



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, November 2, 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 p.m. and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

John Lallas

Jonathan Erickson

Corey Everett

Mark Snyder

Genna Dorrow

Maria Quezada

Angel Garza

Councilmembers Absent:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Logan, Mayor

Yvonne Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- B. Approval of City Council Minutes for October 12, 2020

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – 2021 REVENUE ESTIMATES

Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m.

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer states that per RCW 84.55.120 requires the City's legislative body to hold a public hearing on revenue sources for the City's following year's budget. This is a preliminary presentation of revenue estimates for 2021. Williams gives a brief overview of revenue sources and the purpose of the Public Hearing.

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 6:36 p.m.

COUNCIL RETREAT (City Funds & Sources, Red Zone Items from Dept Heads, Council Discussion)

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer states that we are near the end of building the budget. We started this process with department heads and brought their recommendations and request to council. During our Council Budget Committees we discussed the detailed budgets and Red Zone (capital request) items. The following three documents were prepared to assist in tonight's discussion:

- Funding Sources and descriptions – This document shows our available resources, the established minimum fund balance for each fund and a brief description of the fund.
- Fund Balance & Red Zone items - This document will be our main working document tonight. This document shows the 2021 ending fund balances we have to work with and all the red zone items. We will work off of an excel version of this document, so we

can have some back and forth with decisions.

- Items already in the budget FYIs – This page is informational only. It highlights some of the large projects and purchases that are already in the budget. Hopefully it's helpful as a quick reference.

Discussion was made in regards to the red zone items. Williams informed council of a timeline and procedures for finalizing the budget.

ADAMS COUNTY COURT SERVICES

Phil Schenck, Chief of Police informs council that the City of Othello and Adams County have been negotiating for several years to come to an agreement on the City share of costs related to district court, prosecution, defense, probation and jail costs. As you are aware, the City is responsible for these costs related to City misdemeanor crimes.

The City generates more than half of the misdemeanors filed and obligates more than half of the required defense attorney cases. The county has requested for several years that we increase our share. Additionally, their costs have increased after adding probation, court security, and increasing the judge's salary.

This three-year agreement continues to allow Adams County to collect and retain the fines and fees generated from our portion of the court activity. Additionally, the City will pay \$160,000 for 2020 which is about \$70,000 more. This cost will increase to \$168,000 in 2021 and \$176,400 in 2022. The agreement requires 12 months notice to terminate and ends December 31, 2022 unless both sides agree in writing to continue.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH ADAMS COUNTY ON JUSTICE SERVICES. M/S Lallas/Dorow

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mark Snyder, Councilmember asked if the fireworks were going to be on the night of the Miracle on Main Street. Snyder asked about the ordinance and if allowed the display to occur during this time of the year. Mayor Logan stated that this was a public display and it had been approved with the Fire Chief.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING

- a. Fire Dept Report

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 7:36 p.m

By: _____
SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
YVONNE HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY CITY CLERK