

City of Othello  
City Council Workshop  
October 3, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Shawn Logan called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m. and led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Shawn Logan; Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, Corey Everett, Genna Dorow, Angel Garza, Larry McCourtie, John Lallas, and Mark Snyder.

Also Present: City Administrator Wade Farris; Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Finance Officer Spencer Williams, Community Development Director Travis Goddard, and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Perez-Ozuna.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

There was none.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – TAMMIE HOWES 10 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT**

Mayor Logan presented a plaque of appreciation to Public Works Secretary Tammie Howes for 10 years of employment with the City of Othello.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON REVENUE SOURCES FOR 2017**

Mayor Logan opened the public hearing at 6:34 p.m. Finance Officer Spencer Williams reviewed the projected revenue estimates for 2017.

Mayor Logan asked for public comments in support, neutral and opposition. There was none.

Mayor Logan asked for Council comments. Councilmember Everett asked how much of the decreased \$180,000 in the utility tax fund has already been budgeted out and Finance Officer Spencer Williams gave a brief explanation as to where those funds have increased and could decrease regarding the city revenues and expenses. Councilmember Lallas asked if there was an opposition into installing natural gas into the new developments because if so then the city is losing utility taxes revenue and Community Development Director Travis Goddard mentioned there was not.

Mayor Logan closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

**TREE CITY USA**

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Amy Hurlbut presented a power point explaining the organization of Tree City USA, all the fundamentals that are required and some of the benefits the city can receive. Councilmember Dorow asked if becoming a Tree City USA would increase the annual budget because of the per capita. Ms. Hurlbut answered that it would not affect the budget because most of the money per capita is work that has already been done. There was various questions and discussion between council and staff. Mayor Logan determined the council was in consensus with the moving forward to create an ordinance, filling out the application and apply to be a Tree City USA.

**PINTAIL LLC ANNEXATION DISCUSSION**

Community Development Director Travis Goddard commented that the Planning Commission had met a few weeks before and the topic regarding Pintail LLC has been reschedule to have them come in and have a discussion. Mr. Goddard gave a brief presentation regarding which properties where in support, against, neutral and have not commented on the annexation into the city and pointed out that improvements to Moon Street are at the upmost priority at the moment.

Travis Goddard, Community Development Director, mentioned that two deciding factors of whether Pintail LLC annexes in or not are the capability of TPG and Pintail LLC coming together to determine if they are able to split the cost of the expansion of their property along with the water line expansion. Mr. Goddard mentioned these improvements will also determine if the property needs a second access or a looped water system. Councilmember Snyder asked that if they decide not to annex and they want water then they could still be asked to loop in and Mr. Goddard

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responded that yes the city can request that they loop in. Further discussion was carried between council and staff regarding the possibilities of the second entrance and water line expansion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Finance Officer reminded the council of the budget committee meetings for the remainder of the week and forward.
- City Administrator gave a brief update regarding the installation of the irrigation line on 14<sup>th</sup> Ave and some changes which need to be done due to possible acquisition of future property. He also gave a brief discussion on installing trees and lights down 14<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Logan adjourned the workshop at 7:39 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SHAWN LOGAN, Mayor**

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**REBECCA PEREZ-OZUNA, Deputy City Clerk**