

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Tim Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Mayor Tim Wilson; Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, 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, Public Works Supervisor Terry Clements, Asst. Police Chief David Inks, and City Clerk Debbie Kudrna.

**PRESENTATION FOR MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**

Lynette Caruthers, Beautification Committee Chairperson advised that water and electricity stub outs were included in the Main Street project. The committee has accumulated a lot of information and concepts for the beautification project. They hired Architect Mark Preston. Mr. Preston presented a concept design for the beautification project of Main Street, including sidewalks; street lights; pedestrian lights; planters and/or trees; and an entrance sign.

**CONSIDERATION OF PWTF PROJECTS**

Public Works Supervisor Terry Clements reported that Public Works Trust Funds (PWTF) money has become available for non-matching, low-interest loans at interest rates from .50% to 2.0%. The loan application deadline is May 31, 2012 and there are three projects that we would like to apply for funds: 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue road construction; the SR 24 industrial infrastructure project, and residential infrastructure work. Council suggested Broadway Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and Lee Road.

**STATUS OF WELL #6 DISCUSSION/DIRECTION**

City Engineer Larry Julius gave an update on Well #6. He advised that it appears that the excessive vibration occurred when the impellers were damaged. The damage to the impellers was caused by debris sucked into the screens at the bottom of the column piping and bowl assemblies. He advised that it would be prudent to clean the well hole now and they are working on this project now. The bottom concrete seal is leaking and they are working with the contractor to get them to pour more grout into the bottom of the well hole. Mr. Julius advised that there will be a cost to repair the impellers.

**DISCUSSION OF CAT CONTROL**

City Administrator Ehman Sheldon advised that the Othello Municipal Code does not have provisions regulating cats within the City. He asked if the Council wanted to pursue cat control. It was Council's consensus to not pursue the cat issue.

**FINANCE DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT**

Finance Officer Mike Bailey provided a report of the financial projections of imposing two-tenths of one percent increase to the City's sales tax rate. He reported that a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) must be created in order for this increase to be presented to voters for approval. The estimated annual income would be \$238,726 from the 0.2% tax increase and the estimated annual income from a \$20 increased tab fee was \$120,000.

Councilmember Johnson stated that he supports taking the tax increase issue to the citizens for a vote.

Councilmember Caylor asked what the deadline is to get it on the fall ballot. Mr. Sheldon advised it is 90 days prior to the election day.

**MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

Finance Officer Mike Bailey gave a report on the status and performance of the City's investments in the Local Government Investment Pool and the financial portfolio with the Bank of America.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the workshop at 8:10 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

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