

City of Othello
City Council Workshop
September 07, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Tim Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Tim Wilson; Councilmembers: Ken Caylor, Dan Dever, Genna Dorow, Charles Garcia, Kenneth Johnson, Mark Snyder, and Marc Spohr.

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon; Department Heads: Finance Officer Mike Bailey, Police Chief Steven Dunnagan, and City Clerk Debbie Kudrna.

BANK OF AMERICA PORTFOLIO REPORT – ALICIA BENNETT

Alicia Bennett, Bank of America Portfolio Manager for the City, reviewed the economic update; the City's current asset allocation portfolio; the City's fixed income composition (\$4,405,892); the portfolio characteristics; the City's maturity schedule; and the period performance. She also presented the US Treasury yield history.

NATURAL GAS DISCUSSION – ROGER KRUG

Roger Krug, Adams County Economic Development, presented a PowerPoint regarding the natural gas situation in Adams County. He reviewed the history of natural gas in Eastern Washington and announced that the current suppliers are not willing to expand. He mentioned that it may benefit us to ask if GTN would expand their gas service in our area.

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Loren Wiltsie, Adams County Public Works updated the Council on the Adams County solid waste system. Current rates are \$70/ton. He advised that they are accepting some recyclables at the transfer station. The County is not projecting revised tipping rates until 2012. It was noted that the City has to provide minimum recycling opportunities for our citizens as part of the Adams County Solid Waste plan. We are working on getting a new location for our recycling containers.

Mr. Glen Stockwell noted there are viable alternatives to solve the need for steam processing. Mayor Wilson stated that if he would like to put a written report together, the Council would be interested. Mr. Stockwell noted later in the meeting that he would be willing to enter into a contract with the City to work on this project.

ACDC CONTRACT RENEWAL

City Administrator Ehman Sheldon stated that we have two Councilmembers that serve on the Adams County Development Council (ACDC). He reported that ACDC is now located in Othello and Roger Krug is their temporary director. One of their goals this year is development of an inventory book of all existing buildings, power systems, and other items that a potential business would be interested in. ACDC is charged to communicate with existing businesses for support, soliciting, and recruiting new businesses. They have met the State's requirements for this year. He presented an addendum to the current contract to fund in 2011.

Councilmember Spohr recommended that all organizations that request City funding should provide their mission statement; proposed budget; their past accomplishments; and expenditures for the prior year. Councilmember Johnson explained that ACDC has an open budget and an annual meeting. Mayor Wilson asked that Mr. Sheldon work on a form.

STORM WATER DISCUSSION - 7TH AVENUE & COLUMBIA STREET

City Administrator Ehman Sheldon reported that Sagestone 6 & 7 are being developed. When Sagestone 5 was developed the Council approved a retention pond located east of 7th Avenue as a temporary location for storm water. The original idea was that this retention pond would be used until the development built out and they would run all of their storm water into a pipe system that would flow west to the City's retention pond. The developer for Sagestone 6 & 7 has asked to expand the retention pond to hold the storm water for the new developments. Staff has asked the developer to install pipe to 7th Ave. and eliminate the temporary retention pond. The developer is asking that the City install the portion of the infrastructure on Columbia Street from 3rd Ave. east to 7th Ave. The City would then implement a latecomer's agreement to get reimbursed from future

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developments. The estimated cost for the storm water infrastructure on Columbia Street between 3rd and 7th is \$26,000 for a 24" pipe, plus an estimated \$10,000 for the labor. The proposed storm water infrastructure would eliminate increased surface water at 1st and Broadway Avenue. Mr. Sheldon noted that we will be looking at a storm water utility.

TRESPASS PROGRAM

Police Chief Steve Dunnagan advised that in an effort to further reduce crime in Othello, the Othello Police Department plans to partner with local businesses in a "No Trespassing" program. If a business wants to enter into the program, it will authorize the Police Department to enforce the Washington State trespass laws in the absence of a business owner or authorized individual. The Police Officers would be able to approach anyone that is upon the business property after closing hours. This is strictly a voluntary program and if an agreement is entered into, the property owner has to sign an authorization and will adequately post the property.

Mr. Glen Stockwell from Ritzville advised that he is trying to develop a bipartisan Washington State Green Team. He requested that the City Council consider issuing a letter of support to Washington State's 11 congressional leaders to form a "Washington State Green Team". The goal of forming this bi-partisan group is to form a Washington Coalition and have our congressional leaders sign a petition requesting President Obama to sign an executive order for fast tracking the completion of the Columbia Basin Project and place this project at the top of his national public works agenda. Mayor Wilson asked that he work in conjunction with the Columbia Basin Development League and get their support. Councilmember Caylor stated that there are a lot of organizations working on the completion of the Columbia Basin water project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Wilson advised that the Police Chief has met with the judicial committee and presented the budget proposal for their increased fees. They also talked about adult probation.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wilson made the following announcements:

- The Teamsters Union Negotiating meeting is set for September 29 at 9:00 a.m.
- The City's audit will begin Monday, September 20th.
- ACDC meets this Thursday, September 9th in Ritzville at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the workshop at 8:59 p.m.

By: _____
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk