



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, March 23, 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 6:30 and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

John Lallas

Jonathan Erickson- Telephonically

Genna Dorow

Mark Snyder

Corey Everett

Maria Quezada

Councilmembers Absent:

Angel Garza

Council carried a motion to EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER. M/S Quezada/Dorow

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Logan, Mayor

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Abner Garza, IT Director

Phil Schenck, Police Chief

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- B. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses
- C. Re-Appoint Daniela Gomez to the Civil Service Commission
- D. Accept Smoke Test Project

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

INTRIGUE COMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT

Abner Garza, IT Director briefs Council on the contract and recommends approval of IT purchases.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE IT PURCHASES TO FULFILL NEEDS OF THE CITY. M/S Dorow/Erickson

TASER AGREEMENT

Phil Schenck briefs Council on the agreement for tasers and recommends approval and authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN THE TASER AGREEMENT. M/S Everett/Quezada

CERB CONTRACT

Mayor Logan briefs Council on the contract between the City and CERB and the scope of work which was agreed to be done.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH CERB. M/S Dorow/Quezada

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Logan updates on Well #10- the crew is onsite and is drilling this week.

The water tower continues to be constructed.

The Lions Park improvements for the ball field construction will start again this week.

The City is postponing any expenditures of over \$50,000 in order to be cautious with the budget during the pandemic.

There are no water shut offs taking place or late fees being assessed although it is encouraged to keep paying their bill to avoid getting behind on utility bill.

NEW BUSINESS

Local information in Othello during COVID-19:

Walmart is taking precautions and providing sanitary practices, limiting items purchased to there is enough supply, hours have been reduced to have extra time to clean and sanitize the store, Walmart is currently hiring.

Leprekon is also setting up new hours to have time to clean and sanitize the store, there will be senior discounts, employees are being paid extra time instead of time in a half when working overtime.

CBHA is screening every patient at the door and asking COVID-19 questions, providers are providing telephone consults, the health care workforce knows and understands the risks they are taking personally but they are happy to provide services to their community.

OCH is also screening patients and encourages the community to take precaution to limit the spread of the virus.

Food bank clients are served once a week, premade boxes are dispensed, no one is allowed to come in, if anyone is in need you may call for more information.

Councilman Erickson asks whether parks should be closed. Mayor Logan says Governor Inslee already made an announcement that people should stay home and no longer gather at parks and other places of gathering. Councilman Lallas does not believe shutting down parks is the answer, kids playing at the park with other children is a parent responsibility.

Police Chief apologizes and disagrees with Council about allowing parks to stay open and explains Governor Inslee's order is to not allow people gathering at the parks. If we do not follow this order, we will see more strict things be ordered by the Governor.

Much discussion ensued regarding keeping City parks open.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:12 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
TANIA D. MORELOS, City Clerk