



## MINUTES

### **City Council Regular Meeting**

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**6:30 PM – Monday, September 10, 2018**

Council Chambers, City Hall – 500 E Main St

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

#### **ROLL CALL**

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Councilmembers Present:

Eugene Bain  
Genna Dorow  
Corey Everett  
Angel Garza  
John Lallas  
Larry McCourtie  
Mark Snyder

Councilmembers Absent:

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT**

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Shawn Logan, Mayor  
Rebecca P. Ozuna, City Clerk  
Jackie R. Sackmann, Interim City Clerk  
Spencer Williams, Finance Officer  
Phil Schenck, Police Chief

Mayor Logan advised tonight's meeting would be the last meeting that City Clerk Rebecca Ozuna would attend, as she is going back to school to further her career. He asked that everyone wish Ms. Ozuna well and thanked her for everything she has done for the City. Mayor Logan recognized Jackie Sackmann as the Temporary City Clerk for the City, noting that Jackie was the City Clerk for the City of Covington, Washington, for nine years. Mayor Logan advised that Ms. Sackmann will be training the City's new City Clerk, Tania DeLeon Morelos, who was sitting in the audience and recognized.

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.

Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 31150 to No. 31220 in the amount of \$419,003.34.

Accounts Payable Check

### CITIZEN INPUT

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There was none.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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**Council Action: Council carried a motion to approve the agenda. M/S Garza/Dorow**

### CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of August 27, 2018.
- B. Approval of Accounts 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 Nos. 50136 to 50193 in the amount of \$323,607.97

Payroll and Related Expenses Check Nos. 31150 to 31220 in the amount of \$419,003.34.

**Council Action: Council carried a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. M/S Lallas/Snyder**

### CURRENT BUSINESS

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#### RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS OTHELLO POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Police Chief Phil Schenck mentioned that they are doing a little cleanup. They have a car that they need to get rid of and have been getting rid of laptop computers that they have. He is asking for permission from the Council to surplus these items so that they can go ahead and auction or destroy them.

**Council Action: Council made a motion to approve RESOLUTON TO SURPLUS OTHELLO POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT. M/S Dorow/Snyder. This shall be known as Resolution 2018-23.**

#### COULEE CORRIDOR UPDATE

Mayor Logan introduced Ken and Barbara Caylor, representatives to the Coulee Corridor Tourism Committee, advising that Ken and his wife, Barbara, will be giving an update on all the different activities going on with Coulee Corridor.

Ken Caylor thanked the Mayor and Council and mentioned that they have quite a few things that are pending, some of them seem like they've been forever, but, believe it or not, are getting closer. He started with the Travel Planner that comes out every year, noting that it is very informational. He

mentioned that about a third of it is on the Coulee Corridor itself. If you're a fishing enthusiast there is a little section in there about fishing different lakes that is interesting. Mr. Caylor also noted the Coulee Corridor Map Guide that is from the Coulee Corridor itself. It breaks it down into a map and then several different details of those things up and down the corridor. The National Scenic Byway is about 155 miles. That is the actual Byway itself from Othello to Omak, up through Moses Lake, Soap Lake, Coulee City and Grand Coulee and then up over the top into Omak.

Mr. Caylor updated the Council about the plan for a kiosk. He advised that, in 2005, we had a grant for this item. We had several other things on it and we got those all done, but this one was still pending, and we got it up to a point to where we think we've got it ready to go and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) came up with some new ideas. He noted that they finally got together with WSDOT this year, they have got it to the point where they think they're ready to go and it's supposed to go out to bid by September 18<sup>th</sup>, and hopefully it will be installed this fall if not early next spring. They started out with seven of them up and down the corridor and we're ending up with five of them. They will be installed in Othello, Warden, Soap Lake, Coulee City, and Grand Coulee area, which will be between Grand Coulee and Electric City.

Mr. Caylor introduced what they refer to as the cookie cutter or the Coulee Corridor sign. There will be 4 x 8 panels on both sides, similar to the city's gateway sign with the columns. He stated that they have almost got them put together, all the graphics are done and they're ready to be manufactured. If something happens and the bid comes in too high, they may have to go back and regroup.

Mr. Caylor showed one of the panels on the Coulee Corridor side, of the whole corridor. He stated if you're starting at Othello and go north, it goes up Highway 17, up to Highway 2, and then Highway 155 on up around through Grand Coulee, and over to Omak. He warned that you must be careful when you get up to that end, because there's been known to be a few sasquatch up in that area. He said that he knows in fact there is one there because he has seen him on the other side of the fence, so they are there.

Mr. Caylor said that the Port District has furnished the money for the signage. They are taking care of that part of it, but he can only go through Adams County, he can't get up in the Grant County side, so they still must work to finish that other half, but they will get it done.

Mr. Caylor noted that the other panel shows verbiage about Coulee Dam, different areas around the Dam, how it was made and what caused all of this with the ice age floods. He stated that they did not take the Othello logo, but rather used the Centennial logo, as they thought that was history and ties in with what they are trying to do. The kiosk location will be between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets, at the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District office. He mentioned there are three sets of benches along Main Street and it will be just east of the one on the east end. It goes perpendicular to Main Street. One side will be the Coulee Corridor and the other side will be the Othello area.

Mr. Caylor mentioned that since it is an information panel/sign/kiosk, they will get the permitting on it, and asked whether there is a possibility of waiving the permit fee? He said he didn't know whether there is a permit fee or not, however, he will come back to Council later with that question.

Mr. Caylor announced that one of the things that was a brainstorm from Barb and him was to expand the Coulee Corridor. He noted that what they are thinking and would like to propose is that there is so much area around Palouse Falls, Washtucna, Kahlotus, that it ties in with our Coulee Corridor. It amounts to about 130 more miles for this loop. He showed the loop, starting at Othello, keeping Othello as the south gateway. There was already a spur from Othello to Connell, so they took that spur, adding it into the loop, going from Othello to Connell, and then from Connell to Kahlotus, and they put a short spur down to the Snake River, at Lower Monumental Dam, then you come back to Kahlotus, go on up toward Washtucna and they put another spur into Palouse Falls and then on in to Lyons Ferry State Park, which gives another park as well. They also put a spur from Washtucna to the Palouse River and that ties it in to the Palouse Scenic Byway, tying them all together. They continued north, running out of State highways, but took a County road and got to the big city of Benge and instead of going to Ritzville, they went to Lind going through Ralston. Then they went from Lind on west to Warden. Warden was already a spur off Highway 17, so that tied Warden in as a loop instead of a spur and that's what made the loop. They have received approval from the Adams County Commissioners, Franklin County Commissioners, City of Connell, City of Kahlotus, City of Washtucna, Benge and Lind.

Mr. Caylor finished his update saying that is basically where they are at, adding that he and his wife appreciate this City Council, the Mayor and all the communities around the Port of Othello, all the County Commissioners, and all the other organizations that have hung in there.

Mayor Logan noted that the City of Othello has come a long way from when he first started in the Chamber of Commerce thirty some years ago, when we were trying to produce our own advertising material and brochures and now, we are partnering with other counties and people and this is really a first-class travel planner. He commended Ken and Barbara Caylor, noting they volunteer their time and all he has seen, as long as they have worked on this, is progress. He noted that he is happy the Caylors are still talking about kiosk because he thinks that is the next step to continue to raise awareness. We want people to travel and we want them to come through our city. The efforts of Ken and Barbara Caylor and these materials that they are a part of are doing a good job of advertising our area. The Mayor thanked the Caylors for the update and, as things progress, welcomed them to contact the city again to schedule another update.

#### **NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Logan read and signed the Proclamation proclaiming September 2018 as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Othello.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Logan announced that the City of Othello recently received \$50,000.00, from Washington State Department of Agriculture Director Derek Sandison, to do a feasibility study on a potential Farmer's Market. He advised that there was a preliminary meeting last week that Councilmember Lallas attended. One of the things that Councilmember Lallas discussed at that meeting was that Othello not only needs to have a Farmer's Market, it needs to have some form of a gathering place, some form of a place where families can go, meet friends uptown, where activity and commerce are taking place. The City will be setting a meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October and Director Sandison will be coming to that meeting. Mayor Logan advised that he would like to cancel the regular City Council meeting on that night, we'll want to have a 6:30 pm meeting, and we're forming a committee of twenty people throughout the community. We want leaders, vendors, and other people to help decide what type of a facility that we would like in this community, one that would be something that is sustainable and yet is fun for families and people to enjoy themselves. With the \$50,000.00 the City has hired the Tom Beckwith Consulting Group. He was here, attended our Farmer's Market and he has numerous ideas to help us make these dreams a reality, but we need to identify what those dreams are and what exactly we would like to see in Othello, which is a process that will take some time.

The Mayor called for a motion to cancel the Regular City Council meeting on Monday, October 1, 2018.

**Council Action: Council carried a motion to cancel the Regular City Council meeting on Monday, October 1, 2018. Dorow/Bain**

Mayor Logan advised that if any of the Council would like to be a part of the meeting with Director Sandison, they will need to get in touch with him or Community Development Director Anne Henning.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:05 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JACKIE R. SACKMANN, Interim City Clerk