

City of Othello
Council Workshop
June 7, 1999

Mayor E R Kelley called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Everett Cole, Eleanor Brodahl, Les Clemons, Don Derifield, Jeannie Ochoa and Samuel Garza. Absent with cause was Leonard Lyon. Also present were: Debbie Kudrna, Debra Travis and Curt Andrews, City Department Heads; William Shaw, City Administrator; and Mark Wash, Vice President of Consolidated Disposal Services, Inc.

Councilmember Brodahl requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Mayor Kelley added this onto the Special Council Meeting Agenda.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB/STATE INCENTIVE GRANT

City Administrator, Bill Shaw gave an update on the State Incentive Grant application. The application had been sent out with hopes of receiving \$70,000 for three years to be used for youth activities. It will be possible to fund the Boys & Girls Club with the grant funds. Adams County will be the lead agency and the money will be passed to the City, who will administer the grant.

Councilmember Brodahl requested that Adams County Juvenile be included in the process. Debra Travis stated they had been invited to the meetings.

SOLID WASTE CONTRACT

City Clerk, Debbie Kudrna reported that negotiations had been completed with Consolidated Disposal Services for a five year extension for solid waste collection. Items discussed were collection of cardboard, collection within newly annexed property and collection at city owned properties. Collection of cardboard was not included in the new contract. Consolidated Disposal has placed two cardboard collection boxes at our recycling center. Language had been included in the new contract to allow collection in newly annexed areas through our contract terms. It was discussed to remove half of the large garbage containers at Lions Park during the winter season.

Mark Wash answered some questions that the Council had.

Councilmember Ochoa questioned how the city takes steps to require that residential sharps waste is disposed of properly. This statement in section 3.8 of the contract will be changed to reflect that the city will take steps to *assure* that residential sharps waste is disposed of properly. The City will also advertise this.

SOLID WASTE RATES

The City Clerk reported that the new rates provided by Consolidated Disposal include rate for service that our current garbage rate ordinance does not list, i.e. extra collections.

She presented proposals for rates for extra collections of 60 gallon toters;, 1 – 8 yard containers, extra loose yards and furniture. It was explained that these are not increased rates, but rates for services that we do not have established by an ordinance.

It was noted that our current rate for collection of appliances does not cover the contractor or landfill costs. It was Council's consensus to have the proposed rates and a new rate for appliances presented in an ordinance for consideration.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE

Council was presented a draft ordinance which repeals the old Park and Recreation Department ordinance, adopted in 1958 and establishes a new simplified ordinance which establishes the recreation department. Council's consensus was to review this at the next meeting.

SURPLUS AEROBIC EQUIPMENT

The City had purchased aerobic equipment last year and had used it one time. Since then, Community Schools has been using the equipment for their aerobic classes and paying the City \$75.00 per session for use of the equipment. Staff recommended to surplus the equipment and had came to an agreement with the School District for purchase of it. Council agreed with the terms of payment and will review this at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Shaw reported that Irrigation Specialist had pulled the Well #2 pump and found a plugged screen. They will be scoping the well this week for further investigations.

Mr. Shaw reported that an airline had collapsed in Well #4 and this may be scheduled for repair in the fall.

Mr. Shaw reported Well #6 had came on-line last week, due to an increase of water demand from one of the plants. The Public Works Department is working on how to pipe out the first flow of Well #6 to our lagoon system. This would help in clearing out the stagnant water, when the well comes on-line for emergency use.

Mr. Shaw reported that negotiations are in process with the School District for cooperation in the Hemlock sidewalk, stormwater and retaining wall project. The City will go through the small works roster process for the project and have came to an agreement with the School for a three year payback for their portion of the project.

Curt Andrews reviewed a draft letter that will be sent to property owners on 7th Avenue from Scootney Street to SR 26 and Columbia Street from 7th Avenue to 1st Avenue. This asks the property owners to develop a conceptual layout of a boulevard street and present it to the city staff. Mr. Andrews explained the property owners would commit to half of the cost for 7th Avenue and 80% for Columbia Street. The City will apply for State

and/or Federal grants and will fund a portion of the project, which will mostly be design, administration and off-site work. He had reviewed Moses Lake's process for a project very similar to this one, and was using some of their concepts. Council's consensus was to proceed with the communications to the property owners.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kelley reminded the Council of the upcoming AWC conference scheduled for later this month.

Councilmember Ochoa stated that she was still involved in the County park project on West Cunningham, west of town. McCains has donated \$70,000 toward the project and the Adams County Park District is applying for IAC funding. The expected funds would be used for irrigation and lighting for the sport facility. She asked the Council if they would commit city staff time for "partnership" in the project. This would be only for advice of the operation and maintenance of a sport park facility. Council's consensus was to support the application and agreed to allow availability of staff for advice and consultation.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Kelley adjourned the workshop at 8:25 p.m. Mayor Kelley then opened the Special Council meeting.

Debbie Kudrna, CMC
City Clerk