



City of Yachats City Council

**DRAFT Meeting Summary Minutes
City Hall, 441 Hwy 101 N, Yachats, OR 97498
Monday, January 12, 2026**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Work Session

- **Council Goals**

City Councilors shared highlights from their service during 2025. The discussion emphasized improved collaboration between the City Council and staff, increased organizational stability, and effective teamwork. Councilors noted progress on multiple City initiatives, including infrastructure projects, water system planning, public art, the Commons Master Plan, street improvements, and overall improvements in City operations. The Councilors also reported positive feedback from community members regarding City services.

- **2026, 2025, 2024 Goals**

a. REVIEW OF 2025 GOALS

City Manager Price led a review of the City Council's 2025 goals. Council noted that many goals were completed or substantially advanced, while others remain ongoing and should be carried forward into 2026. The discussion focused on refining goal language and ensuring continuity from year to year.

b. INFRASTRUCTURE AND WATER SYSTEMS

Council discussed infrastructure priorities, with a primary focus on water storage and long-term water sustainability. Progress on reservoir feasibility work was reviewed, including the decision not to extend the agreement with Elk Mountain and the shift toward development of a water storage tank on City-owned property. Preliminary investigations were described as positive, with next steps identified as site preparation, testing, surveying, engineering, and planning. Funding strategies were discussed, including grants, bonds, urban renewal, and legislative funding. Council emphasized the importance of advancing the project to a shovel-ready stage to improve funding opportunities.

c. GOAL REFINEMENT AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Council discussed refining infrastructure goals to more clearly emphasize secure

and resilient water storage. Members also discussed separating broad infrastructure goals from specific annual action items. Additional discussion focused on the need for clear and consistent public communication regarding water capacity, growth, and infrastructure planning.

d. ADDITIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE TOPICS

Council reviewed progress on street rehabilitation planning, wastewater inflow and infiltration reduction, and public works facilities planning. Members agreed these efforts should continue into 2026, with improved communication to the public regarding project sequencing and priorities.

e. NEXT STEPS

Council agreed to continue refining 2026 goals, incorporating commission and committee recommendations, clarifying goal language, and developing actionable items and deliverables. Further discussion will continue at future meetings to finalize the 2026 City Council goals and work plan.

- Commission and Committee Goals
- Website Google Analytics
- CIP Spending Reports

III. Adjourn

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