



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, November 25, 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:

Genna Dorow

Corey Everett

Angel Garza

Maria Quezada

John Lallas

Mark Snyder

Councilmembers Absent:

Eugene Bain

Council Action: Council carried a motion to EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER. M/S Quezada/Dorow

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Logan, Mayor

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Randy Gomez, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Phil Schenck, Police Chief

CITIZEN INPUT

Dave Sperl, 862 S. Crestline Road informs Council the local telephone company, CenturyLink has put in a new switch and will now offered business in Othello up to 1000GB which is a very fast connection. This is available now in Othello and it will bring fiber optics which only available for business now at the moment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of Payroll and Related Checks
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. M/S Snyder/Everett

CURRENT BUSINESS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Hannah Jones and Holly Cocci, the City's Lobbyists give Council a PowerPoint presentation on the overview of what to expect during the 2020 Legislative Session, reviewed the proposed 2020 State Legislative Agenda, and gave a timeline to prepare for the 2020 Session.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Corinne Fields, Supervisor of the Othello Mid-Columbia Library gives Council a PowerPoint presentation regarding the services the library currently provides and its collaborations with the schools and CBHA.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET

Randy Gomez, Parks and Recreation Coordinator presents a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Othello and the Othello Holiday Committee. Staff recommends Council approval of the agreement.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST WITH THE EVENT FEE WAIVED. M/S Everett/Dorow

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Finance Officer, Spencer Williams explains this is the second meeting to discuss budget requests. Most of the final decisions were made during the last council meeting and this hearing is open for questions or discussion.

Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those in support of the proposal.
There was none.

Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those neutral to the proposal.
There was none.

Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those in opposition to the proposal.
There was none.

Mayor Logan closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN

Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Finance Officer, Spencer Williams explains the Capital Facilities Plan is a six-year plan of capital projects with estimated costs and proposed methods of financing. We update this plan as needed and use it to develop a long-range focus to our annual budget.

Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those in support of the proposal.
There was none.

Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those neutral to the proposal.
There was none.

Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those in opposition to the proposal.
There was none.

Mayor Logan closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

WATER RATE ORDINANCE

Finance Officer, Spencer Williams explains our water rate ordinance covers 3 years, ending in December 2019. We need to pass an ordinance that covers the next 3-year period.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE THREE YEAR WATER RATES PER ATTACHED ORDINANCE. M/S Lallas/Dorow

PUBLIC HEARING ON ADAMS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #1 WATER AND UTILITY RATES AND RESOLUTION

Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Finance Officer, Spencer Williams says per contract, the City agrees to supply water to the Adams County Water District #1. The City established new water rates for 2020 through 2022. The new rate schedule includes an annual 2.25% base and usage for each of the three years of the water rate Ordinance. This Ordinance establishes rates for users inside and outside city limits.

Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those in support of the proposal.
There was none.

Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those neutral to the proposal.
There was none.

Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those in opposition to the proposal.
There was none.

Mayor Logan closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER RATES FOR THE ADAMS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #1 FOR 2020 THROUGH 2022. M/S Lallas/Snyder

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING UPDATE

Mayor Logan reconvened the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Community Development Director, Anne Henning explains this is the 26th public hearing since July 2017 on the proposed Zoning Update and gives a brief history of what has happened in the past meetings.

Much discussion and questions ensued between Council members, the Public, Planning Commissioners, and employees from the Port of Othello.

Christi Rattray, owner of Iron Works had questions about how the zoning change may affect their property.

Chris Vidal, 629 S. 3rd Avenue asks Council more questions regarding his previous proposal on November 12, 2019 about making his zone as R4.

Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those in support of the proposal.
There was none.

Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those neutral to the proposal.
There was none.

Mayor Logan opened the public testimony for those in opposition to the proposal.

There was none.

Mayor Logan continued the Public Hearing to December 9, 2019 at 8:03 p.m.

MCCAIN SHORT PLAT IMPROVEMENTS

Councilman, John Lallas recuses himself from the McCain Short Plat Improvements due to conflict of interest and steps down from the dais.

Anne Henning, Community Development Director explains McCain Foods was required to plat their factory site but because of the industrial nature of the area, these improvements are not needed at the current time. Staff would typically recommend a deferral, with a covenant to guarantee the improvements in the future. However, McCain Foods has explained that their financing structure can't accept the future obligation for improvements tied to the current expansion. Staff recommended that the improvements triggered by the platting be waived, since the City has other mechanisms to seek property owner participation in street and utility improvements in the future.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE WAIVER OF STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MCCAIN FOODS SHORT PLAT. M/S Snyder/Dorow

Councilman Lallas rejoins Council at 8:08 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Logan announces the City has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from CERB for the Farmers Market incubator project.

Councilman Lallas asked Councilman Snyder if Columbia Street is done. Snyder says yes they are currently working on sidewalks.

Mayor Logan announces that next week the City engineer will be giving an update on all City projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Logan announced IT needs Council's IPADs to update.

Does Council want to cancel the December 23, 2019 City Council meeting?

Council carried a motion to CANCEL THE DECEMBER 23, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. M/S Dorow/Garza

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:13 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
TANIA D. MORELOS, City Clerk