

City Council Goal Setting Work Session Agenda
March 14, 2022
Rainier Masonic Lodge, 304 E 3rd St
6 p.m.

Mayor Jerry Cole called the Council Goal Setting Work Session to order at 6:13 p.m.

Council Present: Connie Budge, Robert duPlessis, Jeremy Howell, Mike Kreger, Denise Watson

Council Absent: Scott Cooper and Levi Richardson

City Attorney Present: No

City Staff Present: Sarah Blodgett, City Recorder; Gregg Griffith, Police Chief; W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator; Sue Lawrence, Public Works Director

Roll Call

Visitor Comments: There were no visitor comments at this time.

New Business

- a. Review of 2021 Goals--Mayor Jerry Cole said that the council wanted to invite its partners on the city's boards and committees to receive their input. City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen gave an overview of the previous year's goals and highlighted the ones that have been accomplished. Many of the goals were related to park improvements, and can be included in a parks master plan update.
- b. Staff Presentation on Ongoing Projects—Jorgensen gave an overview of processes currently in the work at the city. They include ordinances that are going before the Planning Commission and council, agreements with other government agencies and the filling of staff positions in the police and administrative departments. There are also long-term goals like Veterans Way improvements, urban growth boundary adjustment, 24/7 police coverage and park improvements. Police Chief Gregg Griffith said that the department is in the process of hiring a new officer and that's its top goal. COVID made it difficult to expand the reserve program. He would like to replace the department's computer system. The new police car budgeted for the current fiscal year has been ordered and should be in use within the next few months. Public Works Director Sue Lawrence summarized the projects her department is working on and planning for the next year. They include the completion of the riverfront trail project, installation of a new gazebo in the park and improvements to city hall and the wastewater and water systems. She would like to upgrade her department's vehicle fleet.
- c. City Board and Commission Goals--Cole listed DEQ compliance as an ongoing goal. Jan Kenna said she would like to see improvements to the city's website. Brandy Blackburn would like to see an online inventory of the library catalogue. Councilor Connie Budge said she wants to see the library board develop a new strategic plan and a master plan for the city's watershed. Cole added Veterans Way spotlight to the list of

goals. Dena Nordstrom said she would like to see the city explore the formation of a neighborhood watch program. Budge added the goal of having more neighborhood pocket parks. Nick Gratzner said the city should prioritize repairs to the C Street Bridge. Budge would like the budget document to be more transparent and user friendly. She wants to explore having the city do its budgets on a two-year cycle. Councilor Robert duPlessis wants to see more downtown beautification and to get the Fox Creek water system online. He asked about the status of the disc golf baskets at the park. Lawrence said two of them are being repaired.

d. Council Discussion

Cole adjourned the goal setting work session at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Jerry Cole

W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator