



## Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, April 13, 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- Concerns about pedestrian safety

#### E. Roll Call

##### City Council:

Alma Carmona

Marc Spohr

Kelli Camp

Chris Dorow

Darryl Barnes

Mark Snyder

##### Administrative Staff:

Tania Morelos, City Clerk

Abner Garza, IT Director

Aaron Garza, Police Chief

Robin Adolphsen, City Engineer/Public Works Engineer

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

#### **Motion to excuse Councilman Angel Garza**

**Moved by: Chris Dorow; seconded by: Alma Carmona**

**Motion Carries 6-0**

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion to approve the agenda.**

**Moved by: Mark Snyder; seconded by: Alma Carmona**

**Motion Carries 6-0**

- 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.

**Motion to approve the consent agenda.**

**Moved by: Kelli Camp; seconded by: Chris Dorow**

**Motion Carries 6-0**

- A. Approve City Council Minutes

[2026.03.23.Draft.pdf](#) 

- B. 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 Manual Check No. 90169 to No. 90169 in the amount of \$34,006.50.  
Accounts Payable Check No. 63186 to No. 63303 in the amount of \$574,664.63.

- C. Approve Payroll and Related Expenses

Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 33524 to No. 33535 in the amount of \$701,217.41.

**4. CURRENT BUSINESS**

- A. Information and Discussion on Prohibition of the Sale, Advertisement and Distribution of Kratom

[Agenda.Memo.Kratom.Study.pdf](#)  [Kartom.Study.pdf](#) 

[Proposed.ORD.Possession.of.Kratom.pdf](#) 

From the continuation of the last City Council meeting, Police Chief Aaron Garza provided additional information and research regarding kratom, a psychoactive substance currently being sold within the City of Othello, highlighting its potential for abuse, health risks, and lack of regulation. Chief Garza noted that federal agencies have raised concerns about its safety and that state-level efforts to regulate kratom have not advanced. He presented a proposed ordinance to restrict the sale of kratom within the city and invited questions and further direction from council. Council requested this issue to be pushed forward to the next council meeting to allow time for the public to learn about the issue and provide public input at the next council meeting.

**Councilman Angel Garza joined the meeting at 6:27pm.**

- B. Resolution Declaring Emergency related to a Failed Sewer Line and Waiving Statutory Bidding Requirements

[2026.04.13.Agenda.Memo.Sewer.Emergency.pdf](#) 

[2026.03.Resolution.Declaring.Emergency.Failed.Sewer.Line.pdf](#) 

Public Works Director/Engineer Robin Adolphsen presented a resolution to declare an emergency due to a collapsed liner causing a major obstruction in a key sewer trunk line serving residential and commercial areas. Adolphsen explained that replacing the damaged section of pipe is the most efficient solution and requested approval to waive bidding requirements in order to expedite repairs, noting the extent of the damage is still unknown but significant. Council adopted Resolution 2026-03 Declaring an Emergency.

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-06 Declaring Emergency related to a Failed Sewer Line and Waiving Statutory Bidding Requirements**

**Moved by: Angel Garza; seconded by: Kelli Camp**

**Motion Carries 7-0**

- C. Approve Amendment to the Fire Services Contract between the City of Othello and Adams County #5 Fire District

[Agenda memo Fire contract.pdf](#)  [AS5K AmendmentOthello 4-6-26.pdf](#) 

A proposed amendment to the fire services contract between the City of Othello and Adams County Fire District #5 was presented as the next step in addressing fire service needs. The amendment restores the prior agreement in which the District provides fire services and manages City equipment, establishes rates for a 12-month extension, and reflects the City's intent to move toward annexation or establishing its own department. Council approved execution of the amended agreement.

**Motion to approve the addendum to the fire services contract.**

**Moved by: Kelli Camp; seconded by: Alma Carmona**

**Motion Carries 7-0**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Garza asks trees by Auto Zone to be pruned.

Councilman Spohr question about weed spraying.

Councilman Spohr to show support about water conservation.

Councilman Barnes question about irrigation grant.

**7. COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE**

A. Public Works/Engineering Report

[2026.03 PublicWorks.EngineeringReport.pdf](#) 

B. Comprehensive Plan Survey Flyer

[Survey flyer.pdf](#) 

C. Building and Planning Report- March

[2026.03BuildingPlanningReport.pdf](#) 

D. Police Department Report

[Police.March.2026.Report.pdf](#) 

Adjourned at 7:14 pm.

By: *Ken Johnson*  
Ken Johnson (May 28, 2026 09:29:08 PDT)  
Ken Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: *Tania Morelos*  
Tania Morelos, City Clerk



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