

CALL TO ORDER:

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

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

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: City Clerk Debbie Kudrna, Police Chief Steve Dunnagan and Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness.

NPDES PERMIT FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL—TOM HAWORTH

Tom Haworth, Manager of the Adams County Mosquito Control District explained that the Department of Ecology (DOE) is renewing their NPDES permit because the Mosquito District puts product into the water system. This permit process has been in effect for years. The DOE is trying to stop the spraying of adulticides and their residues used for nuisance mosquito control. The DOE has included in the NPDES permit that they cannot spray for adult nuisance mosquitoes. It would limit spraying for mosquitoes. He asked that Council consider sending a letter to Jon Jennings of DOE in support of the Adams County Mosquito Board's concerns relevant to the proposed NPDES regulations. A public hearing will be held on March 9th. Councilmember Johnson stated that it sounds that it would take someone getting sick before they would let them spray. Councilmember Caylor stated that the Mosquito District has done a good job controlling the mosquitoes and they made changes to not affect the local bees. Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. Haworth for his work and advised that the Council will vote on the issue at the next meeting.

REVIEW OF PORT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT – SR 26/REYNOLDS WATER CROSSING

Mayor Wilson announced that the Port District has requested that this be discussed at another meeting.

CITY COUNCIL INTERVIEWS

Applications for the vacant Council position were submitted by Charles Garcia; E R Kelley; Eleanor Brodahl, Larry McCourtie and Robert Guerrero. Larry McCourtie asked that his application be removed from the process. Charles Garcia was not present at the meeting.

E R Kelley; Eleanor Brodahl and Robert Guerrero answered the following questions:

- Tell us about yourself and how you can be an asset to the Othello City Council.
- Why do you want to serve on the Othello City Council?
- What do you think are the three main issues facing Othello and how would you help to solve them?

Mayor Wilson thanked each of the candidates for their involvement in our community. Mayor Wilson read a statement from Charles Garcia, who had a prior engagement tonight, answering each of the three questions. Mayor Wilson advised that the Council will vote on the selection at the next Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHARE INFORMATION

Councilmember Johnson advised that ACDC has a meeting next Thursday in Ritzville. He complimented Public Works on the new playground equipment in Kiwanis Park. Councilmember Caylor reported that the Centennial Committee is meeting this Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the Police Department. They will begin having two meetings a month. He showed the new rack card that advertises the Centennial weekend activities. He mentioned that the brick program was a success.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Spohr stated that the Council can go into executive session before voting on the council vacancy. He reported that Paul Stoker of GWMA has given a report to the High School students about the decline in our water aquifers. Councilmember Caylor stated that is why we should support the Columbia Basin Extension project. Their program will provide an additional water source.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wilson made the following announcements:

- Pool committee meeting Thursday, March 4th at 4:00 p.m.
- Staff will meet with Councilmember Spohr on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. to review the local truck traffic issues on Main Street and vehicle noise. Others can attend.
- The Coulee Corridor Consortium Big Event is Saturday, March 6th at 5:00 p.m. in Soap Lake.
- Next Wednesday is the Mayor's luncheon at the Senior Citizens Center.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the workshop at 7:46 p.m.

By: _____
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk