

City of Othello
City Council Workshop
September 2, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

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

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

Also Present: City Administrator Wade Farris; Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Police Chief Phil Schenck, Finance Officer Spencer Williams, and City Clerk Debbie Kudrna.

GWMA UPDATE

Paul Stoker, Executive Director of Ground Water Management Authority (GWMA) advised on future water demand, well capacity, and sustainable water sources. He reviewed aquifer storage and recovery distribution systems (ASR).

PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND OMC CHAPTER 1

Police Chief Schenck advised that staff has reviewed our current code enforcement regulations and practices. We currently have several methods that exist for code enforcement and staff's conclusion is that the current code enforcement structure is too limiting and lacks the flexibility needed to respond to the variety of code enforcement issues.

Chief Schenck advised that our Attorney has drafted an ordinance which is designed to permit a greater degree of flexibility for staff in the performance of its code enforcement duties.

COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEES

Finance Officer Spencer Williams advised that as we approach the budget season, we will follow a similar format to last years' process. Prior to presenting the budget for approval during a regular council meeting, we will have budget committee meetings. He prepared a preliminary budget calendar for review and changes were made.

WELL #9 UPDATE

City Administrator Wade Farris reported that we got to 1115 foot water bearing zone, in the Grande Rhonde at the Well #9 site. This has been sealed off and there is no negative down flow. They will video the well hole and will conduct pump tests on Friday. Next week, they will draw water for 24 hours.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Terry Clements provided updates of the following: Waste Water Treatment Plant update and explanation of current capacity; rolled curb information, and matching funds from Adams County from their Paths and Trails Fund. There was a discussion about the maintenance of the walking path.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Spoohn Ranch is working on the development of the skateboard park.

Mayor Logan was asked if we are interested in considering an all wheeled vehicle ordinance. Mr. Farris advised that staff is working on this project.

Councilmember Lallas advised that he was asked why a citizen would need a right of way permit for Home Depot to deliver an appliance. Mr. Clements advised that any work within the city's right of way, requires a right of way permit. If the delivery work included only use of a hand truck, then a right of way permit is not required.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Logan adjourned the workshop at 8:25 p.m.

By: _____
SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk