

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Jeannie L. Sanders called the workshop to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Present:** Councilmembers Larry Bray, Eleanor Brodahl, Everett Cole, Shannon McKay, Marc Spohr, and Tim Wilson.

**Also Present:** Department Heads: Curt Andrews, Police Chief Ron Axtman, Debbie Kudrna, Dick Lee, Rhonda Miller; and City Administrator, Ehman Sheldon.

**Absent Was:** Councilmember Kenneth Johnson.

Mayor Sanders thanked Genna Dorow for the tour of the wastewater treatment lab and Officers Pierre, Lamens, and Presnell for their presentation at the firing range.

**POOL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Heather Franklin and Dave Anderson provided a draft sketch of the proposed pool facility and presented a pool committee report. They explained that they will build on the existing pool site and have estimated the cost to be \$2.6 M. This cost has been broken down to: \$1.4 M for the pool and site preparation; 15% for design contingency; \$158,000 for the bathhouse renovations, and the remaining for costs for permits, taxes, etc. They estimate \$215,000 for site preparation and Mayor Sanders reported that the Mormon Church has offered to help with the demolishing of the existing facility, which could save the City \$60,000 - \$200,000.

Finance Officer Rhonda Miller reported that they estimate \$144,000 in annual revenues, which is based upon expected daily attendance; season passes; pool rentals, and concessions. This estimate is based upon expecting twice as much use of a new facility.

Mr. Anderson explained that sub-committees were formed to help with the preliminary work. The pool committee asks the Council to consider the following:

- Have unanimous support to request the Adams County Park District to put the pool levy issue on the September ballot
- Consider negotiating an annual figure of \$10,000 to be paid to the Adams County Park District for administering of the bonds
- Provide the funding for the election costs

Mayor Sanders stated that she informed the pool committee that the Council may want to negotiate the annual funding. Councilmember Spohr recommended that the pool drawing be scaled down to only depict the pool facility. He asked if the committee considered the raising costs for cement. Mr. Anderson stated that their figures include the anticipated increase. Councilmember McKay mentioned his concern of the pool levy going to the voters at the same time that the school levy is on. Mr. Anderson noted that the pool committee spent a considerable amount of time discussing this issue. Further discussion was held regarding the timing and pros and cons of when the pool levy should be on a ballot and Mr. Anderson reminded the Council that the Park District requests a unanimous decision be made by the Council. Mr. Anderson also explained that the Adams County Park District is a taxing district and they have no financial link to Adams County. Councilmember Brodahl stated that the Council will need to understand what the annual funding will be used for and noted her concern of running the pool levy at the same time as the school's levy.

Mr. Anderson explained that the pool committee will continue to promote the pool issue and will expand their efforts to the County voters. They have several ideas to help promote the pool, which includes getting donations for the promotion efforts; calling registered voters; and encouraging more citizens to register to vote.

**ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES – SEWER FACILITY PLAN REPORT**

City Engineer Alan Schroeder provided an update of the sewer facility plan. He explained that the City's waste discharge permit expires in 2009 and there may be new requirements imposed upon

the City by the Department of Ecology (DOE). The current discharge permit allows the City to discharge 2 million gallons per day of treated wastewater in Owl Creek, and the City currently is not reaching that amount. He noted that the lagoons do not need to be lined, as has been reported to the City. He presented some options for the City to start considering:

Treatment

Lagoons  
Enhanced Lagoons  
Mechanical Plant  
Advanced Mechanical

Discharge

Irrigation  
Large Rivers  
Basic Reuse  
Small Streams  
Complex Reuse

Mr. Schroeder explained that if the 2009 discharge permit renewal does not require changes in the City's system, they may still consider upgrades, such as:

- Partial flume upgrade
- Disinfection Improvements
- pH Control
  - Estimated \$399,000

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of reuse of the effluent for irrigation. This option should be research more to discover the benefits to the local area. Mr. Schroeder discussed the option of becoming a more mechanical facility, with preliminary costs ranging from \$10.4 M to \$13.4 M. He advised the Council that the City has been approached by an adjacent land owner, who would like to discuss obtaining the effluent year-round for maintaining wetlands. This would provide the moisture to an expansive land area to make it comparable to marsh land. This is privately owned property and they are willing to discuss long-term operations.

Mr. Schroeder reported that the City's sewer rates are fairly low and presented a financial picture showing the various projects costs; grant amounts; loan amounts; annual payments, and monthly increase to the existing sewer rates. He concluded by explaining that Anderson Perry could complete their report within a couple months and the Council has the option to choose from some moderate improvements to aggressive upgrades. Mayor Sanders stated that she hoped the City could keep using the current system through 2009.

**DRAFT 6-YEAR STREET PLAN DISCUSSION**

Public Works Director Dick Lee presented a draft six-year street plan and noted it is similar to last years', except the SR 26 storm sewer project has been completed and they have added the proposed SR 26 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue overpass. He briefly reviewed the report and noted that a public hearing will be held by the Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Sanders reported that the Othello Police Department has been awarded the Diversity Award by the Association of Washington Cities for the cooperative agreement with Proteccion Azteca. She asked if any Councilmember would be able to attend the luncheon when the award will be presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Jeannie L. Sanders adjourned the workshop at 8:28 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JEANNIE L. SANDERS, Mayor

ATTEST:

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