

City of Othello
Council Workshop
February 7, 2000

Mayor E R Kelley called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Leonard Lyon, Eleanor Brodahl, Les Clemons, Everett Cole, Donald Derifield, Jeannie Ochoa and Kenneth Johnson. Also present were Debra Travis, Duane Van Beek, Curt Andrews, and Debbie Kudrna, Department Heads; Bill Shaw, City Administrator; and Boy Scout Troop #801.

Mayor Kelley welcomed the troop leader and members of Boy Scout Troop #801. He

EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATE – DAUNE VAN BEEK

Fire Chief Duane Van Beek reported on the progress of the city's emergency planning. He explained that there is a county wide emergency plan and stated that all emergency responders have done an extremely good service to the communities. With last years flash flood and funnel cloud siting, it became apparent that a more focused, organized, local emergency plan was essential. The tourism radio station antennae has been placed to the Police Department's pole and will be connected to the building generator.

Chief Van Beek stated that city, county, and hospital representatives have met once with representatives from the Washington State Emergency Planning Staff to begin the process. They have one four-hour course for Incident Command System (ICS) for Public Officials that is tailored for elected public officials. Council agreed to have this four-hour presentation during their March 6th workshop, from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Other critical community leaders and officials will be invited to attend the ICS workshop.

VOTING AND BALLOT INFORMATION

Debbie Kudrna, City Clerk reviewed information provided by the Adams County Auditor's Office on voting, ballot and costs of elections.

FLUORIDE NOTIFICATION

Council received a copy of the English and Spanish fluoride notice, published in the Othello Outlook on January 26, 2000. The notice reported a fluoride concentration of 2.16 milligrams per liter, from the tests in December, 1999.

LEE ROAD INDUSTRIAL, LOT 1 PRELIMINARY PLAT

Council received the preliminary Lee Road Industrial Plat, Lot 1. City Administrator, Bill Shaw explained that the Council will review the preliminary plat on February 28, after Planning Commission review and recommendation. He explained that city staff has been working on the platting issue with Colstor since October. They are discussing a covenant for participation in infrastructure. Curt Andrews reported they will begin moving dirt in this area next week.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Shaw reviewed the calendar dates for the Colstor preliminary and final plat; Olympia rezone; and the proposed Weible annexation.

Mr. Shaw reported that interviews for engineering services are scheduled for February 15 and 16.

Council member Derifield reported of concerns being voiced about a four lane street east of the city to Hwy. 17. Mr. Shaw reported that this hasn't been discussed. Curt Andrews stated that it has been discussed with Weible that the south half of the E Main Street road would have to be developed as Main Street standards.

NEW BUSINESS

Council member Johnson reported on the increased traffic and congestion south of Harvest Manor at 4th Avenue and Sylvan Drive. He suggested a stop sign at the intersection. Mr. Shaw suggested the city might consider building Columbia Street from 4th Avenue to Sylvan, using the funds for the road improvement that have been paid by the Othello Housing Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Kelley adjourned the workshop at 7:53 p.m.

Debbie Kudrna, CMC
City Clerk