

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Shawn Logan called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m. and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Corey Everett, Eugene Bain, Larry McCourtie, John Lallas, and Mark Snyder.

Also Present: City Administrator Wade Farris; Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Finance Officer Spencer Williams, Community Development Director Travis Goddard, Police Chief Phil Schenck and City Clerk Debbie Kudrna.

Absent were: Councilmembers Angel Garza and Genna Dorow.

Council carried a motion to approve the absence of Councilmembers Dorow and Garza. M/S Snyder/Everett.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to strike agenda item #3.05 (election of Mayor Pro Tem) and discuss at a later date. M/S Bain/MCourtie.

Council carried a motion to strike agenda item #3.06 (Review Council Committee List) and discuss at a later date. M/S Snyder/Everett.

Council carried a motion to approve the agenda, with the deletions. M/S Everett/Bain.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Logan presented Community Service Award certificates and lapel pins to the following citizens: Fae Coats, Nancy Briggs, Eric Morgan and Bill Bethmann.

OTHELLO SCHOOL BOARD – LAND FEASIBILITY

Juan Garza, President of the Othello School Board introduced School Boardmembers Mike Garza and Rob Simmons; Asst. Superintendent Genna Bullis and Superintendent Dr. Chris Hurst. Mr. Garza advised that the School District received two letters from the City regarding the full range urban development requirements for the property they purchased at 14th Avenue and Lee Road. They would like to open up a dialog with the City regarding the development process. Mr. Garza inquired why the urban development costs are the responsibility of the land developers in lieu of the City completing these services for water, sewer and power costs and collecting latecomer fees.

Boardmember Rob Simmons stated he appreciates the involvement with city staff and Mayor Logan during their discussions about solving their facility needs. Based upon the city's costs estimates, he asked how the estimated costs would be any different at another site, if another piece of property is developed. The City's letter included improvements to Lee Street for access to the property. He asked why they would need access onto Lee Street or if it was an assumption made by the City that they would want that access. He advised that they understand the rezoning issue.

Councilmember Lallas advised that they have instructed our staff to start discussions with developers about the estimated costs for their project and give them information about development costs as early as possible. He noted that the city is allowed to approve latecomer agreements to recoup development costs.

Mayor Logan reported there is a School District facility and educational community meeting on January 17th, at McFarland Middle School starting at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Logan explained that he initially suggested that there were three entities that could work together to develop property south of SR 26, who might have been able to obtain some grant funding. However, he agrees with the decision of development of the property north. He briefly reviewed the process with development of large properties.

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Superintendent Dr. Hurst explained their plans and timeline for the upcoming community meetings to discuss the future development of the School District.

CAL RIPKEN FEES

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Amy Hurlbut advised that the City will begin registering youth for baseball and softball January 30-February 10. She would like to have the registration fee information available at the same time that we are advertising the sign-up dates. She advised that the Council will need to approve the fees pertaining to park fees. However, Ms. Hurlbut asked for permission to move forward with advertising and proposed the following fees:

Peewee Ball \$35 per player

Tee Ball \$35 per player

Minors Baseball/Softball \$50

Majors Baseball/Softball \$60

- Coaches will get ½ off one child's registration for their volunteer services.

Ms. Hurlbut reviewed the estimated costs and income for the Little League. She has also had parent meetings and it's been positive discussions.

The City Council's consensus was to move forward with advertising the registration fees as discussed for the 2017 Cal Ripken League.

TREE CITY USA UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Amy Hurlbut reported that the City has been officially awarded the Tree City USA award. There will be a tree planting workshop and a representative from Tree City USA will attend a Council meeting in April. She noted that the City will receive \$500 per year to purchase trees to be planted within the community.

Mr. Farris advised they have hired a part time employee to assist in the parks and recreation program.

REAPPOINT TERRY THOMPSON TO PLANNING COMMISSION

The City Council confirmed the reappointment of Terry Thompson to the Planning Commission. M/S Bain/Lallas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Logan advised the following:

- A TBD meeting scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.
- The new Dollar Tree store will have a cold open on Friday, January 6th and a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, January 7th.
- Councilmember Snyder asked staff to look at costs for city engineering costs in other communities who have hired engineer staff.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the workshop at 7:37 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk