

**UTILITY RATE REVIEW COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 16, 2001 MINUTES**

Public Safety Building

Newberg, Oregon

Members Present:

Ernie Amundson	Matson Haug	David Maben
Mynra Miller	Rebecka Ratcliffe	Dan Schutter

Members Absent:

Barry Babin	Bobbi Johnson
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Others Present:

Mike Soderquist, Community Development Director
Dan Danicic, City Engineer
Katherine Tri, Finance Director

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called by Rebecka Ratcliffe to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was noted by Kathy Tri.

3. Election of Officers

Miller/Ratcliffe moved to have Dan Schutter chair of the committee. Passed

Haug/Ratcliffe moved to have Mynra Miller vice chair of the committee. Passed.

Haug/Miller moved to have Barry Babin secretary of the committee. Passed.

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 13, 1999 meeting were reviewed and approved.

5. Review of Notebooks

Kathy Tri reviewed the notebooks handed out at the meeting. Mike Soderquist updated the committee on the water SDC lawsuit. He said that the methodology was challenged, primarily the reimbursement fee portion. Ratcliffe asked if the recalculation came in lower. The recalculation did come in lower because the time period for the CIP changed. It appears that the lawsuit is on its way to court. Legal counsel has stated that he feels the City is on solid ground. Committee members stated that they felt the City should go ahead and update the analysis for both water and sewer. They didn't feel the City should collect insufficient funds. They agreed it will be up to the City Council to make the final decision.

MOTION: Haug/Miller moved to support state to do the sewer systems development charge and monthly fees and to present them to the committee for reconsideration. Passed by those present.

Haug and Schutter stated that the committee should do a fair and honest job evaluating the fees and the City Council can decide the politics.

6. Storm Sewer System

Dan Danicic, City Engineer, discussed the storm sewer system. The City Council will be considering the master plan in November. There are over \$7 million in projects listed in the plan. Mike Soderquist mentioned that 40% of a street project's cost is related to storm sewer. To date the City has no specific resource financing this cost.

Dan Schutter stated that the City Council develops the policy on budget and capital improvements and the committee's responsibility is to take these and figure a fair way to distribute the cost to citizens.

7. Schedule

Committee members agreed to move the meetings to Monday night in order to accommodate members' schedules and decided to delay the next meeting until November 12th. This will give the staff time to hire a consultant.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Approved by the Utility Rate Review Committee on this 12th day of November, 2001.

ATTEST:

Barry Babin, Secretary