



## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting

6:00 PM – Monday, October 23, 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

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Dave Rehaume, Police Chief

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Kelly Konkright, City Attorney

#### CITIZEN INPUT

Kim Bailey, Pet Rescue Volunteer passed out pictures of City buildings and the Pet Rescue building facilities explaining the City should also help fund the needs of ACPR as it does City facilities.

Tammie Foley, Pet Recue Volunteer shows pictures of a rescue dog and also speaks in support of the City helping ACPR.

Dawna Roper asks the Council to recognize the needs of ACPR and to take pride into what ACPR is doing in Othello.

Stephanie Salsbury works at the hospital who came from a big city and is disturbed by the homelessness of animals in Othello and ask Council to please support ACPR.

Clerk Tania Morelos reads a message from zoom by Gina Chambers, Colleen Turner, and Nicole Cisneros also in support of the City helping ACPR with additional funding.

Mimi Willetts on zoom explains she adopted a pet from ACPR and support ACPR public health issue.

Ernie Summers shares their experience with the ACPR and speaks in support of additional funding for their facility.

Dale Wyman asks ACPR to quantify exactly how much they are asking from the City so that they may not get in this situation again.

Kyya Grant, Administrator at ACPR is explains this is a nationwide issue.

Mayor Logan responds to all the comments. Councilwoman Dorow asked ACPR what response they received when they approached the Adams County Commissioners. Kyya said they are not receptive or would listen to them.

Citizen Input lasted until 7:18pm.

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## ROLL CALL

Council members Present:	Council members Absent:
Angel Garza (zoom)	Danae Valdez
Genna Dorow	
Mark Snyder	
Corey Everett	
John Lallas	

**Council carried a motion to EXCUSE COUNCILWOMAN DANAE VALDEZ. M/S Dorow/Snyder**

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## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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## CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Accounts Payables
- B. Award Asphalt Repair Project to Central Washington Asphalt
- C. Approve to Submit Commerce Law Enforcement Pursuit Technology Grant Application

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. M/S Everett/Dorow**

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. 58834 to No. 58892 in the amount of \$503,523.95.

## CURRENT BUSINESS

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### APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-23 TO BUILD ON UNPLATTED PROPERTY-ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Anne Henning, Community Development Director gives a staff report and presents a resolution to authorize the Adams County Sheriff's office to build their storage shed to build on unplattd property.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-23 ALLOWING A PERMIT TO BE ISSUED FOR A STORAGE SHED AT THE ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. M/S Dorow/Snyder**

### APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-24 SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADDING THE SAND HILL ESTATES AREA (R-4) TO THE MULTI FAMILY TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM

Councilman Angel Garza recuses himself from this issue due to conflict of interest to this issue.

Anne Henning, Community Development Director gives a staff report and presents a resolution to set a public hearing to consider adding R-4 to the MFTE program.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-24 SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADDING THE SAND HILL ESTATES AREA NEWLY-ZONED R-4 TO RESIDENTIAL TARGET AREA "A" OF THE MULTI-FAMILY TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM. M/S Dorow/Lallas**

Councilman Everett notes for the record he voted in support to set the public hearing but is still against the Multi Family Tax Exemption Program.

### DISCUSS REVISIONS TO THE OTHELLO CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT POLICY

Mayor Logan presents a draft revised version of the City Council Rules of Procedure and Conduct Policy and points out the revisions and new language added. Councilman Everett is opposed to the new section "12.3" as it seems to be a "political hit job". Councilman Lallas asked for a definition of "Governance Committee". Council asked staff remove section 12.3 and bring the policy back for review at a later meeting.

### ADOPT ORDINANCE 1602 AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 5.08 "SOLID WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL"

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer explains the City operated with a 3 year solid waste rate schedule which is expiring the end of 2023 and a new rate schedule needs to be adopted for 2024-2026.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE ORDINANCE 1602 ADOPTING THE 2024-2026 THREE YEAR SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASE PER ATTACHED ORDINANCE. M/S Snyder/Dorow

**ADOPT ORDINANCE 1603 AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 12.16 "WATER AND SEWER SERVICE AND RATES"**

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer presents the ordinance amending the water and sewer rates for the new year per the FCS Group recommendations.

Council carried a motion TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1603 ADOPTING THE ONE-YEAR WATER RATES PER THE ATTACHED ORDINANCE. M/S Dorow/Everett

**2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer introduces the beginning of our budget process for the new year and explains what to expect for the next few meetings until we adopt the 2024 budget.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL**

Council will now adjourn at 8:28pm to go into an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(f) To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. The Executive Session is expected to last 20 minutes. No action will be taken during the Executive Session. Council was back in session at 8:42pm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Shawn Logan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tania Morelos, City Clerk