

MINUTES FOR THE NEWBERG FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 21, 2002

Newberg Public Safety Building

Members Present: Rebecca Ratcliffe Bob Larson

Members Absent: Donna McCain

Staff Present: Kathy Tri, Finance Director
Elaina Canutt, Assistant Finance Director

The meeting came to order at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes: Larson/Ratcliffe moved to approve the January 29, 2002 minutes. Passed by those present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Ambulance Rate Proposal: Frank Douglas, Deputy Chief/EMS, presented a proposal to increase ambulance rates approximately 10%. He explained that rates have not been increased since 1999 and the city is dealing with new Medicare reimbursement rules, which began to be phased in April 1st. He estimated the potential lost of revenue from the new Medicare rules to be up to \$140,000. Fifty-five percent of Newberg's transports are Medicare related. The new rates equalize basic and advance rates because the City's costs are basically the same no matter the need. He added that most agencies or services are increasing their rates. He noted that to date the Newberg EMS systems has been self-funded while many public systems are also tax supported.

Motion: Larson//Ratcliffe moved to approve increasing ambulance rates as proposed. Passed by those present.

Supplemental Budget #2: Kathy Tri reviewed each item in Supplemental Budget #2. The supplemental budget recognized and appropriated \$1,208,526 and included transfers in three funds. Most of the items were clean ups and needed to be done by fiscal year end.

Motion: Larson//Ratcliffe moved to approve Supplemental Budget #2 as proposed. Passed by those present.

Quarterly Report: Kathy Tri and Elaina Canutt presented the second quarterly report. The committee asked about the auditor's contract. Staff explained that the 2001-02 audit will be the fifth audit and the staff had been thinking about extending the audit contract to cover the first year of GASB 34. After some discussion, committee members recommended that the staff go

out for audit bids this fall.

ADJOURNMENT: The committee adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting was set at July 23, 2002.

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