
City of Newberg
City Council Emergency Meeting
July 2, 2021

Meeting held electronically due to COVID-19 pandemic

EMERGENCY MEETING –

Meeting called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Councilors Present: Mayor Rick Rogers, Councilors: Denise Bacon, Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Stephanie Findley, Bryce Coefield, Julia Martinez Plancarte and Mike McBride.

Staff Present: City Manager Dan Weinheimer, City Attorney James Walker, Administrative Assistant Zaira Robles Muniz, Interim Police Chief Jeff Kosmicki.

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District Chief Al Kennedy explained the extreme fire conditions in the region. City Manager Weinheimer explained the reason for the meeting.

There was discussion on limited resources available to fight fires from fireworks, bans in other communities, just cautioning people versus banning outright, fines for illegal fireworks, regulating purchases versus use of fireworks, exception for Newberg Old Fashioned festival, enforcement, safe zones, duration, current burn bans, and state of emergency declared by the Governor on wildfires,

Motion #1 To ban fireworks for the season and declare a state of emergency in the City of Newberg for 30 days.

Motion: Councilor Findley

Second: Councilor Martinez Plancarte

Deliberation on the motion:

- Punishment & enforcement by Police Department.
- 30-day limit effect on Old Fashioned Festival event.
- Limited time to get the word out to the community.
- Time limits, possible zones for setting off fireworks.
- Banning use only? Banning sales?
- 30 days or season?
- Cautioning against illegal fireworks rather than outright ban.

Vote: *No vote taken*

Motion #2 To amend the first motion, and declare a state of emergency in the City of Newberg for 30 days.

Motion: Councilor Findley
Second: Councilor McBride

Deliberation on the motion: None

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No

Motion #3 To enact an immediate ban on fireworks until July 19th when there can be a more robust discussion on the impact to staff.

Motion: Councilor Findley
Second: Councilor Martinez Plancarte

Deliberation on the motion:

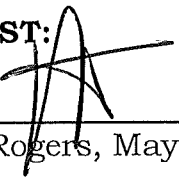
Councilor Bacon said she would be voting no because of the enforcement issue, and that timing was terrible.

Mayor Rogers said he was voting no because of the timing, enforcement but would be in favor of a ban for a future year.

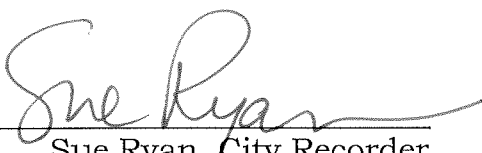
Vote: 4 Yes 3 No [Bacon, McBride, Rogers]

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Rick Rogers, Mayor



Sue Ryan, City Recorder