

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 Caylor, Everett Cole, Marc Spohr, and Tim Wilson.

Absent: Councilmember Dale Wyman

Also Present: Department Heads: Curt Andrews, Mike Bailey, Police Chief Steve Dunnagan, Deputy Clerk Rebecca Dover; Jay Van Ness, and City Administrator Ehman Sheldon.

BANK OF AMERICA BI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. David Lee, Portfolio Manager with the Bank of America, gave a presentation of the City's investments, and reviewed the portfolio that was provided to the Council. He indicated that the City's investments are looking good, and briefly covered the Investment Performance; the Annual Period Performance 2005-2007 and Inception through 22 months; the Fixed Income Composition; and the Fixed Income Maturity Schedule.

GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

Mr. Paul Stoker, representative of the Ground Water Management Association (GWMA) presented the Council with a detailed history and explanation of water sources/aquifers within our region: the Wanapum and the Grand Ronde. He noted that the City's water is not surface water it is coming from a horizontal source, north to south. He is currently advertising for a consultant for a 2 year research extension, which has been started but they were only able to map from the top of the Grand Ronde to the Lincoln County border. This \$2 million project is expected to last 15 months, as they will finish mapping the layers to wherever they surface, and to see where the water may source is and how fast. On January 15, 2009, Mr. Stoker will make a presentation to the State Water & Resources Committee, to explain to the Senators and Governor what is going on in the area with the water. This study will answer many of the questions the Council is seeking in relation to the City's water supply: why the static levels are decreasing; where our water source originates; and if our water source is infiltrated by other sources, which could be a cause our water quality problems.

Mr. Jay Van Ness provided an overview of the City's wells in regards to production, maintenance, and demand. He explained how the water is pumped when we encounter static problems, and also addressed the DOE's regulations/requirements.

Mr. Allen Schroeder, of Anderson Perry, gave a brief evaluation of Well #6. He covered water quality, ecology regulations, diagnostics, and what improvements are needed and reviewed estimated costs. Mr. Schroeder reviewed the task order for Well #6 explaining that a camera and injections of dye would be used to help determine some of the problems; samples will be taken from 6 zones; the field work can take up to 12 hours a day; and that the possibility of drilling may be required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHARE INFORMATION

Councilmember Tim Wilson reported the Pool Committee meeting is discussing the following in regards to next years operations: whether to be open on Sundays (pending attendance as the cost to keep it open is \$500 per day); how early to open for the season; and if passes will be sold in advance at a discounted rate for the following year. Decisions in regards to the daily fee was to maintain \$3, and the season passes was raised by \$10 more.

Councilmember Caylor indicated that union negotiations between the City and Operating Engineers have begun.

Councilmember Brodahl reported on the Sister City Committee. She indicated that Dr. Osei-Bonsu had a full schedule that included: visits to the elementary schools and Migrant Daycare Center; a tour of the canals and irrigation systems, provided by East Columbia Irrigation; a luncheon with

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Rotary; visits to McCains, Harvest Fresh, Othello Community Hospital and Columbia Basin Health Association. She noted that the community stepped up to give him a great warm welcome and made the visitors feel at home.

Councilmember Caylor reported that the water contract negotiations with J.R. Simplot is close to an agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor McKay adjourned the workshop at 9:15 p.m.

By: _____
SHANNON MCKAY, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk