

City of Othello  
City Council Workshop  
February 7, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Tim Wilson called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Also Present:** City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: Finance Officer Mike Bailey, Public Works Foreman Terry Clements, Police Chief Steven Dunnagan, and City Clerk Debbie Kudrna.

**ADAMS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #5 YEARLY REPORT**

Adams County Assistant Fire Chief Tom Salisbury reported that they responded to 27 city fire calls, 8 staff trainings and 33 city business inspections in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. He reported on the school projects and the statistics for business inspections, fire hydrant testing, annual incident log, alarm time analysis and response times. He mentioned that that the City Dodge fire truck is scheduled for maintenance this spring. They have 39 firefighters on the roster, with their age limit being 18 years and older.

**HEALTHY COMMUNITIES POWERPOINT – ADAMS COUNTY**

Edie Borgman from Adams County reported that they received a three-year grant to develop a healthy community program from the Department of Health. She gave a presentation and advised that the grant addresses the risk factors of tobacco use, physical activity, and healthy eating. They have started a community garden project through this program. Mrs. Borgman advised that they are in the second year of the three-year project. She reviewed the statistics that have been developed within the project. She invited the elected officials to their next meeting, scheduled in March. Mrs. Borgman reported that the Adams County Health Department would have the information about the recent whooping cough outbreak.

**OPERATING ENGINEERS CONTRACT**

City Administrator Ehman Sheldon reported that the city negotiating committee met with the Operating Engineers and proposed a contract concept for consideration. The term is for three years with no wage increase for 2011. It does include an increase for the city paid medical cap of \$143.85 per employee for 2011. If adopted this would be retroactive to January 2011. Year 2 and 3 include a full CPI with a minimum of .75% and a maximum of 2.5% with a 50/50 split on medical premium increases. This has been agreed upon by the Operating Engineers and it will be presented to the Council at the next regular council meeting.

**VEHICLE THEFT REDUCTION PROGRAM REPORT**

Police Chief Dunnagan reported on the new program implemented in 2010 to reduce the number of vehicle thefts. They found out that about 69% of the stolen vehicles were taken from a certain area of the community, and they wanted to reduce that by 50%, fortunately their programs were a success and they reduced vehicle thefts by 73% city wide. They passed out new key chains and flyers that explained what the laws are relevant to leaving keys in running vehicles. They issued several warnings to those who left their cars running on public streets.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHARE INFORMATION**

Councilmeber Johnson advised there is an ACDC meeting this Thursday in Ritzville.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Wilson noted that the Council's proposal relevant to accessory dwellings height seems high and asked Council to look at it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Wilson made the following announcements:

- A meeting with staff to review legislative issues is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Councilmembers Caylor and Johnson will be attending the Association of Washington Cities legislative conference.

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- The Mayor's luncheon is Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Othello Senior Center.
- The dog license surveys are due Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Staff will review the results and conduct a public hearing on February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The Chamber of Commerce banquet is Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Nazarene Church.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the workshop at 7:43 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk