

BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

NEWBERG, OREGON

Members Present:

Roger Currier
Lisa Helikson
Donna McCain
Robert Weaver

Sally Dallas
Nancy Jiosa
Robert Soppe
Noelle Wilson

Ron Fulham
Bob Larson
Bret Veatch

Members Absent:

Tomina Carter

Others Present:

Duane Cole, City Manager
Robert Tardiff, Police Chief
Mike Soderquist, Comm Dev. Dir.
Kathy Tri, Finance Director

Terry Mahr, City Attorney
Leah Griffith, Librarian
Michael Sherman, Fire Chief
Debbie Smith-Wagar, Asst. Fin. Dir.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Soppe at 7:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was noted by Kathy Tri.

3. Minutes

Bob Larson moved that the minutes from the May 1, 2001 meeting be approved as presented. Ron Fulham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention (Noelle Wilson abstained as she wasn't at the meeting May1).

4. Budget Discussion

Ron Fulham said he is concerned about how this budget will affect people's lives. He asked staff if there was any way to reopen the portion of the budget that has already passed the Budget Committee. City Attorney Terry Mahr said under Roberts Rules of Order the issue could be revisited if someone who voted in favor of the original motion wanted to reopen it.

Bob Weaver said the question in his mind was, should the City be funding social services? Roger Currier said he saw the transportation funding more as part of the transportation plan than as part of social services.

Duane Cole reviewed the increases in expenditures that can't be avoided in the General Fund and what has been cut so far. Kathy Tri reviewed the additional increases the City will likely be facing at this time next year. Duane Cole said that for the foreseeable future expenses will be growing faster than revenues.

Chair Robert Soppe asked the audience if there was any additional input. Barbara Brown provided results of a transportation needs survey. She said it will also be provided to the City's transportation task force.

Lisa Helikson moved to approve the General Government budget as presented. Bob Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed with nine "yes" votes, one "no" vote (Ron Fulham) and one abstention (Nancy Jiosa).

Bob Weaver moved to approve the Municipal Court budget as presented. Roger Currier seconded the motion. The motion passed with ten "yes" votes and one abstention (Noelle Wilson).

Bob Larson moved to set the operating tax levy rate at \$4.3827 and the Debt Service Levy at \$384,615. Sally Dallas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Secretary