



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, April 27, 2020

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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:

John Lallas

Angel Garza

Jonathan Erickson

Genna Dorow

Mark Snyder

Corey Everett

Maria Quezada

Councilmembers Absent:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Logan, Mayor

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Abner Garza, IT Director

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Phil Schenck, Police Chief

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- B. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses
- C. Approval of City Council Minutes March 9, 2020; March 17, 2020; March 23, 2020
- D. Re-Appoint Joe Montemayor to the Civil Service Commission

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The City's Lobbyists Briahna Murray and Holly Cocci give Council a detailed update and end of session report.

ACDC SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE REQUEST

Stephen McFadden, representative of the Adams County Development Council is requesting on behalf of ACDC that the City of Othello become a funding partner in the creation of the Adams County Small Business Emergency Grant. Adams County is at risk of losing many small businesses owned by people who have supported our communities due to COVID-19. This grant will help and support many businesses from potentially closing indefinitely.

Council carried a motion to SUPPORT THE ADAMS COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,300 WITH THE CONDITION OF DISCLOSURE OF BUSINESSES IN OTHELLO THAT RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE GRANT. M/S Everett/Garza

Councilman Snyder suggests changing the amount to \$10,000.

Mayor Logan calls for votes on the motion for \$7,300 by Councilman Everett. Motion was voted down by a 5-2 vote.

In support- Quezada, Lallas, Garza, Erickson, Snyder

Not in Support- Everett, Dorow

Mayor Logan entertains a new motion with a new figure.

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In support- Quezada, Lallas, Garza, Erickson, Snyder, Dorow

Not in Support- Everett

LETS CREATE A PLAN TO REOPEN OTHELLO

Sharon Skorick, Chamber of Commerce Manager and Jonathan Cox, Chamber President ask for support to create a Town Hall meeting to discuss reopening Othello. Chris Dorow recommends a formation of a work group that would organize a plan on what opening Othello would look like. Much discussion ensued on this plan, meeting with a workgroup, and holding a Town Hall meeting, etc. Council is in support of creating a plan.

DISPLAY AGREEMENT AND PURCHASE ORDER WITH WESTERN DISPLAY FIREWORKS

Mayor Logan presents an agreement with Western Display that must be approved annual. The amount presented to Council for the Firework display is \$13,000 and staff recommends approval of the contract.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE DISPLAY AGREEMENT AND PURCHASE ORDER WITH WESTERN DISPLAY FIREWORKS. M/S Dorow/Quezada

POLICE CONRTACT

Phil Schenck, Police Chief presents the Collective Bargaining Contract between the City of Othello and Teamsters for the Othello Police Department Police Officers. The contract is from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. M/S Erickson/Lallas

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Snyder asks for an update on Well #10.

NEW BUSINESS

Anne Henning, Community Development Director gives an update on the Governors order on reopening construction on existing construction projects. Henning also gives the good news that the City of Othello received a grant in the amount for \$25,000 to hire a consultant for a housing plan.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:00 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____

TANIA D. MORELOS, City Clerk