

BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

NEWBERG, OREGON

Members Present:

Charles Cox	Roger Currier
Bob Ficker	Lisa Helikson
Fred Howe	Bert Pennock
Donna Proctor	William Rosacker
Robert Soppe	Debbie Sumner
Damon Sump	

Others Present:

Duane Cole, City Manager	Terry Mahr, City Attorney
Kathy Tri, Finance Director	Leah Griffith, Librarian
Mike Soderquist, Comm. Dev. Dir.	Robert Tardiff, Police Chief
Michael Sherman, Fire Chief	Debbie Smith-Wagar, Asst. Fin. Dir.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Chuck Cox at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes: Damon Sump moved to approve the minutes from the April 30, 1998 and May 5, 1998 meetings. Fred Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Property Tax Levy: Finance Director Kathy Tri pointed out that at the last meeting the vote to approve the property tax levy was not successful because the property tax levy needed at least 8 yes votes to pass and there were only 7 yes votes at the last meeting. Bill Rosacker made a motion to approve the tax levy rate of \$4.3873 per \$1,000 assessed value and a Debt Service Levy of \$522,555. Bert Pennock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

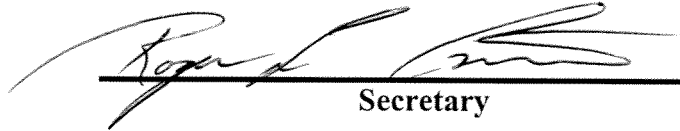
City Attorney Terry Mahr reviewed a court ruling regarding conflicts of interest. Robert Soppe has provided computer services to the City, and Lisa Helikson's husband is a volunteer fireman with the City's fire department. Terry Mahr said the court ruling clarified that an "actual" conflict of interest is when the member would receive a financial benefit in the future. A "potential" conflict of interest is when the member "could" receive a financial benefit in the future. He said both Robert Soppe and Lisa Helikson could declare a potential conflict of interest and still vote on the budget. Terry Mahr said he was giving that as legal advice and the City would have the responsibility to defend Robert Soppe and Lisa Helikson if someone should challenge their decision to declare a potential conflict of interest and then vote on the budget.

Robert Soppe and Lisa Helikson declared a potential conflict of interest.

Robert Soppe made a motion to accept all of the budget as amended, which included the additional Library and Legal funding. Damon Sump seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 9 to 1.

City Manager Duane Cole said he would like to see the Budget Committee have a meeting earlier in the year to give direction to staff on preparing the budget. The consensus was that the second week in February would be a good time to have that meeting.

Adjournment: The committee adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Secretary