



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM – Monday, November 23, 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 Dorow

Maria Quezada

Angel Garza

Councilmembers Absent:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Logan, Mayor

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

Shawn O'Brien, City Engineer

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer

Phil Schenck, Police Chief

Kelly Konkright, City Attorney

CITIZEN INPUT

Bob and Donna Reichert owners of Reichert's Showhouse movie theatre inform Council on the status of their business. The COVID-19 pandemic has been a toll on their business financially.

The Reichert's are taking all precautions to keep their business open and a float but even then its been a struggle. Reichert's are ready to push back on the Governor and are wondering if Council would be willing to do the same.

Janelle Anderson of Anytime Fitness informs Council on precautions taken at her gym to keep it opened and explains what other gyms, Cities, and businesses are doing to stand up against this fight of business closures due to the pandemic.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks
- B. Approval of Payroll and Related Expenses
- C. Accept CBHA Columbia Street Improvements

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

BUDGET DISCUSSION (2 OF 2)

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer briefs Council on the budget process for the year and what steps are next to adopt the budget for 2021.

1ST PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing at 7:27p.m.

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer presents the budget for 2021.

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 7:28p.m.

Public Hearing on Capital Facilities Plan

Mayor Logan opened the Public Hearing at 7:28p.m.

Spencer Williams, Finance Officer presents the Capital Facilities plan which is a six year plan of capital projects with estimated costs and proposed methods of financing.

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 7:39p.m.

A Christmas Miracle on Main Street

Randy Gomez, Park and Recreation Coordinator informs council that Tania Morelos and the Othello Holiday Committee have requested on the date of December 5th, 2020 from 8am to 11pm to put forth a Christmas Miracle Festival/ Parade March. 8am to 12pm set up, 12pm to 8pm start of event, and 8pm to 11pm take down and cleanup.

They estimate a rough attendance of 400 people, there will be food vendors, picture with Santa and the Grinch, a tree lighting in front of City Hall, music and a coat drive. Parade will start at 13th and Main St to Broadway to allow families to view the parade while social distances. Police Escort, Road Barricades and cones set up as needed. Vendors will be set up with a vendor cord at City Hall and they have mapped out designated area for vendor set up, music, picture stand, along with coat drive stand, and music location.

The Facility Use fee for the event is \$638.50. City Council waived the fee last year and when there was a discussion several months ago about the event, City Council indicated they wanted to waive the event fee again this year.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE A CHRISTMAS MIRCLE ON MAIN STREET EVENT AND FACILITY USE AGREEMENT. M/S Lallas/Erickson

Water Rate Study Contract

Brooke Tacia, Project Manager at FCS Group presents the proposed revenue requirement study for the water utility. The revenue requirement will assess overall revenue needs over the next twenty years to satisfy all financial obligations.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE THE WATER RATE STUDY CONTRACT WITH FCS GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,335. M/S Lallas/Dorow

Planning Commission Appointment

Mayor Logan recommends to appoint Alma Carmona to the Planning Commission in place of Tari Perez who has recently reigned.

Council carried a motion to ACCEPT MAYOR'S NOMINATION. M/S Lallas/Erickson

VanSchoorl Consulting, LLC

Mayor Logan explains Meg VaSchoorl who has been assisting the City in writing grants is thinking about retiring within the next year. The City has approved to hire a grant writer/administrator and is recommending Council to approve to contract Meg to mentor and train the new grant writer.

Council carried a motion to APPROVE CONTRACT AND SCOPE OF SERVICES WITH VANSCHOOL CONSULTING, LLC FOR \$30,000 + UP TO \$1,865 FOR TRAVEL, COMMUNICATION AND MATERIALS. M/S Lallas/Erickson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING

- a. Fire Dept Report
- b. Building and Planning Report

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the Council meeting at 8:10 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN R. LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
TANIA MORELOS, City Clerk