



# MINUTES

## City Council Regular Meeting

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6:00 PM – Monday, February 26, 2024

Council Chambers/Zoom

### CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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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

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Yvonne Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Dave Rehaume, Police Chief

### CITIZEN INPUT

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Jake Mendez, UCLA Activist addressed the council regarding a complaint against an officer who contacted someone in regard to a rooster. Mendez stated that he felt that the officer had made an unnecessary gesture during the contact. Mendez wants officers to be held accountable for their actions.

Ernie Summers, retired veterinarian and ACPR advisor addressed the city council regarding concerns about the Adams County Pet Rescue contract negotiations which fell through. Summers corrected some of the misconceptions being spread about the negotiation and handed out a letter to each of the council members.

### ROLL CALL

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Council members Present:

Corey Everett

John Lallas

Genna Dorow

Angel Garza - Via Zoom

Darryl Barnes

Mark Snyder

Council members Absent:

Danae Valdez

**Council carried a motion to EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER DANA VALDEZ. M/S Dorow/Barnes**

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approve of Accounts Payables
- B. Award Crack Seal Project - 2024
- C. Approve Public Works Surplus List
- D. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Seattle Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

Councilman Everett asked that the Approval of the Public Works Surplus List be moved to Current Business as he had some concerns he wanted to address.

**Council carried a motion to MOVE THE PUBLIC WORKS SURPLUS LIST TO CURRENT BUSINESS  
M/S EVERETT/BARNES**

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. 59415 to No. 59464 in the amount of \$411,719.76.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS  
SURPLUS LIST MOVED TO CURRENT BUSINESS. M/S Everett/Snyder**

## CURRENT BUSINESS

### **OTHELLO FOOD BANK**

Adam James, Chair of the Othello Food Bank reported that in August 2022 they had requested funds from the City of Othello to aid in a financial shortfall. James thanked the City for the generous grant that allowed them to overcome the shortfall. James informed the Council that over the past 18 months the food bank has gone from a shortfall to ending 2023 with a surplus. The Board has seen an increase in donations and the current manager has been applying for grants of which we are expecting will ensure the food bank to be fully funded. The extra funding has permitted to turn our part time manager to a full time executive director and also hire a part time manager with salaries that are fair. Overall the food bank is at a great financial stance.

### **APPROVE LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN UPDATE AGREEMENT**

Spencer Williams, Finance Director requested from the council for approval of a Local Road Safety Plan Update Agreement with SCJ Alliance. The city received a \$50000 grant through

Quadco to help pay for an update to our local road safety plan. This update to the plan will help identify roads around town, driving conditions, areas that we need to focus our money on for safety and road improvements. Williams also stated that having this plan in place will help in applying for future grants.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND SCOPE OF WORK WITH SCJ ALLIANCE IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$44796 FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN. M/S DOROW/SNYDER**

**APPROVE PUBLIC WORKS SURPLUS LIST**

Councilmember Everett stated that he has an issue with the surplus of good equipment especially the loader and the backhoe as we could have this equipment as back-up. Everett said he would not vote to approve these items being surplus as he believes we would be taking a loss. Councilmember Dorow and Garza stated they understood that it would offset the price of the mini excavator that had been purchased. Councilmember Snyder stated that this equipment was 31 years old.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE PUBLIC WORKS SURPLUS LIST. M/S DOROW/GARZA 5/1 Councilmember Everett Opposed**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

- Legislative Report- February

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Pro-Tem John Lallas adjourned the Council meeting at 6:49 p.m.

By: John Lallas  
John Lallas (Mar 28, 2024 20:16 PDT)

John Lallas, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

By: Gwonne Hernandez  
Gwonne Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk