

City of Othello
Council Workshop
June 5, 2000

Mayor E R Kelley called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Leonard Lyon, Les Clemons, Everett Cole, Donald Derifield, Jeannie Ochoa and Kenneth Johnson. Absence was Eleanor Brodahl. Also present were Debra Travis, Curt Andrews and Debbie Kudrna, City Department Heads; Debbie Sanchez, Pool Manager; and Bill Shaw, City Administrator.

MIGRANT SWIM CONTRACT

City Clerk, Debbie Kudrna reviewed the migrant swim contract, which sets a fee of \$0.35 per participant for a one-hour swim session, Monday-Thursday. She noted there were some concerns from the Council that the number of children from the migrant swim program may cause the pool limit to be reached before all the children who are lined up at the pool at 1:00 are admitted in. Debbie Sanchez reported that she had spoke with Jan Charlston from the migrant swim program and last year's pool manager, and both noted that the migrant swim program had not caused the capacity to be met. She noted the pool's capacity has been met when it first opens for the season or when we get really hot weather. She noted the migrant children are only there from 1-2 p.m. and by the time they get dressed to go swimming and have time to dress to go back to school, they have very little time to swim. She asked that the same contract terms be authorized. Ms. Sanchez reported that the park program location at Lions Park helps with the pool attendance in the afternoon.

Ms. Sanchez reported that the migrant swim program brings in income for the pool, and asked that the pool lesson fee be reviewed. She noted there are other ways that the pool is loosing funding, and feels the pool lesson fee hasn't been raised for years and does not cover the city's expenses. Council member Ochoa noted that the pool lesson fee is fine, that it's the day-to-day service where the city is loosing money in the pool operations.

Council member Lyon and Council member Johnson had researched pool party fees, specifically for non-profit, youth organizations. They had reviewed the number of lifeguards needed for the number of participants in a pool party and felt that the current pool party fees may cover the lifeguard wage costs for pool parties. He suggested that any non-profit, youth group be charged the \$0.35 per hour, per participant for a 2-hour pool party, and the deposit would remain in place. He noted that he was pleased with the way the pool parties and fees are being handled.

It was clarified that a fee will be set for pool parties for non-profit, youth programs (participants must be 18 years and under) at \$0.35 per hour, per participant for a two-hour party (\$0.75), with a deposit of \$50.00. They will need to be able to verify their non-profit status, and there will be a minimum charge of \$35.00, plus the \$50.00 deposit.

The Council continued the discussion on placing a cap on the number of participants of the Migrant Swim Program at 100 participants per day.

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Debbie Sanchez again noted that she could put together a report for the Council regarding her review of the pool operations and pool revenue.

REVIEW OF ORDINANCE NO. 869 – EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Bill Shaw reported that Ordinance No. 869 provides for an employee recognition program, and also provides for a cap on the award to not exceed \$50.00. He noted this occasionally does not cover the expense for the award. It was council's consensus to change that cost to \$75.00 by an ordinance at the next meeting.

IRRIGATION WATER ISSUE

City Planner, Curt Andrews led a discussion regarding irrigation water. He had calculated that it takes 5 gallons per minute per acre for residential water use. He then discussed the need for long term water planning and that irrigation water supply is a critical factor. He presented the following table:

	<u>Wanapu</u> <u>m</u>	<u>Grand</u> <u>Ronde</u>	<u>Ag</u>	<u>M&I</u>	<u>Effluent</u>	<u>Rodeo</u> <u>Lake</u>	<u>Stormwater</u> <u>r</u>
Life of Service	?	Long Term	Spreading Issue	40 yr. Contract	Long Term	Long Term	Long Term
Cost	\$130.00 AF	\$130.00 AF	\$14.00 AF	\$47.00 AF	Free	Free	Free
Amount	7,000 AF	?	3 AF/Acre	1,000 AF	2,000 GPM	500 GPM	?
Plat Issues	-	-	Can lose	40 yr. Term	-	-	-
Dependability		Good	Rationed	Interruptible	Good	Good	Poor
Infrastructure	Existing	Two Systems	Small Pond	Small Pond	Pond	Buy Out	Big Pond
Other Issues				Lose if don't use			

They held a discussion about use of irrigation water within new developments. He asked if the Council felt that the water right issue is a long-term issue, then the city should plan accordingly. He reviewed each category thoroughly and explained that if a farm unit has agriculture water rights, and then is developed into residential, the properties' ag water rights can be transferred to the new use (there is some ag water use in the city). Lions Park and other properties are irrigated with USBR M&I (municipal and irrigation) water. He reviewed the possible use of effluent from the sewer lagoon system, Rodeo Lake water, and stormwater as possible irrigation water use.

Mr. Andrews announced that the city staff will begin the process of development of a new water comprehensive plan. This will include long-term planning issues for city water rights, including use of ground and effluent water. The Bureau and irrigation district has asked that the city make a decision about requesting M & I water rights; this could include asking and justifying the need for M & I water. Council member Derifield explained some of the stipulations that are set for irrigation and M & I water rights.

Mr. Andrews suggested that the Council authorize application for more M & I water; obtain any ag water rights on new developments; ask for Wanapum water rights; give up

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the Grand Ronde water rights; and gather information on developing an irrigation system within the city. There was a lengthy discussion on the provisions for using ag and M & I water rights and development of an irrigation water system.

Mr. Andrews announced that recent discussions with the industries has brought to light their reluctance to use dedicated water from Well #6 for their processing system.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council member Cole stated he will check on the development of the design for the basalt columns that have been donated to the city.

Council held a discussion regarding the library district issue. It was noted that the County Assessor's office has been requested to verify their statement regarding any tax increase to County residents and the impact to other taxing districts from the results of taxation to support a library district. Council member Ochoa stated that she has plenty of paperwork regarding the scenario that the library committee is working on for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Council member Derifield asked if there is a legal direction for parking. This will be looked into.

Mr. Shaw announced that there is a possibility of the Rama Inn property being sold.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Kelley adjourned the council workshop at 8:45 p.m.

Debbie Kudrna, CMC
City Clerk