

City of Othello  
City Council Workshop  
March 7, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Shawn Logan called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m. and led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Corey Everett, Genna Dorow, Angel Garza, Larry McCourtie, John Lallas, and Mark Snyder.

**Also Present:** City Administrator Wade Farris; Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Police Chief Phil Schenck, Finance Officer Spencer Williams, Community Development Director Travis Goddard, and City Clerk Debbie Kudrna.

**Absent Was:** Councilmember Eugene Bain.

Council carried a motion to approve the absence of Councilmember Eugene Bain. M/S Dorow/Lallas.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

There was none.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – AARON GARZA 10 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT**

Mayor Logan presented a plaque of appreciation to Sgt. Aaron Garza for his 10 years of employment with the City. He also gave a presentation about Sgt. Garzas' contributions to the Police Department and the community.

Police Chief Schenck presented the Distinguished Service Ribbon to Sgt. Aaron Garza for his exceptional work as the Police Accreditation Manager. He reported that the Othello Police Department will be awarded accreditation at the WASPC conference in May. Chief Schenck also presented the Chiefs' coin to Sgt. Garza.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN OTHELLO – PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE**

Jan Olliver and Rosenda Henley from the People For People agency addressed the Council. Ms. Olliver provided information on their bus service program and the type of bus services they provide in Adams County. They transport an average of 200 people in Othello per month. She then reviewed their routes. Ms. Olliver asked for feedback and how they could better serve Othello. She provided copies of their schedules.

**REVIEW UPDATED CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT**

City Administrator Wade Farris explained that staff has updated the Council rules of procedure and conduct. Mayor Logan reviewed various sections of the policy and a change was recommended to 9.1 prior to adoption at the next council meeting.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Police Chief Schenck reviewed the police department mission and vision. He also reviewed some results from a department survey; reviewed some of their accomplishments and culture changes within the department; implementation of new tools, policies, equipment, and new training for the department. He reviewed their community/resource development; community outreach efforts; partnerships with the community and other organizations and Othello crime rate statistics. He then reviewed their future projects; updating equipment and training plans and future community outreach efforts.

**PLANNING COMMISSION WORK PLAN**

Community Development Director Travis Goddard advised that the Planning Commission prioritized their projects as follows:

1. New zoning standards and tools.
  - a. Marijuana ordinance (at council request).
2. Permit process revision.
3. Fee discussion (reorganize, add clarity, simplify and review costs).
4. Reorganization of the code (complexity, consistency, predictability).

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5. Critical Area Ordinance revision (approved grant funding).
6. Annexation strategy.

Councilmember Lallas noted that we have good members of the Planning Commission to work on these projects.

Mayor Logan announced that the Lions Club will be hosting Ham Bingo at the Senior Center on Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the workshop at 7:50 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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