



**City Council Special Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2025
Newberg Public Safety Building 401 E. Third Street
Denise Bacon Community Room**

Call to Order

Mayor Bill Rosacker called the meeting to order at 9:07am.

Roll Call

City Recorder Rachel Thomas noted for the record that all councilors were present except for Councilor Yarnell-Hollamon.

Present: Mayor Bill Rosacker, Robyn Wheatley, Mike McBride, Jeri Turgesen, Derek Carmon, Peggy Killburg. Elise Yarnell- Hollamon arrived at 10am and was present until 11am.

Staff Present: City Manager Will Worthey, City Recorder Rachel Thomas, Community Development Director Scot Siegel, Grant Writer Dillon Peck.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Goals Work Session

Customer Service Goals

City Manager Will Worthey presented the existing council goals derived two years ago and explained the process used to collect ideas for potential new council goals from councilors. He noted that staff had sorted the list and responded to councilors individually to avoid the possibility of an illegal serial meeting. Worthey explained that the goals on the wall were organized into project-related goals with likely ending points and ongoing or aspirational goals.

Worthey proposed going through the goals one at a time to see if they resonated with the councilors and to allow for suggestions or text changes. He noted that they may get to a point where they wish to pass the list by motion, or they may feel they want to bring a more final draft back to council.

Councilor Peggy Kilburg expressed appreciation for having devoted time for this discussion separate from regular council meetings.

The council then proceeded to discuss and refine various project goals and objectives related to customer service, streamlining building permit processes, industrial land development, community safety, transparency, fiscal policy, downtown revitalization, and tourism.

Infrastructure and Fiscal Goals

The council discussed goals related to infrastructure maintenance, debt reduction, and exploring funding options for road improvements. They debated the feasibility of converting gravel streets to paved roads and considered various funding mechanisms, including gas taxes and EV charging taxes.

Worthey suggested developing a report to investigate revenue generation options for supplementing or replacing the current Transportation Utility Fee (TUF). The council agreed to add this as an objective under the fiscal policy goal, with a one-year timeline for completion.

Continuous Goals

The council reviewed and refined several ongoing aspirational goals related to infrastructure maintenance, community policing, funding for water treatment, supporting tourism and the wine industry, and strategic planning with local taxing districts.

Conclusion

City Manager Worthey summarized the revised goals and objectives. The council agreed to have staff compile a draft document to be brought back as a consent item for formal approval at a future meeting.

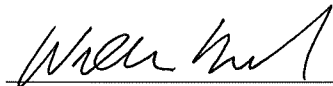
Mayor Bill Rosacker adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 PM.

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Rachel Thomas, City Recorder

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bill Rosacker", written over a horizontal line.

Bill Rosacker, Mayor