

City of Othello
City Council Workshop
August 06, 2012

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: Eugene Bain, Ken Caylor, Dan Dever, Genna Dorow, Charles Garcia, Kenneth Johnson, and Mark Snyder.

Also Present: Department Heads: Finance Officer Mike Bailey, Public Works Director Terry Clements, Police Chief Steven Dunnagan, Park and Recreation Coordinator Molly Klippert, City Clerk Debbie Kudrna, and City Planner Darryl Piercy.

CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

City Planner Darryl Piercy advised that after tonight's review, a draft document will be prepared. A public hearing will be held on the draft comprehensive plan to get more public comment on the plan. Mr. Piercy explained the need for an updated comprehensive plan and asked for feedback relevant to the parks and recreation chapter. There was a discussion relevant to pocket, residential parks and larger area recreational parks.

BANK OF AMERICA REPORT

Teresa Meyer, the City's Bank of America portfolio manager provided an overview of the U.S. Trust economic outlook and the City's portfolio status.

ERIC MORGAN'S REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Mayor Wilson advised that City Attorney Katherine Kenison had provided direction relevant to Eric Morgan's request for the City to fund \$600 towards the cost to build a Santa sleigh and reindeer for display in Pioneer Park. She advised that the City is constrained by very strict limitations for providing financial support and recommended that the Council not appropriate City funding for this request.

RESOLUTION AMENDMENT FOR THE AMERICAN CROWN CIRCUS

Park and Recreation Coordinator Molly Klippert advised that the dates previously reported for the American Crown Circus in Lions Park was incorrect. The circus will be in Othello on Monday, August 13, and Tuesday, August 14, 2012.

Council carried a motion to approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR THE AMERICAN CROWN CIRCUS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 13TH AND 14TH, 2012. M/S Dorow/Caylor. This shall be known as Resolution No. 2012-22.

2012 STREET OVERLAY UPDATE

Public Works Director Terry Clements reported that we received \$209,962 from the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) funding for street repairs on Scooteny Street. This funding will be used to overlay Scooteny from 1st Avenue to 4th Avenue. We may receive more funding from TIB to complete the overlay from 4th Avenue to 7th Avenue. The Council Street Committee reviewed the street projects and they recommend using the capital street funding for 2012 for the overlay of Scooteny from 4th to the east side of 7th Avenue. Public Works has found some deficiencies in the storm water piping in this area and recommends that portions of the storm water pipe be replaced. They also ask that the money not expended in 2012 be carried into the 2013 budget.

POLICE CHIEF DISCUSSION OF FALSE ALARMS

Police Chief Dunnagan advised that the number of false alarms from home alarm devices have increased steadily and is mostly the result of human error. Each alarm response costs the police department approximately \$50 each and they have responded to 235 alarms as of July 31st. Chief Dunnagan advised that there is a trend in other communities to bill for false alarms and he will continue to monitor our situations to determine if a policy for billing should be considered.

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COPY CHARGE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

City Clerk Debbie Kudrna reviewed the new proposed copy charge policy and procedure. The only fee change is a reduction to the scan fee to \$0.10 per page. This will be placed on the next consent agenda.

DISCUSSION OF FREE DUMP

Councilmember Ken Taylor, member of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), advised that we currently have a spring and fall clean up day for the citizens. There has been discussion about having a free dump day at the Bruce site or having a coupon program for our community. The coupons would be distributed to our citizens for free disposal of garbage and yard waste at the transfer station. This will be discussed more with the SWAC Committee and need a letter of request from the City. Mayor Wilson advised that a similar free dump program is provided in the City of Kennewick. Council's consensus is to send a letter to SWAC requesting participation in this community event.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wilson made the following announcements:

- Code Enforcement Officer interviews will start this week at the Police Department.
- Fiesta Amistad is this Friday and Saturday at Lions Park.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the workshop at 8:04 p.m.

By: _____
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk