

MINUTES FOR THE NEWBERG CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 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, Ron Fulham, Jeane Redding, Burton Weast, Ann Pesola,

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Pat Haight, 501 E. Illinois #12, Newberg, discussed her concern about an Ordinance obtaining a million-dollar loan to provide sewer services on the Werth property. Ms. Haight read from the City Charter regarding the public services and page one of the loan agreement. DRC said the City has paid a portion of the loan from the SDC funds. The financial advisors are going to assure that the loan is paid.

Ms. Haight said yes the City has paid some of the money but the money is still sitting on the shelf. DRC said the City is working with the Werth property to spend the money in the near future. It is taking a little longer to get the construction underway.

Councilor RC inquired about the people voting on the loan. TDM said we don't have to have a vote of the people to expand our water and sewer utilities.

DRC read a memo regarding the Sign Committee and their plan of action. He also read

a memo from Mike Soderquist regarding the trees that were removed and the irrigation lines at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

1. Visitor Information Center Second Quarter Report.

Ann Pesola, Newberg Chamber Executive Director, gave the report. The value of the tourism to the County has grown 36% in the last decade. \$38 million flowed into the county in 1990 and \$7 million went to the payroll. There are some new buildings going up on Hwy. 18. The economic impact of those will be even greater because Newberg is the gateway to these attractions. Newberg's visitor center is receiving about seven thousand visitors and I suspect that to increase.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve minutes from Regular meetings held on June 7, 1999, June 21, 1999, July 6, 1999, August 2, 1999 and August 16, 1999.
2. Approve proclamation declaring the month of March as **American Red Cross Month**.

MOTION:	DM/BV - to approve the minutes from June 7, 1999, June 21, 1999, July 6, 1999, August 2, 1999 and August 16, 1999 and approve the proclamation declaring the month of March as American Red Cross Month. (Unanimous). Motion Carried.
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Proclamation was presented by Jeane Redding and Mayor Cox.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Presentation of results from City-wide Survey.

Burton Weast, Western Advocates, presented the results of the survey (see packet for survey). Mr. Weast said they conducted a mail survey and got back more than 600 surveys.

Councilor RC asked where they got the names to mail the survey to? Mr. Weast said the mailing list was based on the registered voter's list and it was not sent to every registered voter.

Mayor Cox asked for further explanation of question one. Mr. Weast said in this question when you pick a number it is concrete. In terms of how it reflects the community at large, it depends on the sample.

Mayor Cox asked if you are statistically relevant that means 5%? Mr. Weast said yes that is correct with the plus or minus 5%. If you did this that means that the variance would be the same 95% of the time. If you surveyed every citizen in the community, you would get no more than a 5% variance.

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of City levies for upcoming election.
Resolution No. 2000-2224 approving the proposed Police local option levy.
Resolution No. 2000-2225 approving the proposed Fire local option levy.

Ms. Pat Haight, 501 E. Illinois #12, Newberg, expressed her concern for the Newberg Citizens and the increased rent payments these levies' would create.

Mr. Ron Fulham, 3504 Vittoria Way, Newberg, discussed the consequences of placing these on the ballot and only one levy passing.

DRC said the question tonight is do you want to put this on the ballot. In the next three years when the community is not growing we will have additional financial problems. We are going to look at some plan as we go along because the property tax is not going up at a sufficient level. The current tax amount to support services is to build homes valued higher than \$200 thousand.

Kathy Tri said with Measure 50 we are dependant on a strong economy. This puts the pressure for us to grow commercially and industrially. There hasn't been much growth in this last year. If we aren't growing then we aren't going to get the tax revenue. This is something that we are going to have to contend with.

Councilor RW said it would be unfair to not let the people vote on these issues.

Councilor LH declared a potential Conflict of Interest with the Longevity for the Fire levy.

Councilor DM asked if there is any projection when the Springbrook area will be online with their taxes? Kathy Tri said the value is going to be evaluated as of January 1st but the City will not see the impact until the next two years.

DRC said the Council could delay one and vote on these items separately.

MOTION:	DM/LH - to approve Resolution No. 2000-2224 . (Unanimous). Motion Carried.
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Councilor DM said we should make these requests at the same time.

Councilor LH said she did not want to see one go through the summer season without the personnel they could have.

MOTION:	DM/NW - to pass Resolution No. 2000-2225 . (Unanimous).
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2. **Resolution No. 2000-2223** authorizing the City Manager to enter into contracts to ITT Flygt for Pumps and Accessories; to Onan, Inc. for a

Mobile Diesel Engine Generator and Accessories; and to the lowest qualified bidder for Control Panels and Accessories for the Charles, Andrew and Sheridan Streets Pump Stations Improvements Projects.

Mike Soderquist, said the improvements to the Charles Street, Andrews Street and Sheridan Street pump stations were received. The City staff feels comfortable with this bid.

MOTION:	RW/RC - to approve Resolution No. 2000-2223 . (Unanimous). Motion Carried.
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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.
2. Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(d) Relating to Labor Negotiations.

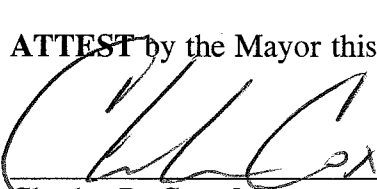
X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	LH/RC - to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. (Unanimous). Motion Carried.
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ADOPTED by the Newberg City Council this 5th day of June, 2000.


Duane R. Cole, City Recorder

ATTEST by the Mayor this 16 day of June, 2000.


Charles B. Cox, Mayor