



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 24, 2026, 5:00 PM
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 97386

Mission Statement

The City of Sweet Home will work to build an economically strong community with an efficient and effective local government that will provide infrastructure and essential services to the citizens we serve. As efficient stewards of the valuable assets available, we will be responsive to the community while planning and preparing for the future.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Susan Coleman
President Pro Tem Josh Thorstad
Councilor Chelsea Augsburger
Councilor Ken Bronson (5:18 PM)
Councilor Aaron Hegge (5:04 PM)
Councilor Dylan Richards
Councilor Angelita Sanchez

STAFF

Jason Ogden, City Manager / Police Chief
Cecily Hope Pretty, Deputy City Manager
Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager
Cindi Robeck, Financial Operations Manager
Greg Springman, Public Works Advisor

Work Session

a) Budget Goal-Setting

City Manager Ogden reviewed the status of current fiscal year City Council goals. He asked the Councilors to propose goals under the five tenets of the City's Vision Statement:

- I. WE ASPIRE to make Sweet Home a community people find desirable to live in.
- II. WE ASPIRE to have an effective and efficient local government.
- III. WE ASPIRE to provide viable and sustainable infrastructure.
- IV. WE ASPIRE to provide viable and sustainable essential services.
- V. WE ASPIRE to create an economically strong environment in which businesses prosper.

Councilors completed writing their proposed goals. City Manager Ogden asked them to add stickers next to their top three goals in each category.

The following proposed goals were identified as priorities:

DESIRABLE COMMUNITY:

Continue Weddle Bridge restoration
Sidewalks on Mountain View
Walk and bike trails
Park projects

EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT:

Review Council Rules
Old City Hall plan

INFRASTRUCTURE:

Willow-Yucca LID
Finish wastewater treatment plant

ESSENTIAL SERVICES:

Complete audits and revise cost of Wastewater Treatment Plant
Water Treatment Plant generator installation
Canyon Creek Pump Station

ECONOMIC STRENGTH:

Old City Hall plan
Santiam Feed Store plan
Quarry Park
Fund CEIP

City Manager Ogden stated that staff would return with a memo with details for each proposed goal and request additional feedback at the following Work Session.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder