

City of Othello  
City Council Workshop  
December 1, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

Present: Mayor Shannon McKay; Councilmembers: Eleanor Brodahl, Kenneth Caylor, Dan Dever, Kenneth Johnson, Mark Snyder, Marc Spohr, and Tim Wilson

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon and Department Heads: Mike Bailey, Police Chief Steve Dunnagan, Debbie Kudrna, and Jay Van Ness

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITIONS:**

Mayor McKay presented certificates of appreciations and city lapel pins to community volunteers.

- Sister City Committee: Pastor Rick Morris, Timm Taff, Tim Fought, Danny and Debbie DeBoer.
- Pet Rescue: Rep. Jessica Fuhrman
- Citizen Bob Fuller
- Citizen Dan Leary

**POST OFFICE INTERSECTION**

Police Chief Steve Dunnagan advised that an agreement was made concerning improvements for traffic flow at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Main Street. He noted that traffic congestion and accidents at this intersection stems from the short difference between the corner and the Post Office parking lot entrance; traffic from several different directions; hazardous left hand turns off of Main Street; east bound traffic turning into the bank; and pedestrians. Several meetings were held with the property owner and Post Master to discuss options and they have agreed upon a workable solution. This includes diagonal parking on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue; a solid yellow line on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue adjacent to the new diagonal parking on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue; a new curb cut into the Post Office parking lot, making the parking and traffic flow one-way (going north) in the Post Office property. The City will install signs to direct the traffic flow; stripe the road way; install the curb cut and paint a turn lane on Main Street. The Post Office will install a small fence to alleviate pedestrians walking into traffic in their parking lot and a large fence separating the loading dock. Temporary reflective road delineators may be installed to help with traffic. Post Master Tim Maki advised he concurs with the Chief's report. He asked that the curb cut, fencing, and parking changes occur concurrently to assist with pedestrian safety.

**DRAFT ORDINANCE TO AMEND OMC 4.04 ENTITLED "BUSINESS LICENSES"**

City Clerk Debbie Kudrna asked the Council to consider changing the business license fee for itinerant merchants, mobile vendors, and stationary vendors to \$50 per year. She reviewed the business license fees for all classes and reported that the \$50 fee is comparable to fees in nearby communities. The ordinance will be presented to the Council at the next regular meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHARE INFORMATION**

Councilmember Caylor thanked the Council for appropriating \$5,000 for the Centennial Committee activities. Monthly meetings are the first Thursday of every month and they are meeting this Thursday at the Police Department training room. Their first meeting next year is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup>. Subcommittees will be established and they will report back to the core committee coordinating the celebration activities. Our centennial date is May 23, 2010, and activities will begin January 1, 2010. Councilmember Caylor reported the Coulee Corridor is applying for recognition of "All American Road". They are finalizing the master interpretive plan and working on their strategic plan. He reported on some of their other current projects, including gateway signs and kiosks located near Othello and Omak.

Mayor McKay advised they need two more representatives from Othello on the Adams County Development Council.

**CONSIDERATION TO CANCEL DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> COUNCIL MEETING**

Council's consensus was to cancel the December 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting. Official action will be taken at the next regular meeting.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mayor McKay** read into the record a letter that he has signed to the Adams County Commissioners regarding maintaining the vehicle licensing office in Othello.

**Councilmember Caylor** advised that the trees near the flag pole in front of City Hall are not illuminating the flags properly. He recommended moving the lights in order to shine on the flags.

**Mayor McKay** made the following announcements:

- Library Committee will meet on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.
- Centennial Committee will meet this Thursday at 4:30 p.m.
- Sister City Committee will meet next Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30

**Councilmember Dever** stated that residents put up a lot of holiday displays and there are not many decorations on Main Street. He encouraged the local businesses to decorate for the holidays and will discuss this with the local Chamber of Commerce.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, **Mayor McKay** adjourned the workshop at 7:46 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SHANNON MCKAY, Mayor**

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk**