

MINUTES FOR THE NEWBERG FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 21, 1999
Newberg Public Safety Building

Members Present: Donna McCain Lisa Helikson Robert Larson
Rebecka Radcliffe

Others Present: Kathy Tri, Finance Director
Debbie Smith Wagar, Assistant Finance Director
Frank Douglas, EMS Coordinator

The committee came to order at 7:00 p.m. Committee members agree to have Rebecka Radcliffe serve as chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Larson/Helikson moved to approve the minutes of the December 21, 1998 meeting. Passed by those present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supplemental Budget: Kathy Tri reviewed the list of supplemental budget items. In addition to the list she added \$10,000 to the Transportation Plan update in the Capital Projects Fund. She indicated that Larry Anderson called earlier in the day to request additional funds because the contractor had performed additional services and costs would be higher than budgeted. The transportation systems development charge pays for the plan's update.

MOTION: Larson/Helikson moved to approve Supplemental Budget #3 for Council action. Passed by those present.

Ambulance Rates: Kathy Tri handed out a memo outlining the need to increase ambulance rates. She indicated that rates had not been increased since 1994. She added that expenses have increased 40% since then and revenues had increased 30%. The cash balance policy of the City states that operating funds should have at least 60 days of cash on hand and the ambulance fund doesn't have any where near enough. Bob Larson asked about collection rates and types of calls. Frank Douglas added information about Medicare and "assignment" rules. Kathy Tri said the staff recommendation at this time is to increase ALS rates by 5% and BLS rates by 11%. Bob Larson recommended increasing ALS rates by 7%.

MOTION: McCain/Helikson moved to recommend the following rate schedule:

Advance Life Support Base Rate	\$620.00
Basic Life Support Base Rate	525.00
Hospital to Hospital Transport	700.00
Non Transfer Aid Call	160.00
Mileage Rate	9.50/mile

Motion passed by those present.

Monthly Report: Bob Larson asked about investment roll overs. Debbie Smith Wagar indicated that when investments come due, the funds are generally put in the pool until she can find a investment better than the Local Government Pool. Bob Larson also asked about various payables.

ADJOURNMENT: The committee moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.
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