

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Shawn Logan called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m. and led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Corey Everett, Genna Dorow, Angel Garza, Larry McCourtie, John Lallas, and Mark Snyder.

Also Present: City Administrator Wade Farris; Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Finance Officer Spencer Williams, Community Development Director Travis Goddard, and City Clerk Debbie Kudrna.

Absent Was: Councilmember Eugene Bain.

Council carried a motion to approve the absence of Councilmember Eugene Bain. M/S Garza/Dorow.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – TRISHA TOLLEY – 20 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT

Mayor Logan gave a brief history of Trisha Tolley's employment with the City of Othello and presented her a plaque of appreciation for 20 years of employment.

COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

Finance Officer reviewed the budget schedule as follows:

- July-Aug - Work with department heads to develop budget expectations for 2016 and 2017.
- Sept-Oct - Meet with the various budget committees to review the sections of the budget.
- Nov - Review budget proposals and consider capital requests.
- Late Nov or Dec - Pass the 2017 budget.

He then presented a schedule for the budget committees to meet. Some changes were made on the list.

POTABLE WATER CONNECTIONS LIMITATIONS OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

Community Development Director Travis Goddard explained that the Planning Commission discussed the availability of city water and the number of approved connections. He stated that we currently have 3,142 water connections approved by the Department of Health. He then reviewed the number of approved projects that will need connections and other pending projects, which will reduce the number of available water connections. He noted that our engineers are updating our water plan and will be able to provide updated information to DOH in order to change the number of approved connections.

The Planning Commission recommended several steps to pursue for the City to manage development of the water system as follows:

- The City should consider prioritizing water connections. There was no clear preference for prioritization but it was agreed that city water should not be used for commercial or agricultural uses outside of City limits;
- They recommend that annexation be a requirement for water service outside of existing city limits.
- They recommend that the staff explore the creation of an irrigation water utility; and recommended that staff prepare an ordinance requiring that new development include irrigation purple-pipe infrastructure so that potable water is not used for irrigation.

Council's consensus was to pursue further consideration of prioritizing water connections and that city water should not be used for commercial or agricultural uses outside of City limits;

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creation of an irrigation water utility, and establish criteria and standards when considering annexing property requesting new city water service. They noted that there are various concerns with annexing some of the properties who currently receive city water service that need considerable improvements.

Mr. Goddard stated that one request that the Council will need to consider in the future is the Pintail property located off of Moon Road. They are considering annexing 47 units and increasing that count to 100 units. They are working with their consultants to consider what improvements have to be made to bring the property up to city code. We currently have a grant study that will be a tool to determine what costs will be to bring water systems up to city standards and how much it will cost to extend the our system out to those properties. The Department of Health may be able to provide State Drinking Water revolving funds.

Mr. Goddard noted that the comprehensive plan provides direction when the city considers annexations and extension of utilities. The current water agreements for property outside the city limits provides a provision that they cannot oppose annexation into the city.

POCKET PARK AT MADERA STREET AND CEMETERY ROAD – RESOLUTION

Community Development Director Travis Goddard proposed establishing a pocket park at the southeast corner of Madera Street and Cemetery Street. This area is located in Adams County and is a City owned right-of-way, constructed as part of the Palos Verdes subdivision. The selected site location is designated in the City's Comprehensive Plan Parks and Recreation Trail Plan, and within an area the Comp Plan has designated as needing a potential recreation facility. The proposed park has been suggested as a resting place where three walking trails converge. The site is currently covered by landscape rock and would be a logical place for a memorial bench and maybe some shade. A sidewalk will be completed on the west side of Madera Street.

Councilmember Snyder stated that at some time in the past, we had talked about not having any more pocket parks. Mr. Goddard noted this would be more of a rest stop for the walkers on the trails. Another suggestion would be to add another activity station, such as those on the walking trail, at this location.

Mr. Goddard noted that the property was deeded to the City during the Palos Verdes development. He noted this could become a Pokémon park and may help keep those playing Pokémon Go off of the high traveled streets.

Mr. Goddard advised that he has created an Ordinance to cover the concern of abatement of noxious weeds. The Council discussed several properties that should be notified of their weed issues. Councilmember Lallas suggested that a letter be sent to the Irrigation District Board of Directors about the noxious weeds on their property next to the walking path.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the workshop at 7:17 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk