



Regular City Council Meeting - Oct 27 2025 Minutes

Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Public Input

Marc Spohr-

1. Street Sweeping
2. Fire Department

E. Roll Call

Mayor Logan reads a letter by Councilwoman Danae Valdez announcing her resignation.

Motion to excuse Councilman Barnes.

Moved by: Genna Dorow

Seconded by: John Lallas

Motion to excuse Councilman Snyder.

Moved by: John Lallas

Seconded by: Angel Garza

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda.

Moved by: Angel Garza

Seconded by: John Lallas

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 consent agenda.

Moved by: Corey Everett

Seconded by: John Lallas

- A. Approve City Council Minutes for October 13, 2025
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- B. Approve Accounts Payables
- C. Approve Resolution 2025.18 for Surplus - IT
[Agenda.Memo.Approve.Resolution.for.Surplus.pdf](#) 
[2025.18.Resolution.Declaring.Surplus.pdf](#) 

4. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Update on Legislative Agenda - Federal Lobbyist John Culton
John Culton gives a presentation on the legislative update.

Councilman Barnes joins the meeting at 6:13pm.

- B. McKinstry Energy Audit
[Agenda.Memo.McKinstry.Energy.Audit.pdf](#) 
[Othello City Hall Cost Summary Table 4.2 10.27.2025.pdf](#) 

Motion to authorize staff to continue developing a funding plan for HVAC upgrades.

Moved by: Darryl Barnes

Seconded by: Genna Dorow

C. Hands and Paws Report

[YTD.Report.pdf](#) 

Report and presentation given by Carmen Derting, Director at Hands and Paws and Heather Reed

D. Port of Othello - Chris Faix & Deena Vietzke

Representatives from the Port of Othello addressed the Council regarding statements made about the Port at the October 13th meeting. They also discussed the Port's continued interest in partnering with the City to install a roundabout at 14th Avenue and SR 26, despite the Council's prior decision not to pursue the project. The Port emphasized its commitment to improving safety at the intersection and is asking the City to share the cost of a traffic study, while the Port would pursue grants and additional funding for the project.

E. Approve Facility Use Agreement between the City of Othello and Othello Holiday Committee

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[Facility.UseAgreement.Miracle.On.Main.Street.pdf](#) 

[Special.Event.Application.pdf](#)  [Parade.Permit.and.Map.pdf](#)

 [Event.Map.pdf](#)  [Insurance.Quote.pdf](#) 

The City Council approved a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Othello and the Othello Holiday Committee for the 7th Annual A Christmas Miracle on Main Street event, themed "Christmas in the Country," open to the public on Saturday, December 6, 2025. The event will run from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and feature a Christmas festival and parade with food vendors, live music, a tree lighting ceremony, holiday performances, and children's crafts. New additions the committee is working on to include is a Christmas tree sale and a "reindeer" petting rink.

Motion to approve Facility Use Agreement between City of Othello and Holiday Committee for A Christmas Miracle on Main Street event December 6, 2025.

Moved by: John Lallas
Seconded by: Genna Dorow

F. 2026 Tourism Funding

[Agenda.Memo.Tourism.Fund.pdf](#) 
[2026.Tourism.Funding.Analysis.pdf](#) 

The Finance Officer explained the City receives Hotel/Motel tax revenues into its Tourism Fund, which supports organizations that promote tourism in Othello. City staff and the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) met to review 2026 funding requests and available resources, evaluating each organization's contribution to local tourism. Based on this review, LTAC developed a funding proposal allocating the available dollars among the requesting organizations. These recommendations will be incorporated into the City's regular 2026 budget as directed by the Council.

G. Fire Department Update - Mike Ganz

Mike Ganz, the City's consultant for establishing its new fire department, provided an update on progress toward the May 1st deadline to have the department fully operational. Drawing on his 40 years of professional experience, Ganz reported that the City is on track to meet the target date.

H. Homeless Housing Plan

[Agenda.Memo.Homeless.Plan.pdf](#) 
[2025.11.12.Public.Hearing.Notice.5.Yr.Homeless.Plan.pdf](#) 
[Adams.County.Homeless.Housing.Plan.Powerpoint.Slides.pdf](#)
 [Adams.County.5.Year.Plan.Draft.pdf](#) 

City staff provided an informational update to the Council regarding the development of Adams County's first formal 5-year Homeless Housing Plan. The City and County Planning Departments partnered using state funds from the WA Department of Commerce's CLIHP program to hire Hope Source as the consultant. A task force has been meeting

monthly, and a draft plan will be presented to the County Commissioners at a public hearing on November 12 at 6 p.m. in the Othello District Courtroom. The update was intended to inform the Council of this ongoing effort and upcoming presentation.

- I. Public Hearing on Subdivision Code - Continued to November 24, 2025

[Subdivision.Code.Update.Continue.Public.Hearing.pdf](#) 

The City is in the process of updating the Subdivision Code (OMC Title 16) to address conflicts, modernize outdated procedures, and make the code easier to understand and use for developers, the public, and City staff. A combined public notice for the Determination of Non-Significance and the scheduled Planning Commission and Council hearings was issued, but the original timeline proved too optimistic due to ongoing public comments on the draft. To allow staff sufficient time to incorporate the feedback and to give the Council an opportunity to review the revised draft thoroughly, the public hearing has been postponed. While the incoming comments are not expected to require major structural changes to the code, Council members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the previous draft to better understand the proposed updates. The public hearing is now continued to the November 24th Council meeting.

- J. Executive Session- Potential Litigation

Council will now adjourn at 7:26 p.m. to go into an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) “To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. The executive session is expected to last until 7:56 p.m.

The executive session was extended until 8:14 p.m.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, October 31st at noon.

Water treatment plant discussion.

There will be a special meeting November 3rd.

7. COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

Planning Commission Meeting [2025.08.18.Minutes.pdf](#) 

Police Department Report [September 2025 Monthly Report.pdf](#) 



Shawn Logan, Mayor



Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.