

Mayor E R Kelley called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Leonard Lyon, Eleanor Brodahl, Les Clemons, Everett Cole, Donald Derifield, Jeannie Ochoa and Kenneth Johnson. Also present were Debbie Kudrna, Curt Andrews, and Rhonda Miller, City Department Heads; Bill Shaw, City Administrator; and Adams County Fire District #5 Chief Clyde Fought.

REPORT FROM ADAMS COUNTY #5 FIRE CHIEF CLYDE FOUGHT

Chief Fought gave a report to the City Council regarding their recent progress of implementing the terms of the recent fire suppression agreement between Fire District #5 and the City of Othello. He had received the city's inventory list of the equipment on the trucks and the office and building inventory list. He reported that he is in the process of inventorying the equipment and will inform the city of anything that they don't want. He stated that they want to keep and use the Ford brush rig that was replaced by the new diesel vehicle. He explained that there is some work to be done on this vehicle. They also want to keep the commander car that was used by the past Fire Chief. City staff suggested that this car be upgraded to one of the newer police vehicles at some time. He discussed their process of keeping financial records of the revenue received from the city and of the expenditures of those funds. Adams County #5 will provide financial reports to the City. Their intent is to rollover any unexpended funds from one year to the next in this fund. Chief Fought reported that the temporarily missing training records have been located.

It was decided that Adams County #5 would issue fire permits for the city once the open burn moratorium is lifted by the Mayor. Curt Andrews updated the Council on the construction of a fire vehicle building. The city staff is still working on the location and design of the building and there still is some obstacles regarding the location of the fire vehicle building.

USE OF PUBLIC LAND DEEDED TO CITY – FISH & WILDLIFE PROPERTY

City Clerk, Debbie Kudrna reported that in April, city staff had finalized the transactions of the deed to the city for 2 lots that were owned by the United States of America. These are lots 1 & 2, Block 144, Othello Land Co's. First Addition, and are adjacent to the Lions Park facility. Staff has not received any other formal requests for use of the lots other than the initial request from the Othello Housing Authority in April 2000. Council directed staff to prepare an estimate and details of asphaltting the two lots for use as a parking lot.

RE-WRITE OF THE WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE

City Administrator, Bill Shaw presented the Draft re-write of O.M.C. Chapter 12 "Water and Sewer". He reviewed the document and discussed several changes within the document. He asked the Council to review the document and bring any concerns, suggestions or questions to his attention.

2002 BUDGET SCHEDULE

Finance Officer, Rhonda Miller presented the FY 2002 Budget Timeline and asked for Council input. Council will be presented the Draft Budget, including a revenue and expense report at the October 1 workshop.

WATER RIGHT APPLICATIONS

Building Official Curt Andrews reported that the city has obtained final approval from the Department of Ecology to combine all of the city's water rights (total of 7,100 AF of water per year). He reported that we did not obtain the 2 Milwaukee Railroad wells that have been abandoned for 30 years, but did obtain the 86 AF that the DOE had intended to withdraw and have obtained permits for Well #7, #8, #9, and #10. He explained the intended reuse of our discharge water from the wastewater treatment plant, and he noted there are some technicalities with the industrial wastewater permits issued by DOE.

Mr. Andrews explained that the city is agreeing to seal off the bottom of Well #6 and appropriately decommission Well #1. He explained that the city has senior water rights to draw from the Wanapum Aquifer. He explained the locations of the future Wells #8, #9 and #10, and noted that we will be going out to bid for the drilling of Well #8 soon. He explained that the city could pursue the transferring of approximately 2,000 AF of water rights from McCain Foods.

Mr. Andrews explained funding for the upcoming projects: water facility charges revenues fund will be used to drill #8 and PWTF funding will be used to seal Well #6. He noted the need to complete the water plan in order to obtain grants funding for water projects.

OLD FASHIONED NEIGHBORHOOD

Building Official Curt Andrews reported that he has received several requests for modified development standards to create unique neighborhoods. These are neighborhoods that are similar to gated or old-fashioned areas, mostly for retirement housing settings. He reviewed a list of conditions for approval of these old fashioned neighborhoods. The Planning Commission had received this list at their last meeting to review. He explained that the city is proceeding through the PDD process with the PJT Coventry House and will be able to experience and work on some of these development standards. They discussed some of the code requirements that can be included in covenants of private neighborhoods that are enforced by the homeowners and neighbors.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Shaw updated the Council on the 2001 sidewalk project. He stated that Mr. Arlis Akins has advised city hall that he will be contracting out the sidewalk project for the Cumulus property and the Bonnell's have begun their sidewalk project. He voiced some

concern of the possibility of re-negotiating the bid quantity prices that were submitted by North Central Construction, if the quantity of the sidewalks is reduced dramatically. He also mentioned concerns of allowing property owners deferment of their projects to next year.

Mr. Shaw reported that the Police Chief Assessment Center was conducted on August 28th. That assessment produced two viable candidates and those two candidates had scored equally in the assessment center. It was decided to invite both candidates to meet with the Council and staff as soon as possible and copies of the resumes will be given to the Council for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Council member Derifield voiced concerns of the controlled burn that was just west of McFarland Jr. High earlier that day, during school hours.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Mayor Kelley adjourned the workshop at 9:12 p.m.

Debbie Kudrna, CMC
City Clerk