

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Tim Wilson called the workshop meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Tim Wilson; Councilmembers: Eugene Bain, Ken Taylor, Dan Dever, Genna Dorow, and Kenneth Johnson.

Also Present: Department Heads: Public Works Director Terry Clements, Police Chief Steven Dunnagan; Finance Officer Spencer Williams and Receptionist Rebecca Perez-Ozuna.

Absent: Councilmember's Charles Garcia and Mark Snyder

Council carried a motion to approve the absence of Councilmember Charles Garcia. M/S Dorow/Johnson

Council carried a motion to approve the absence of Councilmember Mark Snyder. M/S Taylor/Dever

PUBLIC HEARING – REVENUE SOURCES INCLUDING PROPERTY TAXES

Mayor Tim Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. Finance Officer, Spencer Williams, reported the preliminary revenue estimates for 2014. Mr. Williams commented that projected beginning balances for the general funds starting amount will be \$94,000 more at \$598,544 instead of the \$504,000 that was anticipated. He went on to discuss the beginning balances of the other funds, where the monies would be coming from and estimated amounts that will be received in taxes pertaining to sales tax and utility tax. Mayor asked for public comment and none were made. Mayor then asked for council comments and none were made. Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS FOR LOBBYIST – SCOTT CAVE

Lobbyist Scott Cave presented to the council a letter of support from Bill Schlagel (former Adams County Commissioner and current Adams County Citizen Representative on GWMA). Mr. Cave gave a brief overview of meetings that he has attended, his employment history and what he would like to accomplish for the City of Othello. Mayor Tim Wilson asked Mr. Cave if there was an option of hiring him on a 6 month basis. Scott commented that is was possible but says it would be better to look at it as a long term investment due to the fact that the process is not a short-term process but a long-term process and encourages a long-term strategy. Other questions and comments were made.

PRESENTATION BY JENNIFER ZIEGLER- LOBBYIST

Jennifer Ziegler, Lobbyist from Olympia, presented a brief background of where her educational background and her work history. Mrs. Ziegler went on to discuss what is going on currently with legislature and what she believes will happen with the public trust fund in 2014.

THE 2014 MID-VALLEY SWIN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD IN OTHELLO AT THE OTHELLO COMMUNITY POOL

Molly Klipper, Park and Recreation Director, advised that the Othello Barracudas, a member team of the Mid-Valley Swim League and annual contracted user of the Othello Community Pool, have been yearly participants in the Mid-Valley Swim League's season-end championship meet since 2009. She went on to explain that the meet is a three day event that draws over 600 swimmers and their families to the meet at the selected location of the meet. In 2014, the Othello Barracudas and their representatives would like to host this meet and bring the Mid-Valley Swim League Championships to the City of Othello and the Othello Community Pool.

Dulcy Field, Meet Director and representative of the Othello Barracudas swim team, along with Ken Simmons presented a slide show pointing out the advantages hosting the meet would bring in forms of tourism and revenue. The presented slide show also showed pictures of previous meets and some of the concerns that needed to be addressed if the proposal was approved by Council. Some of the concerns were RV parking, possible camping in the park, parking, and some issues with the pool regarding to stability. After the presentation, Mayor Wilson commented to scheduling a meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee and the representatives of Othello Barracudas to discuss the concerns and any other issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Ken Johnson reported the Adams County Development Council is still currently working on getting Adams County designated as a Federal Trading Zone and have also formed a railroad committee, which will be meeting with Senator Patty Murray's Aide next week to discuss railroad transportation needs in the Adams County area.

Councilmember Ken Caylor reported on the some of the main topics that were discussed at the AWC Meeting/Dinner that was held in Tri-Cities on October 3rd. Also reported that AWC is looking at what is the future of Washington State and they are talking about the population in 10 years.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor's Announcements:

- Tomorrow the Special Revenue/Debt Services budget committee will be meeting at noon here in room 3 of City Hall (Johnson, Dorow, and Snyder).
- Tomorrow night at 7 p.m. the Fire Council will be having their quarterly meeting at the fire station, 220 S Broadway.
- Wednesday (9th) the Parks and Recreation budget committee will be meeting at 6 p.m. in room 3 of City Hall (Garcia, Bain, Dorow).
- Thursday (10th) the Law Enforcement budget committee will be meeting at noon in room 3 of City Hall (Johnson, Snyder, and Dever).
- Thursday (10th) the Code Enforcement budget committee will be meeting at 6 p.m. in room 3 of City Hall (Snyder, Bain, and Dever).
- We need a Council representative to be a part of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee that will meet probably 2-3 times a year. (Ken Caylor volunteered)

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Mayor Tim Wilson announced at 8:00 p.m. that council will now adjourn into an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase. The executive session is expected to last 15 minutes. No action will be taken during the executive session. Public Works Director, Terry Clements, attended the executive session.

Mayor Tim Wilson reconvened the Workshop meeting at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Wilson adjourned the workshop at 8:16 p.m.

By: _____
TIM WILSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
REBECCA PEREZ-OZUNA, Receptionist