

Thursday, May 6, 1999

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## NEWBERG BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

### Newberg Public Safety Building

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#### **Members Present:**

Paula Fowler  
Damon Sump

Lisa Helikson  
Robert Soppe

Donna McCain  
Robert Weaver

#### **Members Absent:**

Roger Currier  
William Rohsacker

Fred Howe  
Bret Veatch

Robert Larson

#### **Others Present:**

Charles Cox, Mayor  
Kathy Tri, Finance Director  
Leah Griffith, Librarian  
Barbara Brown, Chehalem Valley Senior Citizens Council

Duane Cole, City Manager  
Robert Tardiff, Police Chief  
Michael Sherman, Fire Chief

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Robert Soppe at 7:08 p.m.
2. Roll call was noted by Kathy Tri
3. OLD BUSINESS  
  
None
4. New Business

The City Attorney Terry Mahr presented his department's budget. He stated that it decreased almost \$12,000. There was no increase in staff, an increase in time commitment for court and an ongoing volunteer program. He noted that he has been working with several George Fox students

Kathy Tri then reviewed the Central Services Budget. She stated that this budget is comprised of human resources, finance, information services, legal, fleet management, facilities management and insurance. She explained how each component was charged out to the departments. Each budget has previously been reviewed as part of their respective department's budget reviews.

Kathy Tri handed out a spreadsheet on social services funding from 1981-82. She

indicated that the City began supporting social service agencies when the City received Federal Revenue Sharing. Leah Griffith stated that she serves on the Chehalem Valley Senior Citizens Council board. She indicated that the City's contribution to CVSCC equalled 8% of the total budget and is used to match Section 18 funds. This coming year they will receive a new grant for bus signs and other marketing tools. She indicated because the service is independent from the county, it is able to receive more money. She added that the transportation service serves a lot of Newberg citizens, not just senior citizens. The service provides a level of independence for many in the community.

Bob Weaver stated his opposition to providing money to other agencies. Donna McCain asked if there were possibly any county help. Barbara Brown indicated that they have requested funds from the county and will know next week. She also stated that the service keeps the City in compliance with the comprehensive plan by providing transportation services and they are registered with FEMA for emergency services.

There followed a discussion about the privilege tax. Committee members expressed their feelings about balancing the budget without additional taxes. Committee members supported using the tax to support City Hall.

Kathy Tri announced the resignation of Debbie Sumner, which put the committee membership at 11. This means that a majority vote would now equal 6.

Sump/Helikson moved to accept Debbie Sumner's resignation. Passed by those present.

Robert Soppe indicated that he had a potential conflict of interest since he occasionally does contracted work for the City. Lisa Helikson indicated that she had a potential conflict of interest since she is connected with the Fire volunteers. It was noted that the City Attorney has opined that neither conflict of interest would deny these committee members from voting.

Fowler/Sump moved to approve the balance of the budget. Passed by those present.

Fowler/Sump moved to approve the tax levy as presented by the Finance Director. Passed by those present.

Duane Cole indicated that the privilege tax would be on the May 17 Council agenda.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

Fowler/Sump moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Passed by those present.

  
Secretary