

City of Othello
City Council Workshop
February 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Genna Dorow called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m. and led a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilmembers: Angel Garza, Corey Everett, Larry McCourtie, John Lallas, Eugene Bain, 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 Was: Mayor Shawn Logan.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council carried a motion to approve the agenda. M/S Snyder/Garza.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM ADAMS COUNTY PET RESCUE

Kyya Grant, President of Adams County Pet Rescue reviewed the statistics of their animal intake for 2016 for City and Adams County animals. She noted they participated in a trap, neuter and release cat program in 2016 and it seems to have been successful. They may do this program again in 2017. The City vaccination/license day will be scheduled soon. They also have a new dog exercise area at their location that can be used by our community.

PARKS AND REC FEES

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Amy Hurlbut reported that the Parks and Recreation Council Committee meet last week and discussed the youth baseball and softball fees. The consensus was to move forward with the already in-use prices. They also discussed the pool admission and fees. The federal minimum wages have increased and they discussed whether to raise the pool prices. The estimated increase in cost of labor for this year is approximately \$15,000. She advised that the line items will be adjusted at year end to compensate for the overage for salaries and will analyze the salary costs this year and can make a better decision for pool costs next year. The Council committee reported on their discussion. Ms. Hurlbut noted that they have developed a better process to calculate daily attendance this year.

Ms. Hurlbut advised that the committee also discussed adding a \$50 vendor fee per week for the Lions Park Athletic Complex for vendors who may want to sell concessions at youth league play and tournament weekends. She will work on a "no compete" sales agreement with items in the City's concession stand. She advised that the vendors also need to purchase a city business license. The Council committee reported on their discussion, including the possibility for a season fee along with the per week fee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

City Administrator Wade Farris updated the Council on his analysis for a professional engineer employee. He advised that a salary would range \$80,000 - \$85,000 annual plus approximately \$30,000 for benefits. He believes that these costs would be of-set from the amount we will save from costs paid to Varela and Associates. He's also working on a job description. Finance Officer Williams advised the employee could be paid out of various funds. Community Development Director Travis Goddard advised plan review costs are cost-recovered from the applicants. He noted that if it's the priority of Council to improve services, then it seems to be the logical way to

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proceed. He advised that Varela and Associates are the best consulting engineering firm he has worked with.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Dorow adjourned the workshop at 7:07 p.m.

By: _____
GENNA DOROW, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk