

City of Othello  
City Council Workshop  
June 5, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Shannon McKay called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Shannon McKay; Councilmembers Eleanor Brodahl, Kathy Carlton, Kenneth Taylor, Everett Cole, Marc Spohr, Dale Wyman, and Tim Wilson.

**Also Present:** Department Heads: Curt Andrews, Debbie Kudrna, Dick Lee, Rhonda Miller; Police Chief Steve Dunnagan; City Administrator, Ehman Sheldon, and City Attorney James Whitaker.

**PRESENTATION BY CITY ATTORNEY AND RON BARTELS FROM MRSC: MAYOR AND COUNCIL ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

City Attorney James Whitaker reviewed his memo entitled "Basic Legal Principals" regarding the following issues: Due process of law; appearance of fairness; and the open public meetings act. He also reviewed his memo entitled "General Information" regarding the following issues: Council and Mayor functions; public records disclosure law; and conflict of interest.

Ron Bartels, representing Municipal Research Services Center of Washington (MRSC) explained what publications and services are available from MRSC. He also reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). He encouraged cooperation, open communication, and trust between the elected officials.

There were questions from the Mayor and Councilmembers, of which both Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Bartels clarified those concerns regarding communication between elected officials and the appearance of fairness.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Police Chief Dunnagan advised that he and Lt. Hampton had initially tagged 18 junk vehicles that had been stored upon city streets. He reviewed the process that the Police Department is doing regarding removal of those junk vehicles. Chief Dunnagan compiled copies of various laws regarding impoundment of vehicles and reviewed several of those provisions.

Councilmember Spohr reported that the pool committee will meet on June 8<sup>th</sup> to finalize the pool concept and asked that input regarding the pool design be directed to the pool committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Carlton asked that the Council be provided the plans for the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities. Mr. Sheldon advised that reports will be given at the next Council meeting.

Mayor McKay made the following announcements:

- Noel Communications from Yakima will be here to discuss fiber optics on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- The Broadway Project Bid opening is Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Critical Data will be at City Hall to share with the community the results of the business development survey Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.
- Final Pool Design Committee meeting is Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at the Fire Station Training Room.
- Senator Mark Schoessler will be in Othello on June 14<sup>th</sup> visiting businesses and at City Hall from 4-5 p.m.
- Les Schwab has decided not to put their fence on City right of way; therefore, it will not come back to Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, Mayor McKay adjourned the workshop at 8:48 p.m.

**City of Othello  
City Council Workshop  
June 5, 2006**

**By: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**SHANNON MCKAY, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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