

THURSDAY, 7:00 p.m.

MAY 6, 1993

BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

NEWBERG, OREGON

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gary Hay at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Corrine Adams (7:30 p.m.)	Roger Currier
Roger Gano	Gary Hay
Donna McCain	Martin McIntosh
Scott Reinhardt	Elaine Smith
Ellen Bailey	Tracy Pinder
Barbara Secor	Brian Love (8:10 p.m.)
Dale Welcome	Andy Poole
Melinda Newland (8:25 p.m.)	

Others Present:

Donna Proctor, Mayor	Duane Cole, City Manager
Leah Griffith, Librarian	Terry Mahr, City Attorney
Kathy Tri, Finance Director	Elvern Hall
John Wenos	Peggy Hall
Dennis Goecks	Jerry Sunday
Mike Olberding	

NEW BUSINESS:

Social Service Agencies: Duane Cole began the discussion of the Social Service Budget by stating that the budget is the same as the 1992-93. The Central Service cost is for maintenance of the three houses on Third Street. He indicated that requests were sent to various social service agencies within the community and they received requests for senior transportation from Chehalem Senior Citizen Council, Newberg Human Resource Center, and Henderson House. Scott Reinhardt indicated that if the City loses State Revenue Sharing Funds it will become harder and harder to fund these social service programs. The City may need to help them find other resources. Ellen Bailey asked if the City had received the information from Chehalem Senior Citizens on transportation use. Gary Hay indicated that the City did receive the information and the program was funded. Duane Cole added that the Newberg program is different from the McMinnville program. In addition to the regular services, citizens in Newberg receive Dial-A-Ride and enhanced services in the Newberg area. He added that there is a greater subsidy to seniors and the service is cheaper for them to ride. Roger Gano asked how many years were left on the transportation levy. Dennis Goecks, Yamhill County Commissioner, indicated that the levy expires next year and assumed that the County will ask to continue the levy.

Gerry Hodges, representing Henderson House Volunteers, spoke regarding the services Henderson House provides to Newberg Citizens. She indicated that the home runs on what ever funds can be raised and that they were happy to receive these funds from the City of Newberg. She added that the Newberg Support Group is growing and hopes to continue support.

Jerry Sunday, representing Newberg Human Resource Center, handed out a facts sheet about their services. He said that through the City funding, NHRC is able to get an additional \$180,000. He added that 95% of the people they serve were from the Newberg area. He hopes that they will be able to expand community services. As an example, Harvest Home needs additional funds and NHRC is applying for additional CDBG Grant money. Gary Hay stated that he felt social services are a State and County responsibility, but whatever the City can do is good. Roger Gano asked Jerry Sunday about the status of NEDS. Jerry Sunday responded that NEDS is due to be released from Chehalem Valley Senior Citizens. The board is looking at a 501(3)(C) umbrella for them. The board's discussion should be made by mid-May.

MOTION: Reinhardt\Gano moved to approve the Social Service Budget as presented and request that the additional Newberg funding be added to the County Transportation Levy next year. **VOTE ON THE MOTION:** Passed by those present.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Duane Cole began the review indicating that this budget represents a reduction. Gary Hay questioned the COG membership. Alan Hershey, Executive Director of the COG, handed out some information about his organization. He stated that the COG has four basic functions: regional form, regional programs, technical assistance, and negotiating facilitator. Dennis Goecks added that the COG serves as a vehicle for cities and counties. They have a level of expertise that local governments tend not to have and saves substantial funds by not having to hire technical staff. Future program emphasis is on transportation planning, computers, training impartial parties with technical expertise. He added that the COG is owned and controlled by its members. All new activities are approved by the board. Roger Gano asked about the COGs involvement with helping Newberg with its water problem. Dennis Goecks believed Newberg will be part of a county-wide water program and at some point it will all come together. Roger Gano asked about the county business loan program. Gary Hay asked about the R.A.I.N. program. Alan Hershey responded that it ties local county and state data bases together. It ties into LEDS and costs less for local governments.

MOTION: Roger Gano/Scott Reinhardt moved to approve the status quo portion of the general government budget. **VOTE ON THE MOTION:** Passed by those present.

The Budget Committee then reviewed the General Projects portion of the budget. Duane Cole stated that the General Projects portion of the budget is funded by room tax and supports Old Fashioned Festival, Boat Club, Chamber Visitor's Center, and some additional funds for programs approved by the City Council. Roger Currier asked how long the City had supported the Boat Club. It was indicated that it had been at least four years.

Rob Dill, Chair of the Chamber Board, presented some information about the Chamber's Information Center. He felt it was an effective and efficient partnership between the chamber and the city, and that the services provided saved the City money. Also presented was a letter from Bill O'Connor. Roger Currier indicated that he supported the Chamber and asked how many visitors were served. Rob Dill indicated approximately 20,000 visitors. Roger Gano asked about other means for providing this service such as a kiosk at Springbrook Plaza, staffed by volunteers. Brad Berry, also representing the Chamber, said that they had investigated using a kiosk. However, it does not answer the questions that many of the visitors ask at the Chamber office. You could have brochures available, but the Chamber provides much more information and promotes everything in town and the Newberg area.

Jeff Osborne, citizen, indicated that the amount of money was not the main issue. The issue is the probability that the Chamber can be swayed as a political lobby. Key members can be influenced by the City. He spoke with other cities, including Salem. Salem indicated that they do not have a Visitors Center in the Chamber now. He continued to express concern about the City and City staff involvement with the Chamber. He added that if an organization becomes political and endorses a position, it becomes difficult to maintain neutrality. The Chamber's responsibility is to promote business and has a problem with the City's involvement in the Chamber. Gary Hay indicated that with the City's economic development money, the City tries to bring businesses into Newberg. Membership on the board may become a legal issue. Rob Dill indicated that the board is elected by the membership at large. All government entities are ex officio members of the board and do not vote. He added that the board tries to take a stand with the total community in mind. Andy Pool asked if it was conflict of interest or the money that was the problem. Osborne indicated that it was primarily an issue of influence. Andy Pool indicated that the issue here is money; other issues here should be dealt with in separate form.

MOTION: Roger Gano/ Scott Reinhardt moved to approve the status quo general projects portion of the general government budget. VOTE ON THE MOTION: Yea: 15, Nay: 1, 1 abstain. (Donna McCain abstained from voting.)

Legal Department: Terry Mahr reviewed the store-fronting project that affects both the court and the City Attorney's office. He proceeded to explain the court activity and collections effort. Terry Mahr indicated that for the store-fronting project \$37,500 had been allocated in the budget for this project. He indicated that the staff spent numerous hours analyzing various alternatives. It appears now that the existing Napa Building of First Street could house the planning, building, public works/engineering departments and that the court and legal office would move to the existing Community Development office. The funds budgeted in his department in the General Fund would still be used for this move. Terry Mahr also indicated that they wanted to add \$4,500 for a court improvement fee to be spent on court improvements. There was some discussion about the short term solution verses long term solutions for space in City facilities. It was clarified that the actual court will continue to be held at the library and that various improvements are need. There followed a discussion about the various sites that were looked at.

MOTION: Roger Gano/ Scott Reinhardt moved to approve the legal and municipal court budget. VOTE ON THE MOTION: Passed by those present. (Elaine Smith abstained.)

MOTION: Roger Currier/Barbara Secor moved to re-open the City Council Budget and to remove the National League dues and associated costs for National League. Roger Currier indicted that his major concern was the travel portion of this budget. It was indicted that there would be an approximately \$10,500 savings. VOTE ON THE MOTION: 8 to 6.

ADJOURNMENT: The committee adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

