

Mayor Jeannie L. Ochoa called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Everett Cole, Eleanor Brodahl, Donald Derifield, Leonard Lyon and Kenneth Johnson and Tim Wilson. Absent was Council member Larry Bray. Also present were Debbie Kudrna, Rhonda Miller, and Curt Andrews, Department Heads; Doug Jordan, Public Works; City Administrator, Ehman Sheldon; and Adams County Fire District #5 Chief Clyde Fought.

### COMMUNITY NETWORK

Mayor Ochoa Chief Clyde Fought asked that Barbara Anderson from Adams County Community Network be allowed to address the Council. Ms. Anderson reported that they had scheduled a community diversity conference for Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., and invited the Council members and Mayor to attend. The meeting was to be held in the Council Chambers.

### ADAMS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #5

Chief Fought reported that the new city fire truck is in service and requested that the Council consider surplus of the old 1968 pumper truck. He explained that it could be donated to another small community fire department, or could be advertised for sale or the city could include it in the fall auction in Eltopia. He noted that useable equipment has been transferred onto the new fire truck, and estimated that the truck was worth \$1500.00 - \$3500.00. He reported the condition of the truck, noting that parts are hard to find. Council's consensus was to surplus the 1968 fire truck, and donate it to a fire department or district within Adams County, and if unsuccessful, set a minimum price on it and advertise to sell it.

### REVIEW 6-YEAR STREET PLAN

City Planner, Curt Andrews presented the draft 6-year street plan and reviewed it thoroughly with Council. He noted that the City has the right-of-ways for projects 1-6. Mr. Andrews asked for input for an economic development project and a repair and maintenance project. There was a discussion about the proposed round a bout on South 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He explained that the round a bout would help with the increased traffic generated by the development in the Columbia and Scootney Street areas. He also noted that project #1 will also increase traffic in the area.

Council member Tim Wilson suggested that an over-lay and repair of south 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue as the repair and maintenance street project. It was noted that Public Works is completing a street inventory project, which will be helpful to insure that streets are repaired in a timely and systematic manner.

### ELECTRONIC E-MAIL

City Clerk, Debbie Kudrna presented an overview about electronic e-mail and the impact of e-mail and the intent of the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA). She noted that e-mail exchanges between city policy makers can constitute a violation of the OPMA, if it includes discussions about issues that may or will come before the Council for a vote, or used as a means to deliberate, or used to come to a consensus on a city issue. She explained that the courts have established that many types of e-mail exchanges by a majority of elected officials could constitute a meeting, which is prohibited by the OPMA. She made the following recommendations:

- Whenever possible, limit e-mail exchanges on issues related to city business to less than a majority of the council. Sending copies of a passive e-mail to less than a majority will not suffice, if subsequent exchanges are sent to more than the majority.
- In land use discussions or quasi-judicial proceedings, council members should verbally announce that they have sent or received any type of e-mails, if it relates to the discussion. Copies of these must be given to me to be placed in the appropriate files.
- Council members are free to engage in e-mail exchanges with staff on one-sided or passive e-mails.

- Never decide at an open meeting that a majority of the council will continue or complete the agenda discussion by e-mail.
- One-sided (no response, passive) informational e-mails to a majority or more of the council is probably consistent with the OPMA, unless the courts set a higher or restrictive precedent.
- If there is any reasonable chance that an issue will ever come before the council for consideration, e-mails should not be used by a majority of the council.
- Any e-mails that are received by the mayor or council that can be considered as public disclosure must be copied and given to the City Clerk to be placed in the appropriate files, such as the project file.

### CITY WATER CONSIDERATIONS

Mr. Sheldon reported that the street evaluation program is complete and he is reviewing it. After his review, staff will provide a comprehensive street plan to the Council.

Mr. Sheldon stated that D.O.H. is concerned of the fluoride level in Well #6, and the city has determined to seal off the Grand Ronde aquifer. He explained this may also reduce production from the other wells and noted that the city will need approximately 2,000 g.p.m. in replacement wells to replace the 1,000 g.p.m. lost from Well #6 and the possible 600 g.p.m. loss from the other wells. He recommended to the Council to drill Well #8 and depending upon the well production, consideration would be made whether to drill Well #9. He stated that staff has conducted the bid process and will request acceptance of the lowest, responsible bidder at the next regular Council meeting. He noted that the city could transfer the water rights from Well #6 to another well. He also supported the stand-by fee that was established in 1997 by Council action, and increased to \$15,000.00 by Council action in January 2002.

Mr. Andrews explained that the pump and electrical at Well #6 will need to be replaced when the well is sealed. He estimated 800 – 1,000 g.p.m. when the bottom aquifer has been sealed off. He also recommended drilling Well #8, testing the well to determine how much it will pump, and then make a decision whether to drill Well #9.

Mayor Ochoa stated that McCain Foods still report that they are proceeding with drilling a new well to replace their existing well.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The City Clerk reminded the elected officials that “Kids Night Out” at the Boys and Girls Club was Thursday, June 6, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. This is a mentoring program and each adult will be teamed up with one or two children. She encouraged all to attend.

Mayor Ochoa reported that the Taggares Park Dedication ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Ochoa adjourned the workshop at 7:55 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeannie L. Ochoa, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie L. Kudrna, City Clerk