



Regular City Council Meeting - Nov 24 2025 Minutes

Monday, November 24, 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- asks the City Council wait to fill the vacant council position until the newly elected officials take their seat in the new year

Jake Mendez- question about injured dog and cat pick up policies within the police department

- E. Roll Call

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the 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: Genna Dorow

Seconded by: John Lallas

- A. Approve Accounts Payables
- B. Approve Amendment for the Municipal Judicial Services Contract
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[Amendment.Judicial.Contract.pdf](#) 
- C. Approve Amendment for the Indigent Defense Services Contract
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[Defense.Attorney.Contract.Amendment.pdf](#) 
- D. Approve Interlocal Agreement Addendum with City of Sunnyside for the Housing of Inmates
[Consent Agenda OPD-Sunnyside ILA 11-24-25.pdf](#) 
[Proposed.Addendum.pdf](#) 
- E. Approve City Council Minutes from October 27, 2025 and November 10, 2025

4. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Appointment of Interim Chief of Police- Aaron Garza
Mayor Logan announced that Police Chief Dave Rehaume will be retiring on November 30th, expressing gratitude for his dedicated service to the City and acknowledging his contributions tonight, even though the Chief preferred no large public recognition. Mayor Logan then appointed Aaron Garza as the interim Police Chief for the Othello Police Department, ensuring a smooth transition.
- B. LTAC Funds Discussion
[2025 Agenda Memo - Tourism Fund \(11-24-25\).pdf](#) 
[Letter from the Othello Rodeo Association \(11-24-25\).pdf](#) 

[Tourism Agreement Letter 2022 \(11-24-25\).pdf](#) 

C. Budget Discussion 2 of 2

[Agenda Memo - Budget mtng 11-24-25.pdf](#) 

[Fund Balance and Red Zone 11-24-25.pdf](#) 

[Funding sources and descriptions 11-24-25.pdf](#) 

[Agenda Memo - Budget by PW.pdf](#) 

[2026 budget Deere 5067E MSL tractor.pdf](#) 

[2026 budget Deere 5067E NSL tractor.pdf](#) 

[2026 budget Deere 5075E MSL tractor.pdf](#) 

[2026 budget Deere 5075E NSL tractor.pdf](#) 

[2026 budget F-350 service body.pdf](#) 

[2026 budget F-550.pdf](#) 

[2026 budget JCB Forklift.pdf](#) 

[2026 budget New Holland tractor.pdf](#) 

[2026 budget Pape Hyster.pdf](#) 

[2026 budget Pape used hyster flyer.pdf](#) 

[2026 budget Teletruck.pdf](#) 

D. 1st Public Hearing on 2026 Budget

[1.OFFICIAL PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT.pdf](#) 

Public Hearing was opened at 6:44pm.

Staff report was given.

Public Testimony- Marc Spohr asked for confirmation that the remaining contract amount owed to Fire District #5 is included in the budget.

Public Hearing closed 6:46pm.

E. Public Hearing on Capital Facilities Plan

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[Agenda memo 2026-31 CFP - Public Hearing.pdf](#) 

[2026-2031 CFP Plan.pdf](#) 

Public Hearing was opened at 6:47pm.

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer explains the Capital Facilities Plan is a six-year outline of major projects, their estimated costs, and potential funding sources. It is updated as needed and guides long-term budgeting. All items included have been previously discussed, and documenting them in this plan helps the City qualify for grants. The plan incorporates projects from the Transportation Improvement Plan, water and sewer utility capital plans, and the parks element of the Comprehensive Plan. It supports effective use of funds by helping prioritize and coordinate projects and pursue funding opportunities.

Public Testimony- There was none.

Public Hearing closed 6:49pm.

F. Ordinance to Adopt the Ad Valorem Property Tax

[Levy Agenda memo Ad Valorem Property Tax Ordinance](#)

[2026.pdf](#) 

[Levy Certification 2026.pdf](#) 

[Ordinance.1639.Levy.pdf](#) 

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer explained that as part of the annual budget process, the Council is required to pass an

ordinance setting the amount of Ad Valorem (property) taxes to be collected the following year. For 2026 collections, the City presented the 2025 levy amount provided by the Adams County Assessor. State law requires the levy to be based on the actual tax amount and allows the City to collect 101% of the highest levy from the past three years, plus increases from new construction and annexations.

Motion to approve the Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance for fiscal year 2026.

Moved by: John Lallas

Seconded by: Mark Snyder

G. Public Hearing on the Subdivision Code

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[Subdivision Code PH agenda memo.pdf](#) 

[Subdivision Fee Resolution.pdf](#) 

[Ordinance.1640.Subdivision.pdf](#) 

Mayor Logan opened the public hearing at 6:50pm.

Anne Henning, Community Development Director explained City completed a comprehensive rewrite of its outdated 1995 Subdivision Code (OMC Title 16) to resolve conflicts, modernize processes, reduce duplication, and make the code easier to understand for developers, the public, and staff. The update reorganizes the code around preliminary and final subdivisions, removes standards already covered in the Public Works Design Standards, replaces the confusing reimbursement agreement chapter with a clearer Latecomer Agreement chapter, and deletes obsolete definitions and sections. Some standards—such as certain right-of-way widths and sewer requirements—are temporarily retained until the Public Works Design Standards are updated.

A new fee resolution compiles various subdivision fees into one place and adds reimbursement language where fees do not cover review costs.

The update followed required state and local procedures, including multi-year reviews by the Planning Commission, staff, attorneys, and engineers, plus a SEPA review and Department of Commerce review.

Public Testimony- Chris Dorow explained the Planning Commission went through an extensive process reviewing this and is in support of it.

Mayor Logan closed the public hearing at 6:57pm.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-18

Moved by: John Lallas

Seconded by: Genna Dorow

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1640.

Moved by: Genna Dorow

Seconded by: Mark Snyder

- H. Adopt Ordinance 1641 Amending OMC Chapter 2.10
Regarding the City Administrator to Revert to Previously
Adopted Language

[Agenda.Memo.Ordinance.Amending.2.10.pdf](#) 

[Ordinance.1641.Title.2.10.Mayor.Administrator.pdf](#) 

Hillary Evans City Attorney explained the City Council reviewed a proposed ordinance to revert the City Administrator provisions in OMC Chapter 2.10 back to the original structure and wording used before 2018. Ordinance 1515 (adopted in 2018) had added temporary language allowing the mayor to assume City Administrator duties and included special procedures unique to that period. The new ordinance restores the earlier regulations from the 1992 and

2005 ordinances, reflecting the Council's current governance preferences and removing provisions no longer needed.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1641, amending Othello Municipal Code Sections 2.10.020, 2.10.030, and 2.10.040 to restore the prior language regarding the City Administrator."

Moved by: John Lallas

Seconded by: Angel Garza

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Everett asked questions about the roundabout.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Garza asks Council for their opinions on the recent public comments regarding filling the City Council vacancy.

Mayor Logan announces the City is receiving \$1.375 million for the city fire department updates.



Shawn Logan, Mayor



Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Adjourn at 7:10pm.