

CALL TO ORDER:

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

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

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: Finance Officer Mike Bailey, Asst. Police Chief David Inks, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna, and City Planner Darryl Piercy.

Absent was: Councilmember Marc Spohr.

SISTER CITY DELEGATES INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Wilson reported that our sister city guests did not make their trip to Othello and are heading back to Africa.

D.O.T. PRESENTATION REGARDING 1ST AVENUE AND HWY 26 PROJECT

Bob Romine, Department of Transportation (DOT) advised that six years ago, an evaluation study was conducted regarding traffic collisions at the intersection of 1st Avenue and SR 26. The first section of the project is complete and stage 2 is being planned. This will include radius improvements to accommodate truck traffic, signed truck routes, new motorist information signs, an improved drainage ditch, new raised islands and new striping, which will restrict crossing SR 26 at 1st Avenue. They will also work on the access management at a section of 1st Avenue and SR 26. He reviewed the history of collisions at the SR 26 intersection and explained how they researched the corner radiuses for truck traffic. The DOT will have community meetings to discuss their plans. Larry McCourtie, Chairperson of the Planning Commission, stated that we should prohibit truck traffic on S. 1st Avenue. It was clarified that trucks are prohibited on 1st Avenue north of Scooteny Street and if the City changed this truck route, the corner radius impacts at Wahluke Street could be less. DOT is currently working on the design process with the project slated for 2012. The project includes paving the corners and the City would be responsible for impact and improvements of Wahluke Street. Mr. Romaine stated that the installation cost for concrete instead of asphalt is more expensive and that concrete has a longer lifecycle. He stated that their main interest is improvements at 1st Avenue and SR 26 and if the City could eliminate the work on the corner of Wahluke Street on 1st Avenue, the cost of the project would be less.

Councilmember Charles Garcia arrived at 7:18 p.m.

UPDATE ON WELL #6 – LARRY JULIUS, GRAY & OSBORNE

City Engineer Larry Julius reported that the fluoride level at Well #6 at the surface is 4.37 mg/L and the well is pumping 2,000 gpm. The State will intervene with wells producing fluoride levels of 4 mg/L or more. The Department of Health has said that we can put Well #6 back into service as an emergency water source and they have been asked if the fluoride level falls below 4 mg/L, if they will allow Well #6 to be part of the city's water system. This will take time and more testing. Mr. Julius explained that we may be able to reroute the transmission line from Well #6 in an effort to come in line with the rest of the water that is substantially lower in fluoride. They are also researching whether we can use the existing pump, motor and bowls at the well.

MAIN STREET PAVEMENT CONDITIONS

City Engineer Taylor Denny reported that asphaltting on Main Street has begun. He explained that they performed additional coring and discovered that between 3rd and 5th Avenue there is 1" less asphalt than there is on east Main Street. This will cause non-uniformity of the street and it may wear more rapidly than the rest of Main Street. By reducing truck traffic on Main Street to local deliveries only, it would increase the life of the new asphalt. The City could add an extra inch of asphalt between 3rd and 5th Avenues. We would need 450 tons of more asphalt for approximately \$30,000 more. Finance Officer Mike Bailey advised that there is a contingency fund, which has approximately \$30,000. Mr. Julius stated that there is additional work that the City asked them to research: additional storm drainage work on the north side of Main Street between the canal and the railroad tracks to reduce flooding; redo the ADA ramps in front of the Museum; splitting the cost with the property owner for a new sidewalk between 11th and 12th, and reworking the entrance ramp at 2nd Avenue at CBHA to meet ADA compliance. Mr. Bailey reported there is approximately \$9,000 available in the sidewalk construction fund for some of the additional

projects. Mr. Sheldon advised that it's approximately \$10,000 for the storm drainage and the entrance ramp with the other projects paid out of dedicated funds. Mr. Julius explained that it is very difficult to determine the life expectancy of this section of Main Street if the additional asphalt is not approved. It will depend heavily upon the city's street maintenance program. Mr. Sheldon explained that the City Attorney has drafted an ordinance to limit truck traffic to local deliveries on Main Street. Mr. Denny advised that the road grid fabric will be placed over the entire width and length of the pre-level on Main Street, then another 2" of asphalt will be applied. Councilmember Caylor said that he is concerned that pavement sections that are badly broken out were not taken out prior to asphaltting. Mr. Denny advised that he, the contractor and City staff walked the entire Main Street and based on their knowledge, those areas that weren't fixed is old asphalt and not sub-grade failure. The fabric will help maintain those reflective cracking areas.

REVIEW OF OMC 17.61.010 REGARDING PARKING

City Planner Darryl Piercy explained that in October 2010 Council reviewed the parking regulations. There have been some complaints about cars parking on unimproved front lawns. He said that they are enforcing the code, as it is written and Othello Municipal Code 17.61.010 provides for improved parking surfaces for new construction and does not apply to existing structures. He asked if the Council would want to address vehicles parked on front yards and if so, to what extent do they want those areas to be improved. It was Council's consensus to send it to the Planning Commission for review.

CEREMONIAL SCISSORS RENTAL POLICY & PROCEDURE

City Clerk Debbie Kudrna reported that the City has purchased gigantic ceremonial scissors to be used for ribbon cutting and dedication programs. She presented a policy regarding renting the scissors out for a fee of \$20 and asked Council to adopt this policy at the next council meeting. Council agreed to the proposed policy and suggested adding to the policy if the scissors are returned damaged and beyond repair they will be replaced by the renter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHARE INFORMATION

Councilmember Caylor reported that he attended the Inland Northwest meeting and they reported a lot about the affect of the economy. Mr. Sheldon reported that the ending figures of the pool expenditure fund for 2010 indicated overstaffing in the concessions. Staff hours have been reduced to coincide with the 2011 budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wilson made the following announcements:

- Councilmember Snyder has offered to be on the scholarship committee with Councilmember Garcia.
- The OMC codebooks can be updated. He asked Council to bring their books into the Deputy Clerk.
- Adams County Fire District #5 will have their biannual meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Mayor's luncheon is Wednesday, April 13th at noon at the Senior Center.
- The Teamsters mediation is scheduled for Friday, April 22nd. It was decided that this will be rescheduled due a conflict of schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the workshop at 8:02 p.m.

By: _____
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk