

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, Charles Garcia, Kenneth Johnson, Mark Snyder, and Marc Spohr.

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: Police Chief Steven Dunnagan, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna and City Planner Darryl Piercy.

SWEARING IN NEW POLICE OFFICER

Police Chief Steve Dunnagan swore in new Police Officer Adam Lattin.

FIRST QUARTER REPORT FROM ADAMS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 5

Fire Chief Gary Lebacken reported on their year-to-date statistics. He invited everyone to watch the upcoming fire training using the live burn trailer from Walla Walla on June 11th. This year's recruit class was cancelled for this year. He also reported on their grant projects, training, and hydrant testing.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION – RESIDENTIAL PARKING

City Planner Darryl Piercy explained that the Planning Commission reviewed the residential parking regulations in the code. He reported that the Planning Commission discussed the issue and came to the conclusion that our current code relevant to parking is adequate and they recommend no change in existing regulations. He reviewed the facts that they based their recommendation upon. They expressed concern that the city not over regulate our citizens on such issues. Mr. Piercy explained that the codes for new developments have specific regulations relevant to vehicle parking. He said that the Planning Commission found it difficult to enforce parking regulations where there are not improved curbs, sidewalks and gutters. Mr. Piercy noted that some developments have covenants that can enforce parking and other issues. He explained that it is illegal to drive over the curbs, thus damaging the curbing. Fire Chief Lebacken noted it is a concern about clear access for emergency response. Councilmember Garcia noted this issue has been discussed for several years and he would like to address abandoned, nonworking vehicles parked. Councilmember Dorow stated that they were told there was language in the code to address off-street parking. Councilmember Spohr said he would like to address not parking on grass and the number of vehicles parked at a residence. Mr. Piercy noted that we have towed a lot of hulk, junk vehicles. He explained that most communities don't allow several nonworking vehicles, usually they allow one and they have to be behind sight-obscuring fences. Councilmember Johnson said that if we give it some time, the current codes would make an effect on neighborhoods. Mr. Piercy stated that he could bring back an ordinance that addresses front yard parking and junk vehicles in rear yards. Councilmember Caylor suggested that when new developments are proposed and if they don't have alleys, they should provide access to the back yards, larger than the current side yard setback. Mr. Piercy stated that the regulations in the new developments are working well.

2011 POOL PRESENTATION

Pool Manager, Rachel Mohs proposed changes to the pool schedule, to include swim lessons from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. She noted that the concession stand will be open for 5 hours per day. She explained the costs and revenues of having additional swim lessons starting at 5:30 p.m. There was discussion about fitness and family swim times and the over-run of costs operating the concession stand last year. It was Council's consensus to try her new schedule.

SWIM POOL USE AGREEMENT

The City Administrator reviewed the agreement with the Othello Barracudas Swim Team.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Sheldon advised that they are reinserting the old pump and motor on Well #6 and pumping 2000 gpm. He advised the fluoride levels are still lower, but the State and Federal are also going to

be lowered, so there will still be a gap. Mayor Wilson advised the new light poles are being installed on Main Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Spohr asked if we could start street sweeping soon to clean up the gravel and making the streets look nice. Councilmember Dorow expressed concern of some areas of the asphalt around the manhole covers. Councilmember Spohr voiced some concerns of the School District restoring the walk path after their construction projects and asked for an update. Councilmember Dever stated there is a section of the walk path near Scootney Springs School that has not been restored and is being used for parking and a driveway. Mr. Sheldon noted that Terry Clements and the School District are going to evaluate the condition of the walk path this week. Mr. Sheldon advised that the Mayor has asked staff to develop an ordinance to address standards for new water and sewer line cuts in city roads.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the workshop at 8:12 p.m.

By: _____
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk