

City of Othello
Council Workshop
September 3, 2002

Mayor Jeannie L. Ochoa called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Everett Cole, Eleanor Brodahl, Larry Bray, Leonard Lyon and Kenneth Johnson and Tim Wilson. Absent was Council member Donald Derifield. Also present were Debbie Kudrna, Rhonda Miller, Dick Lee, Police Chief Ron Axtman, and Curt Andrews, Department Heads; and City Administrator, Ehman Sheldon.

SCHEDULE BUDGET RETREAT

Finance Officer, Rhonda Miller presented the 2003 budget calendar. Council scheduled a Budget Retreat for Saturday, October 12th, 8:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. The tentative location is at Uncommon Grounds, 895 S. Broadway Avenue.

WELL #8 UPDATE

City Planner, Curt Andrews reported that the Well #8 drilling is progressing and the driller is at approximately 500'. He noted that the first 400' would be cased off. Mr. Andrews explained that the Public Works Department installed piping at Lee and Reynolds Roads before the County did their overlay project on Lee Road. Mr. Andrews introduced Alan Schroeder and Keith Olsen of Anderson & Perry Associates.

Mr. Olsen reported on the well project and reviewed the timeline, the overall project goals, and design process. The engineers recommended a submersible pump to be located in a fenced area outside of the pump building. He noted that by separating the pump outside the building, it simplifies the construction of the pump building and eliminates the need for a cooling system. They also recommended a concrete masonry pump building.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council member Bray inquired whether a traffic stoplight would be installed at 14th and Main Street. Mr. Andrews noted that the stoplight is on the city's six-year street plan and is a budget issue. He explained that the Wal-Mart outlots will each pay one-fifth of the light costs when the lots are sold. The City has sent correspondence to the hospital regarding whether they could contribute a share of the light costs to help with an emergency response control of the light.

Mayor Ochoa announced the plans for the September 11th Remembrance commemorative.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ochoa announced that Avista has offered to donate a tree in remembrance of the September 11th tragedy. Mayor Ochoa announced that the October 7th workshop would be cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Ochoa adjourned the workshop at 7:30 p.m.

By: _____
Jeannie L. Ochoa, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Debbie L. Kudrna, City Clerk