



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, July 23, 2018

Council Chambers, City Hall – 500 E Main St

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Logan called the meeting of the Othello City Council to order at 6:30 and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

Genna Dorow

Corey Everett

Angel Garza

Larry McCourtie

John Lallas

Councilmembers Absent:

Eugene Bain

Mark Snyder

MOVED BY ANGEL GARZA, SECONDED BY GENNA DOROW, COUNCIL
EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER EUGENE BAIN AND MARK SNYDER. CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Logan, Mayor

Wade Farris, City Administrator

Rebecca P. Ozuna, City Clerk

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to approve the agenda. M/S Dorow/Lallas

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of July 9th, 2018
- B. Appointment of Tari Perez to Planning Commission

C. Approval of Account Payable Checks

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. 49942 to No. 50007 in the amount of \$594,282.16.

Accounts Payable Manual Check No. 5423 to No. 5423 in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Council carried a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. M/S McCourtie/Everett

CURRENT BUSINESS

ORDINANCE TO AMEND OTHELLO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.10 TITLED "CITY ADMINISTRATOR"

Mayor Shawn Logan stated that on July 9th, the City Council had an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) to discuss filling the soon to be vacant City Administrator position and the qualifications of an applicant. Mayor Logan mentioned that during the executive session that he and the Council also decided that the process to fill the position would be presented to the public and discussed at tonight's meeting. The process decided on was for Mayor Shawn Logan to continue with his position of part-time Mayor and assume the responsibilities of the City Administrator. By doing so, Mayor Shawn Logan would then become fulltime Mayor and City Administrator.

Mayor Logan gave a brief overview as to why this decision is the best based on his current knowledge of the current project the City is involved in, his dedication to the City and more. Mayor Logan also presented Council and staff with his qualifications for the positions, stated that he is in the process of selling his business and the Independent Salary Commission will determine his wages if chosen. Mayor Logan also mentioned that this not a permanent solution.

City Attorney Kelly Konkright clarified that no decision has been made to make the change yet and that staff was instructed to do research as to what it would take to make the change which then the draft ordinance was created to capture the intent of the Council. Mr. Konkright gave a brief overview of the type of government the City of Othello is which is Mayor-Council and with this change there is not needing to change the type of government.

Councilmember John Lallas gave his support of the change and mentioned that he suggested this change 3 years ago when City Administrator Wade Farris mentioned he was looking for another position. The present Councilmembers also gave their support for the change and the reason why they support it.

Citizen Dale Wyman, 848 E Juniper St., commented that he served on Council for many years, he appreciates all the work that has been done, and stated that Shawn has been doing a good job. Mr. Wyman mentioned that a couple thing has come to mind due to this change and one of those is that there is a reason why government work at a slow pace and the reason is to think things through and discuss it with the continuants and amounts each other to make sure everyone is in alliance with what's going on. Mr. Wyman expressed his concern as to how one position will be separated from the other once it becomes one and the creation of two open positions if the Mayor were to leave. Mr. Wyman suggested and requested the Council that the process be presented to the community so get some input before the decision is made.

Citizen Dave Sperl, 862 S. Crestline Rd., stated that he has known Shawn for quite a while, he appreciates that he is approachable, sees him around town at a lot of the community events and appreciates all the work he does for the City.

Councilmember Everett inquired if passing the ordinance appoints the Mayor as the City Administrator and City Attorney Kelly Konkright stated that it does not, however it does give the Council option to do so and it is a twostep process. Citizen Dale Wyman inquired of there is a stipulation in the law if the position must be announced which Mr. Konkright stated that best to his knowledge there is not requirement to announce the position but certainly can investigate it.

Council made a motion to APPROVE THE ORDINANCE AMENDING OTHELLO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.10 TITLED "CITY ADMINISTRATOR" AND GIVE THE CITIZENS TIME TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS AND VOTE ON APPOINTING THE MAYOR AS CITY ADMINISTRATOR AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. M/S Dorow/Lallas. This shall be known as Ordinance No. 1515

**ADAMS COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND MODERATE RISK WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN,
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ADAMS COUNTY AND CITY OF OTHELLO AND ORDINANCE
ACCEPTING SOLID WASTE AND MODERATE RISK WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

City Administrator Wade Farris mentioned that the Solid Waste Committee has met several times and stated that he spoke to the County Public Works Director Todd and presented Council with the options with regards to the agreement between City of Othello and Adams County. The options presented were: 1. Five (5) year contract with the option to renew for an additional five (5) years; and 2. Ten (10) year contract with the option to terminate after one (1) year. Councilmember Lallas stated that the ten (10) year contract would be the best option based on how things can change with regards to the tipping fees at the county landfill because the five (5) year contract does not give the option to opt out. Councilmember Everett agreed with the statement and choice given by Councilmember Lallas. The consensus was for City Attorney Kelly Konkright to reach out to the County Attorney finalize the verbiage of the contract.

OFF STREET PARKING AND ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS DISCUSSION AND SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR MONDAY AUGUST 13TH

Community Development Director Anne Henning mentioned to Council that she is before them to only request that they set the public hearings for the ordinance to amend off street parking and create ordinance for accessory dwelling units.

Council made a motion to SET THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR ORDINANCE TO AMEND OFF STREET PARKING AND ORDINANCE TO CREATE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS FOR MONDAY AUGUST 13TH. M/S Dorow/Lallas

Councilmember John Lallas mentioned some of the concerns that were brought up at the Planning Commission Meeting which were the percentage of lot coverage, the mandated set back requirements, parking requirements, and the possibility of the principal house being occupied by owner in an R-2 zone, which led to a staff and council discussion on each concern.

Councilmember Corey Everett inquired about the verbiage stated on 17.61.020(26) about waivers being granted and what would constitute a waiver being granted to which Community Development Director Anne Henning replied it would be for an existing building or new construction being built that does not have the space for the required parking so it would be still allowed per a waiver and would have to be renewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Assistant Chief Dave Rehaume gave the Council an update on the radio dispatch console and quantar located upstairs.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Logan announced that tonight was City Administrators last City Council meeting and gave a brief overview of the accomplishments he has received over past 4 years and announced the City will be holding a farewell party for him on Thursday July 26th from 3pm till 6pm in the City Council Chambers. City Administrator Wade Farris gave a few words of appreciation as well.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
REBECCA P. OZUNA, City Clerk