



Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Public Input

Jake Mendez speaks against the Othello School District proposed levy.

Pete Perez, Othello School District Superintendent responds to the claims by Jake Mendez.

E. Roll Call

City Council Present:

Ken Johnson

Alma Carmona

Marc Spohr

Kelli Camp

Chris Dorow

Angel Garza-zoom

Darryl Barnes

Mark Snyder

Administrative Staff Present:

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Abner Garza, IT Director

Aaron Garza, Police Chief

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Valerie Hernandez, Park & Recreation Coordinator

Robin Adolphsen, Public Works Director/Engineer

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Chris Dorow

Seconded by: Kelli Camp

Yea *Angel Garza, Kelli Camp, Marc Spohr, Alma Carmona, Chris Dorow, Darryl Barnes, and Mark Snyder*

Motion Carries 7-0

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The following items will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be placed on the regular agenda, with concurrence of the Council. Requests to remove items should be made under Agenda Item 2: Approval of Agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Moved by: Mark Snyder

Seconded by: Darryl Barnes

Yea *Angel Garza, Kelli Camp, Marc Spohr, Alma Carmona, Chris Dorow, Darryl Barnes, and Mark Snyder*

Motion Carries 7-0

A. **Approve City Council Minutes for January 12, 2026**

B. **Approve Accounts Payables**

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.

Check No. 62890 through Check No. 62909 in the amount of \$131,699.54

Check No. 62910 through Check No. 62941 in the amount of \$119,532.38

C. **Approve Interlocal Agreement with the Othello School District on Use of Recreational Facilities**

- D. **Approve Contracts with Western Display Fireworks - 4th of July and Christmas Tree Lighting**

4. **CURRENT BUSINESS**

- A. **Othello School District Levy Presentation**

Members of the Othello School District presented information on the proposed 2026 EP&O Replacement Levy. The presentation explained that the levy would maintain the current tax rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, support essential school operations and student services, and help provide financial stability while avoiding disruptions to student learning. The Council wishes to support the levy but would like input from the community. Therefore, a special meeting has been scheduled for January 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

- B. **Award Well #7 Rehabilitation Project Rebid**

Staff reported that bids for the City Well #7 Rehabilitation Project Rebid were opened on January 22, 2025. Three bids were received, ranging from \$62,106.80 to \$180,556.82, with an engineer's estimate of \$108,200. The project includes pump removal, well video inspection, pump and motor inspection, and installation of a transducer. The lowest responsible bid was submitted by Schneider Water Services, which is in good standing with state agencies. The project is budgeted in the 2026 Water Fund. Council awarded the contract to Schneider Water Services in the amount of \$62,106.80.

Motion to award the City Well #7 Rehabilitation Project Rebid to Schneider Water Services in the amount of \$62,106.80.

Moved by: Kelli Camp

Seconded by: Alma Carmona

Yea Angel Garza, Kelli Camp, Marc Spohr, Alma Carmona, Chris Dorow, Darryl Barnes, and Mark Snyder

Motion Carries 7-0

- C. **Approve Task Order 2026.01 with Rogers Surveying Inc**

Staff reported that the City purchased 77 acres along Lee Road and that survey work is required to obtain building permits. Staff proposed dividing the property into multiple lots, including parcels for the Water Treatment Plant and Animal Shelter, a potential 5-acre parcel, and remaining acreage for future use. A binding site plan was recommended instead of a short plat to allow future revisions. Rogers Surveying Inc., P.S. will complete the binding site plan at a cost not to exceed \$9,500, funded through the Water budget. Council approved

Task Order 2026-01 with Rogers Surveying, Inc., P.S. for the completion of a Surveying Task Order 2026-01 in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.

Motion to approve Task Order 2026-01 with Rogers Surveying, Inc., P.S. for the completion of a Surveying Task Order 2026-01 in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.

Moved by: Chris Dorow

Seconded by: Darryl Barnes

Yea Angel Garza, Kelli Camp, Marc Spohr, Alma Carmona, Chris Dorow, Darryl Barnes, and Mark Snyder

Motion Carries 7-0

D. 2026 Tentative Recreational Calendar

Staff presented a tentative activities guide and schedule for the Recreation Department. All programs and events are preliminary and subject to change based on registration, staffing, operational needs, and weather. Final details will be communicated to registered participants through Sports Connect, which is used to share information and manage registrations for Parks and Recreation activities. The item was informational only.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Snyder asks for an update on the January 13th fire committee meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Carmona requests discussion on keeping the recycling center open later.

7. COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

- A. Comprehensive Plan Update Schedule Public Engagement Plan
- B. Planning Commission Meeting
- C. Public Works / Engineering Report

Adjourned at 7:44pm.

By: *Ken Johnson*
Ken Johnson (Mar 9, 2026 12:38:18 PDT)
Ken Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:  _____

Tania Morelos, City Clerk