

CITY OF NEWBERG CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2007
6:00 P.M.
NEWBERG CITY HALL ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
414 E. FIRST STREET, NEWBERG

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Andrews called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Members

Present:	Mayor Bob Andrews	Mike Boyes	Roger Currier
	Bob Larson	Jeff Palmer	Bart Rierson
	Robert Soppe		

Staff

Present:	Jim Bennett, City Manager
	Terrence Mahr, City Attorney
	Norma Alley, Deputy City Recorder

III. GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Review 2006 Council Goals and Objectives

Jim Bennett reviewed the previous goals and refined strategies (see record for handout) and updated the Council on the progress of each strategy listed.

2. Consider 2007 Council Goals and Objectives

Mayor Andrews opened discussion on 2007 goals.

Councilor Soppe said we do need to look for means of funding for our streets.

Councilor Currier suggested looking into a city gas tax.

Councilor Soppe asked for a spreadsheet listing funds for road construction and maintenance.

Jim Bennett said Dan Danicic is planning on presenting options to Council.

Mayor Andrews said he would look into the possibility of increasing the transient occupancy tax.

Councilor Currier stated the concern about getting information to citizens. He suggested placing a flyer in the water bill.

Councilor Palmer suggested each Councilor create a focus group meeting in their district.

Discussion ensued on the benefits and logistics of focus groups in each district.

Councilor Currier expressed his concern for the amount of traffic and wear on roads from construction trucks.

Jim Bennett said staff can look into some kind of street impact fee for new development.

3. Discuss Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Mayor Andrews opened discussion.

Councilor Rierson stated he would like to see something included for the animal shelter.

Councilor Currier suggested helping fund the cultural center.

No other discussion or suggestions were stated.

4. Other Business

Jim Bennett handed out City costs of the windstorm (see record for handout). He said these are not the final figures for police time. FEMA estimated about \$140,000 for Yamhill County to reimburse for costs associated with the windstorm.

Mayor Andrews asked for a volunteer to serve on the pharmaceutical take-back program steering committee.

Councilor Boyes asked for an update on the Dundee Fire Department.

Jim Bennett said Dundee has a committee pursuing ideas and has not made any decisions.

Councilor Palmer asked for the market analysis of hiring an economic development consultant.

Jim Bennett said that has not been done yet and is still the plan to do that.

Jim Bennett summarized the issues Council would like staff to look into is transportation and street maintenance, police and fire services, creation of town halls and focus groups, road and the street standards to preparing for future use, street impact fee for new development, and funding for the animal shelter.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.