

Press Release – City Council Goal Setting Work Session

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Dunes City Sets Goals for the Coming Year

Dunes City, Oregon –The Dunes City Council held its annual session to set its goals for the coming year on February 3rd. Prior to the meeting, the interim City Administrator, Jamie Mills, had distributed surveys to interested residents in the City. Ms. Mills reported the results of the survey, indicating that maintaining a truly balanced budget, meaning no deficit spending, was still the primary interest of residents. She also indicated that maintaining roadways and City drainage facilities was equally as important.

Taking into account the survey results, the Council deliberated and determined that financial stability was to be the primary priority. In order to accomplish this, the City will need to improve upon its signature event, The Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon, explore other ways to augment its resources, and review internal practices that may be adjusted to improve financial efficiency.

Good governance was listed as the second most important goal for the City. Objectives associated with that goal include: finalizing the re-write of Title 15 of the Code; update the City's Comprehensive Plan; eliminate and replace all committees, except the Planning Commission and Budget Committees, with a process to appoint ad hoc committees on an as-needed basis; update and finalize the website; replace the Road Commission with a Public Works Department; and develop an Office Policy Handbook.

Water quality and resource protection was ranked third. The City will seek to obtain certification of its surface water right permits where possible, finalize acquisition of the outlet control structure and access to it as required under the terms of the permits, continue to correct issues with the use of Dunes City's Woahink Lake water rights, install appropriate measuring devices as required under the terms of the permits, and add interpretive information describing what the water testing results mean on the City's website.

The Council also identified emergency preparation as a continued goal, with preparing the Emergency Operations Plan specific for Dunes City as its primary objective. Other action items

to be completed are to finalize the installation of propane tanks and an emergency generator at City Hall and to repair the chimney and install a fireplace insert that has a cook top.

Lastly, the Council added a new priority called Economic Development which includes actions to resolve the portage issue, and pursue planning, acquisition, and installation of a bike/hiking trail that connects Clear Lake Road with the Westlake area.

“Although we have assigned priorities to these goals, each is equally important to obtain this year. I am pleased we have a group of councilors and staff who are dedicated to work together for the common good.” said Mayor Rebecca Ruede.

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