

MINUTES FOR THE NEWBERG CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 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)	Noelle Wilson (NW)
F. Robert Weaver (RW)	
Lisa Helikson (LH)	Brett Veatch (BV)

Absent: Donna McCain (DM)

Staff

Present: Duane R. Cole, City Manager (DRC)
Terrence D. Mahr, City Attorney (TDM)
Kathy Tri, Finance Director
Mike Soderquist, Community Development Director
Corina Rice, Assistant Court Clerk
Norma Alley, Recording Secretary

Others

Present: Kelli Highley, Judge Mercer, Judge Palmer, Darlyn Adams, Virginia Jungwirth, Dave Bishop,

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Kelli Highley, 619 S. River St., Newberg, read an article from the Graphic dated December 19, 1999. Ms. Haight said she would like the Council packets to be more assessable. Ms. Haight suggested keeping the meeting open to public participation. Mayor Cox said that he doesn't want to eliminate anyone from the process but rather restructure it.

Ms. Darlyn Adams, 131 Johanna Ct., Newberg, announced a meeting for the Newberg Animal Shelter Friends, Thursday, March 23rd, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Safety Room.

Ms. Virginia Jungwirth, 410 S. School, Newberg, expressed her concern for the public testimony during City Council Meetings. Ms. Jungwirth said public testimony is important for this process. Councilor RW said the Communication From the Floor is not proposed for any change. As I look at the reconstruction, I see our public getting more time to tell us about items

they are interested in. Councilor RC said they want to do away with the public forum on each agenda item. The public is given the opportunity to speak on an agenda item during Communication From the Floor.

Mr. Dave Bishop, ODOT Area Manager, said there is a half a million-dollar project for Main Street. We have tried to include the community in the conception, design and the construction. The issues are:

1. Revised project cost is exceeding current budget so cost-cutting measures must be identified.
2. The dollar contribution from the City of Newberg is now better defined and considerably beyond the City's means.

There would be a contribution from Newberg for more than a million dollars. The bid let is scheduled for 8-24-00 and the utilities are scheduled for the Fall through Spring. I suggest that you put off the bid let to March. We are still going to be able to begin construction and it may be better for us because we would be working around the utilities. I am here to ask you how much difference it is to have a March or August bid let? I feel we can move to a later bid date and meet the expectation of the dead line.

Councilor RW asked what option is the very best for the City of Newberg? Mr. Bishop said the August bid let.

Councilor RW asked about prolonging things often costing more. Would that happen in this case? There are things that can go wrong.

Mayor Cox asked how confident ODOT is that the finish date and the start of construction? We let the bid out in August it would happen in the spring season because we would have to wait for utilities.

Mayor Cox asked if waiting until after the utilities are moved, will make this project cheaper? Mr. Bishop said yes there will be savings.

Councilor RW asked when are you going to be completely finished? Mr. Bishop said in the summer months three or four years down the road.

Councilor RW said often the public feels we aren't getting things done unless they see it. How can we handle that? Mr. Bishop said either way you will see utilities moving this fall. DRC said sidewalks will start to be torn apart along Hancock and utilities will be moved.

Councilor RC said that ODOT has come to us at the last minute and it is not good. He says he feels uncomfortable with it. He also felt uncomfortable with the cost to the City. The only improvement he would support is to straighten the curve out on River and Hancock.

Councilor LH said had this come as a normal agenda item I would be comfortable. Right now I don't support this. We are not letting the public provide their input.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Continue discussion of goals and guidelines from Retreat, if necessary. (*Not Discussed*).

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 2000-2226** in support of Measure 82 which provides for Highway Funding through a \$.05 per gallon increase in the Gas Tax.

Ms. Kelli Highley, 619 S. River St., Newberg, pointed out an error in the Resolution regarding to the vote being made in November not May. Ms. Highley expressed her concern of the high cost of gas now and the impact this would bring.

DRC thanked Ms. Highley for the correction of the November date. Transportation is the number one concern from the people in our town. If we are willing to put money in this then things can change. If the City would benefit from this, we would get \$160 thousand more than what we get now. This doesn't go very far but it would make a difference to maintain our streets. Staff recommends approving support and letting the voters decide.

Councilor RC said that he would abstain from voting because to vote on use of funds that is not even voted by the people yet is wrong.

Councilor LH said that she strongly supports this.

Councilor RW said that he is in support of improvements for street maintenance.

MOTION:	NW/BV - to approve Resolution No. 2000-2226 . (4 yes/1 abstain [RC]/1 absent [DM]). Motion Carried.
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2. Discussion of Municipal Judges Goals

TDM announced a Potential Conflict of Interest for Councilor NW since she works with the Judges as a practicing attorney.

TDM went through the Resolution No. 99-2166. He discussed the standards of the judges, criteria and policy directives.

Judge Mercer said he considers it a privilege and honor to serve as a municipal judge. There are many new bills that have been approved and we are trying to work with. Some changes we had to make were to the court facility and the violation's bureau. Judge Mercer gave the

Council an update on where the Court is on accomplishing their goals and objectives from last year. He also discussed the goals and objectives for future years and to prioritize these.

1. Marijuana. This is something that exists under state law and needs to be put together. The time is to implement the service to work with Yamhill County Chemical Dependency. This is a high priority.
2. Review and implement new forms and work on the already existing forms. There have been a number of changes to make sure that the documents are up to date. This is a priority for us.

Councilor RW suggested having community service for adults as well as minors. Judge Mercer said the vision is to involve the guardian.

Councilor RW asked if it could be expanded to the elderly? Judge Palmer said we already have this program. It is called 55 Alive and if they participate in that program the violation is expunged.

Councilor RC suggested finding a way to attach the violation to the Social Security Number. Judge Mercer said the most frustrating area is the suspended driver. If the person is not a responsible citizen, they are not going to care if they are driving while suspended.

Judge Palmer said he is hearing from his peers that Newberg has one of the tougher courts. We have the means of watching people and we are not seeing repeat offenders. Over the last year there have only been two appeals. The Newberg Municipal Court is making progress.

Councilor RC asked if there has been any thought to put posters of severe accidents right next to the door? Judge Mercer said I don't have any problems with that we just need to know where to get them.

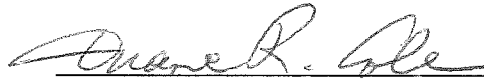
IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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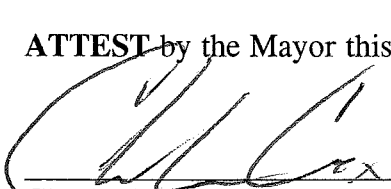
X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	RW/BV - to adjourn at 8:50 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