

**City of Othello
City Council Workshop
September 3, 2013**

1. 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:

Finance Officer Spencer Williams

Police Chief Steven Dunnagan

Administrative Secretary Jennifer Durepo

City Engineer Larry Julius

2. CURRENT BUSINESS

2.01 Question & answer meeting with State Representatives Susan Fagan & Joe Schmick for funding of city public works projects

Representatives Susan Fagan and Joe Schmick stated that the future for the public works trust fund does not look promising. He stated Washington's economy must continue to grow to increase revenue for the state, but he is concerned with the cost of doing business in Washington and what those cost are sacrificing for the state.

2.02 Presentation by WCIA

Lisa Roberts, WCIA Risk Services Manager gave a brief history of the organization and how it is available to assist cities. WCIA offers a great deal of training and training reimbursement to the members. Reviews and audits of the city's policies are used as preventative measures to protect the city. Lisa reminded the council that their decisions are protected as a whole by the WCIA, but if decisions and promises are made by an individual council member, they are not covered. She gave a brief overview of the services WCIA provides.

2.03 Investment Report & Discussion of Investment Options

Finance Director Spencer Williams provided the monthly update report on investments and discussed some possible changes to the US Trust/Bank of America portfolio that will be further discussed with the Finance Committee. The main change was eliminating the third party management services offering the city savings on that expense.

2.04 Consideration of Ceremonial Scissors Policy Change

Finance Director Spencer Williams provided information about the fee for businesses to use the ceremonial scissors and concerns regarding charging this fee.

CONCURRENCE: **Council concurred this policy would not be changed.**

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Ken Johnson shared information from the ACDC meeting. The ACDC has been pursuing the option of becoming a Free Trade Zone (FTZ). There will be about \$7500 in attorney fees to have this set up. The ACDC has said they will pay a third, with the Port adding a third and the issue is going to the county commissioners and looking very promising.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Police Chief Steve Dunnagan made a request for a councilmember to be appointed to the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee). Ken Johnson will be representing the city.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Wilson stated The Audit/finance Committee will be meeting on Wednesday at noon. Pet Rescue is having a luncheon on September 11 at 1 p.m. Mayor and Council have been invited; your tickets are on your folder.

5.2 Executive Session – Property Acquisition

Mayor Wilson adjourned the Council meeting at 8:13 p.m. to enter into an Executive 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 was expected to last 15 minutes. No action was taken during the executive session.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:43 p.m. after a fifteen (15) minute extension.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the workshop at 8:43 p.m.

By: _____
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
**JENNIFER DUREPO, Administrative
Secretary**