



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, July 8, 2019

Council Chambers, City Hall – 500 E Main St

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow 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

Angel Garza

Maria Quezada

John Lallas

Mark Snyder

Councilmembers Absent:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

CITIZEN INPUT

Roger Enz, 1150 E. Oak addresses Council regarding vehicles parked on the street that have not moved since the snowstorm last winter. Enz brought several photos he took while driving around town identifying vehicles parked for several months with expired tabs that have had not been attended to by staff. Councilman Everett responds that Code Enforcement has been having issues with towing services to remove the vehicles.

Liz Jenson, 1350 E. Fern Street speaks about her concerns regarding 4th of July and fireworks. Jenson encourages Council to hesitate to allow them again if the City of Othello rules and

regulations regarding fireworks cannot be enforced. Council responds and would like to revisit this issue before the 2020 4th of July.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of July 1, 2019
- B. Approval of Payroll and Related Checks
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

GLADYS PARA DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow, reads the Proclamation in recognition of Gladys Para for her services in the City of Othello and announces July 13, 2019 as Gladys Para Day. There will be a reception in her honor on July 13, 2019 at 2pm at Reichert's Showhouse.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL CONSORTIUM

Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow, presents information on the Drug and Alcohol Consortium which provides a variety of training, work safe practices, and drug testing. Staff recommends approval of joining the Drug and Alcohol Consortium and approving the Agreement.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE DRUG & ALCOHOL CONSORTIUM. M/S Snyder/Lallas

ZONING UPDATE INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION

Anne Henning, Community Development Director, updates Council on the status of the Planning Commissions project of updating the zoning code and zoning map for the past two years. Packets of information were provided to Council to review before the July 22nd Council/Planning Commission study session.

AVISTA UTILITIES UNDERGROUND VARIANCE

Anne Henning, Community Development Director, briefly explains that Avista Utilities has submitted a request to install new overhead power lines at 14th Avenue from Lee to Olympia and on the property located between the railroad tracks and the canal from Highway 26 to Cunningham. A committee meeting was held so that Avista representatives could explain further justifications for their requests. The Committee recommends approval of the request.

Ian Eccles, from Avista Utilities explains to Council in further detail through a PowerPoint presentation.

**Council carried a motion to APPROVE VARIANCES TO ALLOW OVERHEAD POWER LINE CONSTRUCTION ON 14TH AVENUE FROM LEE TO OLYMPIA AND ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN THE RAILROAD TRACKS AND THE CANAL FROM HIGHWAY 26 TO CUNNINGHAM.
M/S Lallas/Snyder**

AVISTA METER CHANGE OUT

Ian Eccles, Avista Utilities Representative shares a two-minute video with Council on the upcoming meter change out project happening in Othello by the beginning of November. The project is expected to be complete by January 2020.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Snyder asks Oscar Garza, who is sitting in the audience, about his towing services and if he has received phone calls by Code Enforcement or the Police Department. Garza says if the City calls him to pick up a car he will, and he has not received any calls recently but he does make it known that there is no money in it for him to provide this service for the City. Much discussion ensued between Garza and Council about possibly resolving this issue and coming to a resolution to clean up the streets.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow announces there will be a reception in honor of Gladys Para at Reichert's Showhouse on July 13, 2019 at 2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow adjourned the Council meeting at 7:14p.m.

By: _____
GENNA DOROW, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

By: _____
TANIA D. MORELOS, City Clerk