



Council Goal Setting Session Minutes

February 8th, 2024

Members of Council met February 8th, 2024 in the Community Room for a goal setting discussion at City Hall, Brownsville, Oregon at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Craven called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. with Councilor Chambers, Councilor Hansen, Councilor Solberg, Councilor Winklepleck, and Councilor Humphreys present. Administrative Assistant Tammi Morrow and City Administrator Scott McDowell were also present.

ABSENT: Councilor LaCoste was excused.

PUBLIC: No one attended.

PRESENTATIONS:

McDowell reviewed the following general categories:

- ★ Current Goals Review
- ★ Overarching Needs
- ★ Continuing Projects
- ★ Financial Implications
- ★ Priorities
- ★ Proposed Changes

McDowell reviewed the City's current priorities and projects. McDowell highlighted each of the goals set by Council and reported that overall great progress has been made. McDowell reviewed the Staff's general duties and responsibilities. McDowell shared slides with current projects and goals and talked briefly about continuing projects and challenges. McDowell talked about the financial wellbeing of the City due to the two major projects the City is completing, the Rec Center Renovation Project and the GR12 Waterline Project.

After outlining the top priorities, Council continues actively working on the exploration of a new sewer lagoon & wastewater treatment changes, the placement of a new playground structure and pavilion, and Council remembers that there is a major water improvements project that has been looming for a number of years.

McDowell then highlighted additional goals Council had worked toward or completed.

Discussion ensued.

Councilor Humphreys expressed continued frustration with the State bureaucracy on programs like TMDL that have unrealistic expectations on small communities. Humphreys wants to make sure that the City forwards a letter to Governor Kotek about the TMDL unfunded mandate and other unfunded mandates that pour from Salem every session. Councilor Solberg said that Council continuing work on existing priorities is the best course of action.

After some discussion, Council agreed to continue the major infrastructure projects already started and continue efforts such as emergency preparedness and economic development efforts. McDowell briefly explained that work continues with several other communities to promote a regional advocacy effort.



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Councilor Winklepleck asked Council to consider adding emergency planning to the goals. In light of the recent ice storm, are there any steps the City should take to be more prepared? Are there any key elements that would be important to address before the next disaster? What is the capacity of the City's Water Treatment Plant to handle a prolonged power outage?

Discussion ensued.

No other goals were added for consideration at this time. McDowell said this discussion will continue at the upcoming Council meeting. Councilor Hansen left the meeting a little early. Hansen told McDowell that he will talk about any goals that he may want Council to consider.

McDowell thanked Council for their time and Administrative Assistant Tammi Morrow for her help and coordination.

Mayor Craven adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Scott McDowell
City Administrator

APPROVED:

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Adam Craven
Mayor