



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:00 PM – Monday, January 22, 2024

Council Chambers/Zoom

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor 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, Building & Planning Director
Abner Garza, IT Director
Hillary Evans, City Attorney

CITIZEN INPUT

Jake Mendez address issues with the City's snow plowing policy.
Robert Pruneda also addresses concerns about the snow plowing policy.

ROLL CALL

Council members Present:

Genna Dorow
Danae Valdez
Mark Snyder
Darryl Barnes
Corey Everett
John Lallas
Angel Garza- Via Zoom

Council members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approve of Accounts Payable
- B. Approval of City Council Minutes January 8, 2024

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. 59277 to No. 59316 in the amount of \$746,493.71.

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION NURSE ANESTHETIST WEEK

Mayor Logan reads the Proclamation announcing the week of January 21 to January 27, 2024 as Nurse Anesthetist Week.

ADAMS COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 1 DONATION FOR SIGN AT TAGGARES PARK

Rolando Cerrillo president of the Adams County Park and Recreation District No. 1 announces they are donating \$5,000 to the City of Othello for a new sign at Taggares Park and thanks the City for the improvements made to the park.

APPROVE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING REPAIRS

Mayor Logan explains staff is still working on a long term plan for holding dogs but in the meantime is looking to hold dogs in the Public Works Building #2. Improvements to the building will need to be made to hold 8 dogs there but these improvements will benefit Public Works in the long run once the dogs are removed.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO MAKE LONG TERM IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDING WHERE EQUIPMENT IS STORED IN AMOUNT TO NOT EXCEED \$12,000. M/S Lallas/Dorow

APPROVE CITY ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Mayor Logan presents a contract between the City of Othello and Kenyon-Disend, LLC for legal services. An RFP was conducted and 4 different proposals and interviews were made. Staff recommends Council approve Kenyon-Disend, LLC as the City's new legal counsel.

Council carried a motion to AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH THE LAW FIRM OF KENYON-DISEND, PLLC. M/S Dorow/Lallas

DISCUSSION: CARGO CONTAINERS

Anne Henning, Community Development Director presents the recommendations made by the Planning Commission regarding Cargo containers in C-1 zones and other issues on containers in different zones. Henning requests direction from the Council so that updates can be made to the ordinance and schedule a public hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL

Council will now adjourn at 6:53pm 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. However, upon the request of such officer or employee, a public hearing or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted upon such complaint or charge;. The Executive Session is expected to last 25 minutes and will reconvene at 7:19pm. No action will be taken during the Executive Session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Everett gives props to Public Works for their plowing jobs during the heavy snowfall. Also appreciates the Police Department for their notifications on the unsafe road conditions during the freezing temperatures.

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

- Building and Planning Report-December
- Planning Commission Minutes-December
- Legislative Report

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:23 p.m.

By: _____

Shawn Logan, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

