



## MINUTES

### City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, October 22, 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:

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

Councilmembers Absent:

#### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Logan, Mayor  
Tania Morelos, City Clerk  
Spencer Williams, Finance Officer  
Terry Clements, Public Works Director  
Anne Henning, Community Development Director  
Phil Schenck, Police Chief  
Amy Hurlbut, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

#### CITIZEN INPUT

John Marshall, Adams County Commissioner encourages Citizens to vote yes on the Adams County Public Sales Tax Proposition. The funds will be used towards Law and Justice programs. 60% of the new funding will go to Adams County with the remaining 40% divided amongst Othello and Ritzville. This is an increase on our Sales Tax and not Property Tax. Mayor Logan lets Mr. Marshall know that two weeks ago, City Council adopted a Resolution in support of this and encourage the Citizens of Othello to vote yes.

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## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of October 8, 2018
- B. 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. 50331 to No. 50389 in the amount of \$298,502.635.

Accounts Payable Check No. 5425 to No. 5426 in the amount of \$10,250.00.

**Council Action: Council carried a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. M/S Dorow/ Everett**

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## **CURRENT BUSINESS**

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### **SEWER RATE ORDINANCE**

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer presents an Ordinance which establishes a 12.5% rate increase on the current Sewer Rate as discussed in the previous Council Meeting for the next three-year period.

**Council Action: Council carried a motion to adopt the SEWER RATE ORDINANCE as presented. M/S Dorow/ McCourtie. Council Man John Lallas is opposed to the rate increase.**

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ADAMS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #1 FOR UTILITY RATE**

#### **RESOLUTION**

Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing at 6:41pm. Spencer Williams reports that through contract the City agrees to provide Sewer Services to the Adams County Water District #1. Every time we bring new rates we also need to renew the Resolution to that contract. Rates to that district are the same as anyone else receiving services. Utility services are provided to those outside of the city as one and a half times the rate of those receiving the service inside the City. The attached Resolution reflects that. Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those in support to the proposal. There was none. Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those in neutral to the proposal. There was none. Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those in opposition to

the proposal. Julie Arriaga, 2161 W. Cunningham Rd, expresses her opposition to the increase and explains that those in the area in which she lives, can no longer afford it. Council members John Lallas and Genna Dorow respond to Ms. Arriaga's opposition and explain why the increase is necessary. Mayor Logan closed the Public Hearing at 6:51pm.

**Council Action: Council carried a motion to approve the ADAMS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #1UTILITY RATE RESOLUTION as presented. M/S Dorow/McCourtie**

**PET RESCUE REPORT**

Roger Thieme gives a PowerPoint presentation which outlines some of Pet Rescues history and its current condition. If there was additional funding, this non-profit organization would be in better condition and be able to fulfill the needs of its rescue operation. If there is not a decision from Council by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, there will be no more funding by Mr. Roger. Mr. Roger thanks the Council for allowing him to give the presentation and leaves a few take home handouts for Council Members and the Public.

**BOB DROLL AND ASSOCIATES CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

Jesse Cowger, Principal Engineer from Varela and Associates presents the amendment before Council is in the amount of \$7,029. Mayor asks for clarification that this is also to create and prepare a Lions Park Master Plan so that once completed, the City would not need to pay this again for a future Grant that we apply for. Amy Hurlbut, Parks and Recreation Coordinator confirms this is correct.

**Council Action: Council carried a motion to approve the BOB DROLL AND ASSOCIATES CONTRACT AMENDMENT as presented. M/S Lallas/Dorow**

**VARIANCE REQUEST FOR NOEL COMMUNICATIONS- FUTURE FIBER OPTIC CONSTRUCTION IN OTHELLO**

Jim Schuller, Facility Manager from Noel Communications explains the request for the Variance. Much discussion ensued about how to proceed with the Variance or changing the Ordinance. Each Council Member weighed in including City Attorney, Kelly Konkright. The request for a Variance was denied by a 4 to 3 vote. Council Members Everett, Dorow, Garza, and Bain voted not in favor of the Variance. Council Members McCourtie, Lallas, and Snyder voted in favor of the Variance. After which Kelly Konkright weighed in again allowing Public Comment.

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Bob Carlson, 2213 S. Broadway Ave., mentions 98% of residents in Othello, do not have access to high speed internet and the Council needs to do something about this. Kelly Konkright advised Council could set aside their vote due to confusion.

**Council Action: Council carried a motion to CLOSE THE RECORD. M/S Dorow/Lallas**

**Council Action: Council carried a motion to SET ASIDE VOTE. M/S Garza/Lallas**

**Council Action: Council carried a motion to grant the VARIANCE REQUEST FOR NOEL COMMUNICATIONS for the five items discussed as presented. M/S Lallas/McCourtie**

The request for a Variance was approved by a 4 to 3 vote. Council Members McCourtie, Lallas, Garza, and Snyder voted in favor of the Variance. Council Members Everett, Dorow, and Bain voted not in favor of the Variance.

**UPDATE ON STATUS OF WELL 3R**

Jesse Cowger, Principal Engineer from Varela and Associates gives an update and defines what Well 3R verses Well 3 is. He explains Well 3R is a replacement for Well 3 which has severe alignment issues.

**WELL 3R CHANGE ORDER**

**Council Action: Council carried a motion to approve the CHANGE ORDER FOR WELL 3R as presented. M/S Dorow/Lallas**

**STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS- DEFERRAL REQUEST FOR THE LEE & 14<sup>TH</sup> SHORT PLAT**

Anne Henning, Community Development Director explains the short plat is currently being reviewed by staff and it is in the benefit of the City to acquire the property at the corner of Lee & 14<sup>th</sup> for the Water Reservoir. As part of platting, the Street and Utility improvements are required. Planning Commission recommended approval.

**Council Action: Council carried a motion to approve the DEFERRAL REQUEST FOR THE LEE & 14<sup>TH</sup> SHORT PLAT as presented. M/S Lallas/Snyder**

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**SAGESTONE 8 ADDITION- FINAL PLAT APPROVAL**

Anne Henning, Community Development Director presents and proposes a few recommended conditions upon approval which include acceptance of the street and utility improvements and public utility easements along rear and interior side lot lines.

**Council Action: Council carried a motion to approve the FINAL PLAT SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR/CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE PLAT MYLARS FOR RECORDING as presented. M/S Dorow/Bain**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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There were none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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Mayor Shawn Logan calls for a Special Council Meeting for Friday October 26, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. City Clerk, Tania Morelos will confirm with Council who will attend.

Council Man, Mark Snyder asks Spencer Williams, Finance Officer a question regarding the vote on November 4<sup>th</sup> for the extra .3% tax and its affect on the budgets for the next year.

Council received Department Head Reports and Planning Commission Minutes of October 15, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:42p.m.

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

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
TANIA D. MORELOS, City Clerk