

**City of Othello  
City Council Workshop  
July 1, 2013**

**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:**

Kenneth Johnson

Ken Caylor

Dan Dever

Genna Dorow

Eugene Bain

Mark Snyder

Charles Garcia

**Staff:**

Public Works Director Terry Clements

Finance Officer Spencer Williams

Police Chief Steven Dunnagan

Interim City Clerk Nacelle Heuslein

City Engineer Larry Julius

Dan Quick, PW Department

**Others:**

Jeremy Hopkin with McCain Foods

Fire Chief Gary Lebacken, Fire District 5

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

**Second Quarter Report from Adams County Fire District 5**

Fire Chief Gary Lebacken offered the following summary of fire incidents, business inspections and staff trainings occurring within the City of Othello during the second quarter of 2013. District 5 responded to 30 City alarms in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter; up from last year's 27 alarms. One alarm responded to resulted in heavy smoke damage and some water damage displacing residents of a single family home. In addition there was a processing fire at one of the plants extinguished by the fire protection system within the plant. Forty two (42) commercial business inspections had been performed during the quarter.

The Fire District completed the final inspection of Othello School District's Desert Oasis High School modernization project and started the newest project; the School Administration Building. With the assistance of the city's Public Works department the District has tested approximately ½ of the hydrants within the City. Staff will be performing annual pump testing later this summer as well as annual testing of fire hoses. Staff has completed the new pump test trailer; this addition will allow testing of all the fire pumps with greater proficiency. All of the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) were tested and certified again this year continuing the respiratory safety program for the District's firefighters.

There were two Station tours and nine school fire drills. The District held two Fire Prevention Presentations to Royal City School 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders.

In June two firefighters attended the Hazmat Operations train the trainer class in Lakewood; which allows the District to maintain the department's Hazmat Operation Level training as well as continue in house training for new firefighters. Unfortunately, the Live Burn Flashover training was cancelled at the last minute due to mechanical failure of the transport vehicle; the District hoped to reschedule the training later this year.

**McCain Foods Water Update**

Public Works Director Terry Clements provided an update on the progress made to date over the McCain Foods water supply issue. A meeting was held May 23, 2013 with city officials and

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McCain Foods representatives. The Water/Sewer Committee met on May 30, 2013 and June 25, 2013. The City is not in favor of McCain installing an additional groundwater well on its plant property within the City limits as it violates City ordinance and could lead to others wanting to install private wells within the City limits. The City is in favor of McCain installing additional well water supply outside the City limits and modifying the McCain water right to add the City wells as additional withdrawal points. The water right change application will be done with Adams County Conservancy Board which has oversight for these changes. The City will continue to be the lead agency with the SEPA process associated with the proposed water right changes.

McCain Foods, in conjunction with Aspect Consulting, will submit changes to the water right change applications, modify the public notice as required and revise the SEPA documents for the City's review and completion. They anticipate the process to be completed by the end of July, 2013.

It was pointed out a letter protecting the city water rights was being requested from DOE. By absorbing the water rights of McCain's they won't be lost because of non-use.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported he had appointed Patrick Simmons to the Adams County Development Council.

He also explained he would be in the parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July collecting food for the Food Bank and inquired if other Councilmembers would be interested in helping.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Executive Session for Property Acquisition**

Mayor Tim Wilson declared the Council adjourned into an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) at 7:20 p.m. to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by purchase. The executive session is expected to last 20 minutes. No action would be taken during the executive session.

**Extension of Executive Session**

At 7:42 p.m. the Mayor declared the Executive Session would be extended another 10 minutes.

**RECONVENE**

At 7:52 the Mayor declared the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the workshop at 7:52 P.M.

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

**ATTEST:**

**By: \_\_\_\_\_  
NACELLE J. HEUSLEIN, Interim City Clerk**