

City of Othello
City Council Workshop
September 5, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Shannon McKay called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Shannon McKay; Councilmembers Eleanor Brodahl, Kathy Carlton, Kenneth Taylor, Everett Cole, Marc Spohr, Dale Wyman, and Tim Wilson.

Also Present: Department Heads: Curt Andrews, Debbie Kudrna, Mike Bailey; Police Chief Steve Dunnagan, and City Administrator Ehman Sheldon.

BANK OF AMERICA BI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

David W. Lee, Bank of America Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, reviewed the City's fixed income market; investment interest rates; U.S. Government Yield curves; summarized the City's current portfolio mix and investment performance; and anticipated maturities & investments. Finance Officer Mike Bailey explained that the City's \$3.7 million in investments are from various funds, including reserves.

COMMUNITY LANDSCAPING REGULATIONS

Building Official Curt Andrews explained that the Planning Commission has reviewed the current landscaping requirements and the request from Patricia Gamari to require certain landscaping in new developments. He presented a chart listing the existing landscaping regulations and proposals that could be regulated, if adopted by ordinance. He asked whether the Council wanted to modify current regulations, consider new regulations, or do nothing. He advised that Othello's codes are similar to other small communities, although Moses Lake has very rigid regulations. Mr. Andrews explained that some developers create covenants that they enforce and the City is able to regulate some provisions that have been adopted by the Council.

Mayor McKay reported that the City has received a petition signed by 26 citizens requesting the City to enact an ordinance for landscaping and maintenance standards. He stated that a committee comprised of Councilmembers, developers, citizens and staff would be developed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor McKay stated that he has received calls regarding cleaning up of certain lots in town before the County Fair and Rodeo. Mr. Sheldon advised that the City right of way on certain lots will be worked on soon. Councilmember Wyman reported there is also property on east Main Street that has overgrown weeds on.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor McKay adjourned the workshop at 7:50 p.m.

By: _____
SHANNON MCKAY, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk