

City of Othello
Council Workshop
December 4, 2000

Mayor E R Kelley called the workshop to order at 7:07 p.m. Members present were Leonard Lyon, Eleanor Brodahl, Les Clemons, Everett Cole, Donald Derifield, Jeannie Ochoa and Kenneth Johnson. Others present were: Debra Travis and Curt Andrews, Debbie Kudrna, and Reuel Klempel, City Department Heads; William Shaw, City Administrator; and Debbie Sanchez, from the Boys and Girls Club.

GIS PRESENTATION

Curt Andrews presented an overview of the City's Geographic Information System (GIS). The fly-over of the area had been completed this Spring, and that information, along with some preliminary data has been done. He explained what other information could be entered into the system to help the Public Works, Police and Fire, the Building and City Hall departments. The Public Works and Police Department will begin inputting data that will be used by their staff this coming year. Mr. Andrews noted that partnership with the County Assessor will be discussed for 2002 to input ownership of parcels. He explained that our engineers have already used the preliminary data for city projects, such as the stormwater project.

2001 BUDGET

Discussions were held on the Proposed 2001 Budget. This included a review of the Boys and Girls Club request for \$8,000 for their teen program and continuance of the summer park program; the Fire Department request to carry-over approximately \$40,000 from the 2000 budget to the 2001 budget; the Public Works vehicle rotation schedule for 8 vehicles; and the dependency on the Utility Tax to support the General Fund.

Debbie Sanchez of the Boys and Girls Club addressed the Council and stated that they average 116 kids per day. These children are from families that cannot afford the extra curriculum programs. She reported on the city's past recreation programs and how the Boys and Girls Club have provided youth opportunities for recreation and supporting programs. She stated that they have satellite clubs and projects throughout the community, including involvement with school activities, juvenile programs, teen pregnancy programs, all city recognized festivals and parades. She explained the \$8,000 will be used as matching funds for the teen programs.

Reuel Klempel, Public Works Director explained the Public Works vehicle rotation program.

John Cagle, Fire Chief provided an overview of what has been accomplished in the department; what he found in the department upon his arrival; what he recommends for the future of the department; what initial tasks he found; his initial course of action and actions taken to date. He discussed firefighter safety; purchase

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of a thermal imaging camera; purchase of additional radios; the need for inventory of the protective clothing worn by the fire fighters; equipment needs; apparatus status; facility issues; telephone and office area improvements; and risk management programs to insure fire fighters' safety. The fire department building issues included repair of structural cracks; the need to reduce heat loss; need of an exit in the apparatus room; roof repair needs; the need of electrical and air hoses overhead to drop down to the trucks and paddle fans in the ceiling and remodeling of the offices and lobby/staff area. Mr. Cagle explained the Knox box lock system and security measures that are taken by personnel.

Mr. Shaw addressed the Council about the sunset clause on the Utility Tax rate. He noted this wont affect the 2001 budget, but will need to be addressed by the Council in 2001 because of the impact to the 2002 revenues. Mr. Shaw explained that the entire funding for the operation and maintenance of the Community Library is budgeted in the city's 2001 budget. The Council will need to discuss the repayment issues from the Rural Library Board of Trustees and how to allocate the repayments. Mr. Shaw stated that meetings have been held with both unions, with the committee continuing to discuss the proposals.

Mr. Shaw reported that a letter has been sent to Avista advising them that the city's findings indicate that we can provide the water meter reading and billing services for less than what Avista had proposed for these services.

NEW BUSINESS

The City Clerk asked the Council to consider rescheduling the last Council meeting in December, in order to assure a quorum is present to approve the year-end bills. It was a consensus that there would be a quorum for a December 26th meeting at 7:00 p.m. and it was not rescheduled, due to this commitment by the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Kelley adjourned the Council Workshop at 9:30 p.m.

**Debbie Kudrna, CMC
City Clerk**