrooms. Councilmember Mark Snyder mentioned that the RCO contract for Kiwanis Park on the consent agenda is accepting the contracts for park renovations. Councilmember John

Lallas also stated that that when Lions Park is complete it is going to be the most interactive park in the state for all types of handicapped people.

ROLL CALL

Council members Present:

Angel Garza (via zoom)

Genna Dorow

Mark Snyder

Corey Everett

Danae Valdez

Council members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Acarried 6 THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

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. 58526 to No. 58588 in the amount of \$650,320.77.

B. Accept the RCO Contracts for Kiwanis Park

C. Accept the Department of Commerce Contract for Lions Park

D. Approve Sand Hill Estates #5 Improvements

E. Approve Sand Hill Estates #5 Final Plat

The council carried a motion to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. M/S Dorow/Valdez. The motion carried 6/0

CURRENT BUSINESS

Set Date to Consider Sand Hill Estates Comprehensive Plan Amendment/Rezone

Anne Henning, Community Development Director asked to set a date for a public hearing for September 25, 2023. Anne this is for a request to approve a comprehensive plan amendment and a rezone of the same plan.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION ON THE SAND HILL ESTATES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AND REZONE REQUEST FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2023. M/S Dorow/Snyder.

Resolution to Approve LPM Grant Application

Sarah Montemayor, Grant Administrator informed council that this was an application for a Local Parks and Maintenance grant through the Recreation and Conservation office. The Washington State Legislature provided one-time funding to help local park departments maintain their working facilities to meet the needs of their residents. The grant will focus on helping communities in need address maintenance backlogs for key local park facilities, capital improvements, and equipment purchases. Sarah stated that the city intends to ask for \$10000 towards the purchase of a mower. Councilmember Mark Snyder asked if there were any other quotes that were less than \$160,000. Curt Carpenter stated that if they did get the grant they could go out for additional quotes.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE ATTACHED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION APPLYING FOR THE LOCAL PARK MAINTENANCE GRANT. M/S Dorow/Everett. The motion carried 6/0

Approve Ordinance to Amend OMC 9.40 "Parking"

Chief Dave Rehaume informed the council that they have had several complaints from citizens of the community and the school district regarding the trucks parking in the 10th block of East Scootney Street between S. 1st Avenue and S. Broadway Avenue. The complaints are about the trucks and trailers parking on the streets making it difficult for vehicle traffic to pass by.

The request is for an ordinance change where a parking restriction be added in this block. The restriction would be added to OMC 9.40.030 (b) where a parking restriction between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. be added.

The council discussed the matter, and it was suggested that a "no parking" restriction be added.

Motion to approve that a PARKING RESTRICTION BE ADDED TO ORDINANCE TO OMC 9.40.030 (b) FOR THE 10TH BLOCK OF EAST SCOOTNEY ST WHERE "NO PARKING" IS ALLOWED M/S Everett/Valdez. The motion carried 6/0

Approve Tank Turf Contract

Curt Carpenter, Public Works Director is requesting the acquisition of a tank turf to save on labor and materials for striping athletic fields, parking lots, etc. The Turf Tank Twi is a robotic field painter designed to mark all types of sports fields, easier, faster, and more efficiently. Staff went out to the Othello School District, and they demonstrated theirs and they also had a demonstration at Taggares Park. Curt stated that the robot would be leased out for \$16,700 which includes the Pro Package.

**Motion to approve the TANK TURF CONTRACT AS PRENTED FOR \$16,700 M/S Dorow/Snyder.
The motion carried 6/0**

2024 Budget Process & Council Budget Committees

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer presented the broad strokes of the budget season with a timeline and schedules for council budget committee meetings. Suggestions were made to replace Jon Erickson. Councilmember John Lallas stated that he would take over the general government meeting and Councilmember Angel Garza stated that he would take over the law enforcement meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Mark Snyder asked about the budget for the traffic calming devices. Mark complained about traffic still going fast on 4th Street and is requesting a speed bump to be put in. Councilmember Lallas asked staff to prepare a quote for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Cancel the council meeting for September 5, 2023

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

A. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor, Shawn Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:01 p.m.

By: 

John Lallas, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

By: 

Yvonne Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk