

MINUTES FOR THE NEWBERG CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000

7:00 P.M. MEETING

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING - TRAINING ROOM

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Roger Currier (RC)

Donna McCain (DM)

Lisa Helikson (LH)

Noelle Wilson (NW)

F. Robert Weaver (RW)

Brett Veatch (BV)

Staff

Present: Duane R. Cole, City Manager (DRC)
Terrence D. Mahr, City Attorney (TDM)
Mike Soderquist, Community Development Director
Barton Brierley, Planning Director
Kathy Tri, Finance Director
Norma Alley, Recording Secretary

Others

Present: Kelli Highley, Pat Haight, Hal Medici,

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Kelli Highley, 619 S. River St., Newberg, discussed the landscaping at the Sewer Treatment Plant. Ms. Highley asked who authorized this and how much it cost? Mayor Cox said that a report will be made at the next meeting.

Ms. Pat Haight, 501 E. Illinois #12, Newberg, discussed her concern about Arctic Circle having to take down their signs. DRC said he can report back on this.

Mr. Hal Medici, 28005 Bell Road, Newberg, asked for clarification on the bridge project located on 99 W. DRC said last Thursday the Project Development Team met and they have decided on a culvert instead of a bridge.

Councilor RC gave a report on the Animal Shelter Friends meeting held February 10th.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve minutes from regular City Council meeting held on January 3, 2000.
2. Approve minutes from Joint meeting consisting of City of Newberg, City of Dundee, Newberg School District and Chehalem Park and Rec. Dist.

MOTION:	DM/LH - to approve the Minutes from City Council meeting held January 3, 2000 and the Joint meeting consisting of City of Newberg, City of Dundee, Newberg School District and Chehalem Park and Rec. Dist. with amendments. (Unanimous). Motion Carried.
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VI. PUBLIC HEARING

None

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Update Report on Water Strategic Plan.

Mike Soderquist presented the Council Information. Projects on the list include development of wells seven and eight, expansion of the water treatment, building of a reservoir on the eastside of the City, and constructing the necessary pipe line. CH2MHill was helping the City obtain the necessary permits. They are also looking preliminary at the Earns Ferry property. In the middle of March we are going to meet with Marion County to review the results of the well testing. We expect to come out with more detail of what we should put in our application. Expansion of the Water Treatment Plant will await the results. The Eastside reservoir is a concern because of its elevation and the need to acquire the property.

Ms. Pat Haight, 501 E. Illinois #12, Newberg, expressed her concern that Newberg's drinking water was coming out of the Willamette River.

Councilor RC asked why do we have two reports on the Ranney system? Mike Soderquist said there was only one report done. This is not another report but a summary of all the previous work.

Councilor DM asked what is the water source for the Earns Ferry? Mike Soderquist said the old river channel runs across and would be the same aquifer. DRC said this is what we would need to drill and test.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 2000-2220** delegating the authority to the City Manager and/or the designee, the Fire Chief, to negotiate, establish and contract for Ambulance Rates subject to review by the Finance Committee of the City.

Ms. Kelli Highley, 619 S. River St., Newberg, expressed her concern of the health care rates increasing and Newberg being stuck paying the costs.

Ms. Pat Haight, 501 E. Illinois #12, Newberg, suggested to Council that they consider changing the rates to the State. Ms. Haight said this is an important public service to the community.

Mr. Frank Douglas, Division Chief gave the staff report. In November 1999 the City was contacted by American Medical Pathways and asked to enter into a contract to do transports for the Portland area. The request was that the City could provide better service because the City is a smaller provider. They would give the City a discount on transport fees, quick payment, and not retrospective review. This will guarantee payment. It will not change how much the citizens will pay it only changes the amount the HMO has to pay us. Entering into a contract will make the fire department the sole provider. This is important because several of our workers are funded by this type of work (hospital to hospital transport). Staff recommends approval.

Councilor RW asked if all the health maintenance organizations have their own ambulance? Mr. Douglas said no Kaiser would have their own.

Councilor DM asked for clarification on the Emergency vs. Non-emergency issue. Mr. Douglas said if this is an emergency it would be treated like a 911 call no matter who the insurance provider is.

Councilor RW asked where is the head quarters of American Medical Pathways? Mr. Douglas said the corporation is in Delaware.

Councilor LH said the citizens aren't going to be paying any less of a rate but they are going to receive faster service. For our citizens this is important.

MOTION:	LH/BV - to approve Resolution No. 2000-2220 . (5 yes/1 no [RC]). Motion Carried.
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2. Appointment of Traffic Safety Commission members:
Doris Brandt
Terry Mayfield
Howard McDonald

Nominations: RC - to nominate all three

Vote on Nomination: Unanimous

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held during Work Session as noticed.

1. Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(e) relating to a real property transaction.

X. ADJOURNMENT

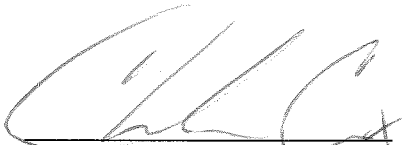
MOTION:

RC/LH - to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. (Unanimous). Motion Carried.

ADOPTED by the Newberg City Council this 17th day of April, 2000.


Duane R. Cole, City Recorder

ATTEST by the Mayor this 28 day of April, 2000.


Charles B. Cox, Mayor