



MINUTES

City Council Special Meeting

6:30 PM – Tuesday, March 17, 2020

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 3:00pm and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

John Lallas

Angel Garza

Jonathan Erickson

Genna Dorow

Corey Everett

Maria Quezada

Councilmembers Absent:

Mark Snyder

Council carried a motion to EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER. M/S Lallas/Garza

Mayor Logan mentions for the record people are practicing social distancing as Council, Staff and the public sit at least six feet apart.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Logan, Mayor

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer

Phil Schenck, Police Chief

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Abner Garza, IT Director
Terry Clements, Public Works Director

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION TO DELCARE A CIVIL EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19

Mayor Logan reads the Proclamation declaring a Civil Emergency related to COVID-19.

Mayor Logan states the City is working with Jay Weise, Adams County Health department, and City Hall staff to coordinate what operations of City business and activities will soon look like.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OTHELLO RATIFYING PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19

Mayor Logan reads Resolution of the City of Othello 2020-02 which ratifies the Proclamation of Civil Emergency.

Councilman Everett has several questions regarding the resolution and says this is “too fast paced”. Councilman Erickson in agreement although he does believe we are in a position to declare a Civil Emergency.

Chief Schenck responds to Councilman Everett’s concerns.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19. M/S Lallas/Quezada

DISCUSS CITY OF OTHELLO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN 2020

Council reviews Othello’s Emergency Management Plan and Chapter 2.60 of the Othello Municipal Code.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN. M/S Erickson/Dorow

COVID-19 PERSONNEL POLICY ADDENDUM

Council reviews the plan for staff regarding telecommuting and paid administrative leave. Staff will work from home in staggered shifts.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE EMERGENCY PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE AND TELECOMMUTING. M/S Lallas/Everett

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Logan emphasizes to the Council and public that the measures being taken are temporary. City Hall lobby doors will be locked but the City is still operating as usual.

In the meantime the following are postponed- vaccination clinic, city spring clean-up, spring baseball opening day.

The following are cancelled- soccer, flag football, and the April 6 City Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 3:58 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
TANIA D. MORELOS, City Clerk