

City of Othello
City Council Workshop
July 7, 2014

Mayor Shawn Logan called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Garza led a prayer.

Present: Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, Corey Everett, Genna Dorow, Angel Garza, Kenneth Johnson, John Lallas, and Mark Snyder.

Also Present: Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Interim Police Chief David Rehaume, Finance Officer Spencer Williams, and City Clerk Debbie Kudrna.

Mayor Logan asked if anyone needed hearing devices; they are located in the back of the room.

CITIZEN INPUT

Dave Sperl, 862 Crestline Road, noted there is a visibility issue driving in and out of the main entrance to Wal*Mart. The trees have grown and it is very difficult to watch for traffic. He has had a conversation with a citizen who offered a tree maintenance company to trim the trees this fall. They will also have a truck to haul the tree trimmings off site. This service will be at no charge to the City. Public Works Director Terry Clements stated that the trees were planted by Wal*Mart and they are to take care of the trees, even though the trees are in the City right-of-way. Police Chief Rehaume noted this could be a code enforcement issue and they will investigate it. Mayor Logan noted there is water staining from the planters set on Main Street. Terry Clements stated that the drip system has been adjusted and they will clean the sidewalks.

UPDATE THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIST

Mayor Logan and Council reviewed the Council Committee list and made changes and appointments as necessary.

2014 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Finance Officer Spencer Williams reviewed the finance and cash position reports. He also reviewed the budget items that have been approved by the Council; however they have not yet been adopted by Ordinance. These budget items have been reviewed by the Finance Committee. Mr. Williams explained the difference of the various funds and reserve funds.

REVIEW OF OMC TITLE 3 “REVENUE AND FINANCE”

Finance Officer Spencer Williams advised that he has reviewed Title 3 of the Othello Municipal Code and made suggestions for amendments. He explained that he used the Code Publishing report for suggestions of changes and some of the other changes will bring the code up to date with our current practices and current State laws.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

This Wednesday night is the meet and greet the three candidates for the Police Chief position at 6:30 p.m. The Council is invited to participate in the interview panels.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Logan requested an Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase. The executive session is expected to last 15 minutes. No action will be taken during the executive session. Also in attendance were the City Clerk, Finance Officer, and Public Works Director. At 8:06 p.m. City Clerk Debbie Kudrna announced that they needed an additional 10 minutes. Mayor Logan reconvened the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Logan adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

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By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk