



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, September 9, 2019

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

Maria Quezada

John Lallas

Mark Snyder

Councilmembers Absent:

Angel Garza

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Logan, Mayor

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Phil Schenck, Police Chief

CITIZEN INPUT

Daniel Pinkerton thanks City Council for the bike ramps.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE AGENDA. M/S Bain/Dorow

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of August 26, 2019
- B. Approval of Payroll and Related Checks
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- D. Surplus Items

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. M/S Dorow/Lallas

CURRENT BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OTHELLO AND SECRETARY OF STATE

Tania Morelos, City Clerk tells Council the City was awarded a local record grant on June 27, 2019 in the amount of \$6,900. The grant will allow the City to hire temporary staff, pay for shredding and destruction services, purchase Washington State Archive boxes and the necessary supplies to complete the project. The agreement states the City will document all expenditures made during the project and will submit reimbursement requests by May 29, 2020 upon completion of the project.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, AND THE CITY OF OTHELLO. M/S Dorow/Everett

DISTRICT COURT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OTHELLO AND ADAMS COUNTY

Mayor Logan recognizes Commissioner Roger Hartwig in the audience and asks if he would like to address Council or listen to what staff has to present. Hartwig says he would like to hear what staff has to present and he would like to present some numbers afterwards.

Mayor Logan gives Council an update of the recent negotiations between City staff and Adams County. Currently the City pays \$92,000 for prosecuting and court services. The City offered an additional \$20,000. The County is asking for an additional \$92,000 along with a 4% annual increase.

County Commissioner, Roger Hartwig presents numbers of the Othello District Court for 2019 and explains why the additional \$92,000 is a fair number. Much discussion ensues between Council and Commissioner Hartwig on numbers and services provided for the City. Staff recommends Council to reject the County's offer and direct staff to ask for additional information needed to come to an agreement.

Council carried a motion to REJECT THE COUNTY'S OFFER OF AN ADDITIONAL \$92,000 FOR DISTRICT COURT SERVICES AND FURTHER INVESTIGATION FOR A FORMULA TO DECIDE THE FUTURE ANNUAL INCREASES. M/S Lallas/Dorow

JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION ON ZONING UPDATES

Mayor Logan announced a 10 minute recess at 6:54pm so staff could prepare the room for a study session between City Council and the Planning Commission.

Mayor Logan reconvened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The City Council and Planning Commission met in study session regarding the Zoning Updates that have been worked on over the past few years. Much discussion ensued. The Planning Commission explained their changes, updates, etc. while Council asked questions and received clarification. It was a productive meeting between the two parties.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Logan updates Council that the painting of the front doors of City Hall is on Public Works to-do list.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman, Maria Quezada mentioned citizens have approached her about not being able to use Lions Park fields and is seeking an answer to give. Mayor Logan explains that it may be used by the Public except for organized clubs unless they pay the City for field use.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:23 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
TANIA D. MORELOS, City Clerk