



Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Call to Order
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Public Input- Jake Mendez
- E. Roll Call

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Chris Dorow; seconded by: Kelli Camp

Motion Carries 7-0

3. CONSENT AGENDA: The following items will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be placed on the regular agenda, with concurrence of the Council. Requests to remove items should be made under Agenda Item 2: Approval of Agenda.

- A. Approve Accounts Payables
Accounts Payable was audited and certified by the Auditing Officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080; and those expense reimbursement claims certified and as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that has been reviewed by the Council audit committee and is available to the Council.
Accounts Payable Check No. 63440 to No. 63504 in the amount of \$611,418.94.
Accounts Payable Check No. 63505 to No. 63605 in the amount of \$433,955.48.
- B. Approve Payroll and Related Expenses
Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 33547 to No. 33556 in the amount of \$635,670.36.
- C. OVW Cybercrimes Grant Acceptance and Authorization for Signature
- D. Public Works.CBA.MOU.Certification.Combination
- E. Adopt Resolution 2026-04 Declaring Surplus - IT

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Moved by: Angel Garza; seconded by: Mark Snyder

Motion Carries 7-0

4. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Approve City Administrator Employment Contract

Motion to approve Employment Contract between City Administrator Aaron Garza and City of Othello.

Moved by: Mark Snyder; seconded by: Darryl Barnes

Motion Carries 7-0

B. Appoint Brent McFarlane as Police Chief and Approve Employment Contract between City of Othello and Brent McFarlane

Motion to approve Appointment of Brent McFarlane and Employment Contract for Police Chief and City of Othello.

Moved by: Chris Dorow; seconded by: Angel Garza

Motion Carries 7-0

C. Fire Annexation Update

Staff provided an update on the ongoing annexation discussions with Adams County Fire District No. 5, including negotiations of a pre-annexation agreement for the final eight months of 2027, public outreach efforts, and potential grant funding opportunities. Council was informed that annexation would result in a fire service tax rate of \$0.899 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and that the City is evaluating the possibility of retaining a portion of the existing levy rate to fund future capital improvements and community projects. The update was presented for informational purposes only, with no action requested by Council.

D. Introduction to Zoning Changes

Staff presented an informational update on proposed zoning code amendments being reviewed by the Planning Commission to comply with recent state legislation. The proposed changes would allow additional housing within existing buildings, permit child care centers in most zoning districts as required by state law, and prohibit family burial grounds within city limits. Staff explained that combining the amendments into a single code update would streamline the review process and noted that public hearings were scheduled before the Planning Commission and City Council. No action was requested, and Council provided initial comments for consideration during the upcoming review process.

E. Budget Amendment

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 1648 Amending the City Budget holding the \$66,329 for the Swimming Pool.

Moved by: Kelli Camp; seconded by: Angel Garza

Motion Carries 7-0

F. Public Works CBA MOU Foreman Position

Motion to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Mou for the Public Works Foreman Position

Moved by: Chris Dorow; seconded by: Darryl Barnes

Yea: Marc Spohr, Kelli Camp, Darryl Barnes, Chris Dorow, Angel Garza, Mark Snyder

Nay: Alma Carmona

Motion Carries 6-1

G. Adopt Resolution 2026-5 to Approve Submission of FEMA BRIC Grant Application

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2026-5 to Approve Submission of FEMA BRIC Grant Application

Moved by: Chris Dorow; seconded by: Alma Carmona

Motion Carries 7-0

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilwoman Kelli Camp asks for update on the Hands and Paws Animal Shelter Facility

Councilman Marc Spohr asks for update on E-bikes. Chief says there will be a presentation at the next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

7. COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

A. Planning Commission Minutes - April

B. Building & Planning Report - April

C. Building & Planning Report - May

D. Police Department Report

E. Public Works / Engineering Report

Adjourned at 7:36 pm.

By: _____

Ken Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Signature: Ken Johnson
Ken Johnson (Jun 24, 2026 07:17:58 PDT)

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