

SWEET HOME SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT WORK SESSION
August 07, 2017

The Work Session was opened at 11:30 p.m. in the Jim Riggs Community Center.

Attendance:	Councilor Coleman	P	Commissioner Lindsey	P
	Councilor Gerson	P	Commissioner Nyquist	P
	Councilor Goble	AB	Commissioner Tucker	P
	Councilor Gourley	P		
	Mayor Mahler	P		
	Councilor Trask	P		
	Councilor Underwood	AB		

Ralph Wyatt, County Administrator and Phil Warnock with OCWCOG also were in attendance.

Staff: City Manager Ray Towry and Recording Secretary Julie Fisher.

Media: Alex Paul, Albany Democrat Herald
Jennifer Moody, Albany Democrat Herald

The purpose of the meeting was for general discussion. Phil Warnock highlighted a variety of services offered by the Council of Governments with a focus on Economic Development. Other services and programs include the Area Commission on Transportation which just completed a Safe Routes to School program in Sweet Home, HR Recruitment Services, Small Business Lending Program, and a Volunteer Program which includes the Meals on Wheels Program. The COG can also provide technical services and support.

Economic Development for Sweet Home was discussed including streamlining process and updating development codes to attract development acknowledging a community must be easy to work with and "shovel ready" for Economic Development to happen. Commissioner Nyquist stated the growth the community will see is the expansion of established businesses and identified them as "Targets of Opportunity".

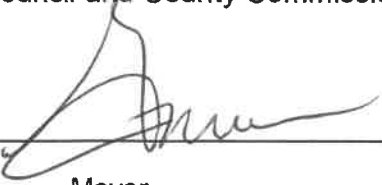
There was discussion on the lack of a trained work force and how that affects development. The Pipeline Program is a partner with the Sweet Home School District and teaches work skills to students.

Commissioner Tucker stated a Chamber of Commerce can play an active role in Economic Development and questioned the status of the Sweet Home Chamber. It was reported after some difficulties the Chamber is moving forward in a positive direction and will be Board ran.

Alex Paul asked the County Commissioners the status of the former Knife River Property and it was reported the City is moving forward with steps to acquire the property from the County.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

The foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of the City Council and County Commissioners at the August 7, 2017 Joint Work Session.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder