

City of Othello
City Council Workshop
February 4, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Tim Wilson called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Tim Wilson; Councilmembers: Kenneth Caylor, Dan Dever, Genna Dorow, Charles Garcia, Kenneth Johnson, and Mark Snyder.

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: Police Chief Steven Dunnagan, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna; Finance Officer Spencer Williams and Planner Darryl Piercy.

Absent Was: Councilmember Bain.

Council carried a motion to approve Councilmember Bain's absence. M/S Dever/Snyder.

MAYOR PRESENTATION

Mayor Wilson presented a Certificate of Municipal Leadership, obtained through the Association of Washington Cities to Councilmember Kenneth Johnson.

COLUMBIA DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE PRESENTATION

Chairman for the Columbia Basin Development League (CBDL), Milton Johnston gave an update on the Columbia Basin project. The CBDL has been very active in addressing the concerns of the decline of the Odessa Subarea Aquifer. They are currently awaiting the NEPA Record of Decision by the USBR Regional Director. The Department of Ecology is also pursuing \$31.7M capital budget appropriation for the East Low Canal expansion and siphons. The CBDL focus is also on facilitating and providing outreach with the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Ecology and State and Federal legislatures to support the project. Mr. Johnston commented on the work accomplished by the Ground Water Management Authority.

CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

City Planner Darryl Piercy advised that the Council has reviewed each critical section of the draft comprehensive plan. He advised there are only a few outstanding issues to address: obtaining and developing a historical scenario of the history of Othello; reconciliation of numbers and facts; select a picture for the front page that depicts Othello, and incorporate the newly updated information from the water comprehensive plan. He complimented the Othello Planning Commission for working on the plan for the past 2 years. Councilmember Caylor recommended that a Council committee be appointed to review the plan. Mayor Wilson appointed Councilmembers Caylor, Dorow and Johnson to the Comprehensive Plan committee. Mr. Piercy stated that the Planning Commission will be updating the Development Code to be consistent with the comprehensive plan.

ADAMS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #5 YEARLY REPORT

Assistant Fire Chief Salsbury presented the 2012 yearend report, including alarm time analysis, first unit arrival time analysis, and incident type report. He reported that they have received three volunteer applications and they hope to get more participation. Mr. Sheldon advised that we have a 5 fire insurance rating, which is mainly due to the efforts of the Fire Department and volunteers.

PET RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT

Jamie Kruger, temporary shelter coordinator Pet Rescue gave an update of their recent improvements to the City's animal shelter. They are finalizing their plans for their new building. She then reviewed the 2012 pound report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Police Chief Dunnagan gave a brief overview of the Department's activities in 2012 and reported significant downturns in UCR part 1 offenses (those reported to the Federal Government). The total UCR part 1 offenses were only 567, down 26%. He gave a report on the various crime statistics; other department statistics, and various department projects.

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2013 BIAS SOFTWARE SERVICE AGREEMENT

Finance Officer Spencer Williams explained that since 2009 we've used the BIAS software for all of our accounting needs. He presented the 2013 service agreement, which has a \$60.22 increase more than last year's cost.

SWAC REPORT – GRASS CONTROL

SWAC committee member Councilmember Caylor reported that SWAC is working on revising the Adams County solid waste regulations. Last summer there were some fires at the transfer station that were believed to be caused by grass clippings put into dark plastic bags and thrown into the garbage stream. They are considering setting up a location for collection of grass clippings in Othello, possibly at the City Public Works property. There is grant funding available that could be used for purchase of containers that could be used for the grass clipping project. This type of a program has been successful in Ritzville. There are other issues to be discussed, such as hauling the grass to a location. Council's consensus was for the Council water committee to review the issues at their meeting on Wednesday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Caylor stated that GWMA has requested letters of support for their efforts. They are hoping to receive funding to continue their projects.

Councilmember Dever advised that Marilyn Faulkner has published a coloring book depicting the history of Othello. She is looking at funding to help with printing costs.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wilson made the following announcements:

- Street committee meeting at Public Works on Wednesday, at noon.
- Water committee meeting at Public Works on Wednesday, at 12:30 p.m.
- Audit/Finance committee meeting on Thursday at noon, in conference room #.
- ACDC meeting on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at Time Out Pizza.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the workshop at 8:10 p.m.

By: _____
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk