



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, April 8, 2019

Council Chambers, City Hall – 500 E Main St

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow 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

Maria Quezada

John Lallas

Mark Snyder

Councilmembers Absent:

Angel Garza

Council Action: Council carried a motion to EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER. M/S Bain/Snyder

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of March 25, 2019
- B. Approval of Account Payable Checks

C. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses

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. 50878 through 50926 in the amount of \$223,357.98.

Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 31421 to No. 31448 in the amount of \$425,575.00.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH A CHANGE. CITY COUNCIL WOMAN MARIA QUEZADA RECUSED HERSELF FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION THIS CHANGE WILL BE MADE IN THE MARCH 25, 2019 MEETING MINUTES. M/S Snyder/Lallas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CREATING A NEW CHAPTER, OMC 17.63 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Anne Henning, Community Development Director gives a brief summary about the Accessory Dwelling Units and what had been discussed at the previous meeting on this topic.

Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow opened the Public Hearing at 6:34 pm.

Chris Dorow and Roger Enz, members of the Planning Commission address the Council's questions and concerns. They explained their ideas and reasons why the Planning Commission is in support of creating this new chapter and its importance.

Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow opened the public testimony for those in support of the proposal.

Zeke Rodriguez a developer in Othello explains he gets two to three phone calls a day asking him if it is possible to build an extra dwelling to the projects he is working on for them. ADU's would benefit families who have an elder parent they are caring for for easy access and convenience.

Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow opened the public testimony for those neutral to the proposal.

Bob Carlson, 2213 S. Broadway believes adding this Chapter will be fine as long as the City is willing to put in the efforts to enforce all the provisions said in its chapter.

Loren Wiltse, 805 E. Elm agrees with Mr. Bob Carlson's input. Wiltse tells Council that Cities and Counties do not have the authority to alter the State building code to hold these requirements. Wiltse is glad to see the City is moving to make changes in bringing its current units to meeting building code but there is still so much more issues that the City has to address and consider before approving to add this Chapter. Wiltse recommends the City take its time to analyze everything before making a decision.

Dave Wyman, 848 S. Juniper says his alley has become a street. He has seen several units around the City that are not meeting codes. Wyman says the City should not lower its standards because the City cannot enforce them. The City needs to higher its standards to make Othello look better and cleaner when people come to Othello. The biggest issue Wyman sees with allowing ADU's is parking and where the vehicles are going to park in areas where there are no alleys.

Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow opened the public testimony for those in opposition to the proposal.

There was none.

Council man John Lallas asks Anne Henning for some clarifications.

Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow closed the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing at 7:22 pm.

Much discussion ensued between Staff, Council and Planning Commission Members. Council would like to hear more information on zoning before making decisions. Council Man Corey Everett expresses he is opposed to allowing ADU's. Council Man John Lallas wants to table this Public Hearing so Council Man Angel Garza and Mayor Logan can have opportunity to talk on issue.

Council carried a motion to TABLE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON CREATING A NEW CHAPTER, OMC 17.63 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS TO April 22, 2019. M/S Bain/Quezada

Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 pm.

AHBL ON CALL CONTRACT

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer explains the City had previously awarded this contract to James E. Keyes with Prairie Land Surveyor but Mr. Keyes decided he was going to retire instead so he chose not to go into contract with the City. The next surveyor on the list was AHBL, Inc. Staff contacted AHBL who accepted going into contract with the City of Othello and the City's Attorney reviewed and approved the contract.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE AHBL ON CALL CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF OTHELLO. M/S Everett/Quezada

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Man, Mark Snyder reminds those on the Fire District Committee there will be a meeting April 9th at 7:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow announces to Council that the Life Flight renewal is due May 31st and applications must be submitted to Donna by April 24th.

Council Man, Mark Snyder mentions Lee Road needs some temporary patching as soon as possible. Staff will address this to Public Works director.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow adjourned the Council meeting at 7:37p.m.

By: _____
GENNA DOROW, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

By: _____
TANIA MORELOS , City Clerk