



## MINUTES

### City Council Regular Meeting

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6:00 PM – Monday, September 23, 2024

Chambers/Zoom

#### CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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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

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Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Dave Rehaume, Police Chief

Aaron Garza, Assistant Police Chief

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Robin Adolphsen, City Engineer/Interim Public Works Director

Sarah Montemayor, Grant Administrator

Valerie Hernandez, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

#### CITIZEN INPUT

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There was none.

#### ROLL CALL

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Council members Present:

John Lallas

Corey Everett

Genna Dorow

Danae Valdez

Darryl Barnes

Mark Snyder

Angel Garza

Council members Absent:

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

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## **CONSENT OF AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Accounts Payables
- B. Approval of City Council Minutes of September 9, 2024
- C. Approve Green Acres Nursery for Taggares Tree Planting Grant

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

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. 60516 to No. 60583 in the amount of \$705,352.12.

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## **CURRENT BUSINESS**

### **RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF AARON GARZA AND OTHELLO POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZENS ACADEMY**

Aaron Garza, Assistant Police Chief shares his experience at the FBI academy and recognizes his wife for her sacrifices and help during the 10 weeks he was away.

Dave Rehaume, Police Chief presents an award to Assistant Chief Aaron Garza for graduating the FBI Academy and being the first graduate to complete this Academy.

Chief Rehaume also gives information on the Citizens Academy Program the department will be hosting to help residents understand the day-to-day operations of the police department. Citizens may submit applications to join.

### **APPROVE FACILITY USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND UNIDOS NUEVA ALIANZA FOUNDATION FOR THE FIESTA DE SALUD HEALTH FAIR**

Valerie Hernandez, Parks and Recreation Coordinator presents a facility use agreement between the City and Nueva Alianza Foundation for the Fiesta de Salud Health Fair (Health Fair) at Kiwanis Park Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE FACILITY USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OTHELLO AND THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION UNIDOS NUEVA ALIANZA FOUNDATION FOR THE FIESTA DE SALUD HEALTH FAIR AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY PROPERTY ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024. M/S Dorow/Garza**

### **APPROVE FACILITY USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL**

Valerie Hernandez, Parks and Recreation Coordinator presents a facility use agreement between the City and the Chamber of Commerce for the Fall Festival at Kiwanis Park Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Council carried a motion TO APPROVE THE FACILITY USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OTHELLO AND THE GREATER OTHELLO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024. M/S Barnes/Snyder**

**APPROVE FACILITY USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND NUESTRA RAICES FOR THEIR OFFICE GRAND OPENING**

Valerie Hernandez, Parks and Recreation Coordinator presents a facility use agreement between the City and Nuestra Raices for their Office Grand Opening at Pioneer Park Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE FACILITY USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OTHELLO AND THE NUEVA RAICES FOR THE GRAND OPENING-DIA DE LOS MUERTOS/HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024. M/S Dorow/Valdez**

**Opposed- Councilman Everett, Councilman Lallas, Councilman Garza**

**4-3 vote. Motion carries.**

**APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDINGS WITH INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 280**

Mayor Logan presents the MOU's with the public works union to revise the description of classifications of public works journeyman maintenance workers and to add CPSI and ASE certifications.

**Council carried a motion TO ADOPT MOU WITH LOCAL 280 TO ADD NEW CERTIFICATIONS FOR ASE & CPSI. M/S Lallas/Dorow**

**Council carried a motion to ADOPT MOU WITH LOCAL 280 TO ALLOW MAINTENANCE WORKERS TO BE CLASSIFIED AS JOURNEYMAN MAINTENANCE WORKERS WITH ONLY ONE CERTIFICATION. M/S Dorow/Garza**

**APPROVE TASK ORDER WITH ANDERSON PERRY FOR HAWLEY PROPERTY DUE DILIGENCE**

Robin Adolphsen, City Engineer/Interim Public Works Director presents the task order with Anderson Perry for a due diligence investigation of the Hawley Property.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE TASK ORDER NO. 2024-02 WITH ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR A DUE DILIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF THE HAWLEY PROPERTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$199,600. M/S Dorow/Valdez**

**GRANT UPDATES**

Sarah Montemayor, Grant Administrator gives an update on the grants the City has applied for and are pending, received, status of project, and closed grants.

### **APPROVAL OF FUTSAL COURT AMENDMENT AT KIWANIS PARK**

Sarah Montemayor, Grant Administrator presents an amendment to the Kiwanis Park Futsal Court and Restroom Renovation agreement with RCO to bury an overhead power line and recommends approval.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE AMENDMENT AND COST INCREASE OF THE RCO YAF AGREEMENT FOR KIWANIS PARK FUTSAL COURT AND RESTROOM RENOVATION. M/S Lallas/Dorow**

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON NONCONFORMING USES**

Mayor Logan opens the public hearing at 7:03pm.

Anne Henning, Community Development Director gives a staff report. Chris Dorow, Chairman of the Planning Commission educates the council and public what nonconforming uses are.

Mayor Logan opens the public hearing to public testimony.

Linda Bowers, representing many local groups in the community and neighbors/friends who live in the area of the proposed future annexation asks the Council to table the decision to pass the ordinance so that the people who may be affected by the ordinance have more time to ask questions and understand how the ordinance may affect them.

Jennifer Garza, Mario Garza and Jess Vanlandingham also request the council table the decision to pass the ordinance so those possibly affected have time to receive education on the proposed ordinance.

**Council carried a motion to TABLE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO OCTOBER 14, 2024. M/S Everett/Lallas**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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Councilman Barnes asks if the city did its own research to know that operating its own fire department is in the city's best interest.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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Councilman Snyder asks if the speed bumps on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave will be repainted.

Councilman Lallas asks if a center line stripe is needed on Pine Street.

A fire committee meeting is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCIL RECEIVED

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-Building and Planning Report- August

ADJOURNMENT

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With no further items to discuss, Mayor Shawn Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:57 p.m.

By:   
Shawn Logan, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:   
Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Corrections- The City Clerk and codifiers of the minutes are authorized to make necessary corrections to this document including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.