

MINUTES FOR THE NEWBERG CITY COUNCIL
MAY 3, 2004
7:00 P.M. MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING - TRAINING ROOM

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Bob Andrews
Bob Larson
Doug Pugsley

Roger Currier
Mike McBride
Robert Soppe

Others

Present: James Bennett, City Manager
Terrence Mahr, City Attorney
Kathy Tri, Finance Director
Leah Griffith, Library Director
Norma Alley, Recording Secretary

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

PUBLIC MEETING SECTION

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Darlyn Adams, 131 Johanna Ct., Newberg, reported that the Newberg Animal Shelter Friends Wags-n-Whiskers yard sale made \$8,351.30 bringing the Animal Shelter's grand total earnings to \$111,842.00. Mr. Bennett encouraged the Council to attend the Animal Shelter's auction to be held on September 25, 2004 at the Armory.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

BUSINESS MEETING SECTION

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

None.

VIII.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider a motion to approve a one year pilot CARE Cards project to provide free library cards to Chehalem Valley non-resident youth age 14 and younger and reduce the annual fee for high school students from \$20 to \$10 annually.

Ms. Leah Griffith, Library Director, reported that after the Library District failed she was concerned with the children not having access to the Library. By providing cards for children you instill a habit of the family going to the library, good will for the community, and possible revenue from selling adult cards. The CARE Cards program would be a pilot project for a year to see what might happen with revenue. Library staff will bring a report back in February or March of next year in time for the Council to make a decision before the budget is passed.

MOTION: Larson/Pugsley to approve a one year pilot CARE Cards project to provide free library cards to Chehalem Valley non-resident youth age 14 and younger and reduce the annual fee for high school students from \$20 to \$10 annually.

Councilor Soppe asked if high school students were limited to youth material. **Ms. Griffith** said no, they would not be limited to youth material, but it would be for the students' use only.

Councilor Andrews asked how the Library could use this for future consideration of the Library District. **Ms. Griffith** said it gets more people using the Library to see its many resources and establishes good will within the community. This will provide people outside the city an opportunity to see what they could tap into.

VOTE: (Unanimous). Motion carried.

2. Re-consider **Resolution No. 2004-2492** authorizing Traffic School as an alternative for the first time municipal traffic violators.

Mr. Terrence Mahr, City Attorney, reported that the revised Resolution gives the judge more discretion and incorporates all the Council's previous concerns including defining what a past offense is and providing for a Spanish language traffic school. The Resolution contains a provision to allow traffic school as part of a diversion agreement in a plea negotiation. He made note that section 3(a) bullet point one needs to be corrected from not to no and bullet point five needs to be corrected from pass to past.

Councilor Andrews asked if the City currently has a tracking system as part of their software to track traffic school participants. **Kathy Tri, Finance Director**, said yes, it is part of the software we have now. **Mr. Mahr** said the traffic school tracks this as well.

Councilor Andrews asked is there a provision specifying a procedure if the school is not completed. **Mr. Mahr** said if they do not complete it on time then the plea will default to guilty.

MOTION: Larson/McBride to approve **Resolution No. 2004-2492** authorizing Traffic School as an alternate for the first time municipal traffic violators as corrected. (Unanimous). Motion carried.

Councilor Soppe said he liked the idea of giving the Judge the discretion to decide who is eligible and is very much in favor of this Resolution.

Councilor McBride asked what the time frame was for someone to complete the traffic school. **Mr. Mahr** said 60 days is what we are using and we may even cut it down to 30 days.

VOTE: (Unanimous). Motion carried.

3. Consider **Resolution No. 2004-2495** adopting a sewer rate adjustment for multi-family sewer customers.

Ms. Kathy Tri, Finance Director, reported that the rate adjustment for multi-family sewer customers was missed when the previous sewer rate adjustments were approved and she would like to correct this. It would be effective on the May utility billing.

Councilor Andrews asked this if this was going to be retroactive. **Ms. Tri** said no.

Councilor Andrews asked for clarification on what multi-family meant. **Ms. Tri** said two or more units on one meter.

Mr. Terrence Mahr, City Attorney stated that Councilor Larson is a multi-family dwelling resident and his sewer charge is included in the fees that he pays to the homeowners association. This increase will probably not result in any increase in the association fees. He has a potential conflict of interest and will vote. **Councilor Larson** confirmed those facts and declared a potential conflict of interest.

MOTION: Currier/Larson to approve **Resolution No. 2004-2495** adopting a sewer rate adjustment for multi-family sewer customers. (Unanimous). Motion carried.

4. Appointment of an additional Budget Committee member per change approved at the April 19, 2004 Council meeting. *Was moved before Resolution No. 2004-2495.*

Bart Rierson, 110 Hazelnut Dr., Newberg, said he would like to be on the Budget Committee because he loves this town, has a feel for the way the budget process works, wants to be a community servant and participate, and has some good suggestions to offer.

MOTION: Currier/Andrews to appoint Bart Rierson to the Budget Committee . (Unanimous). Motion carried.

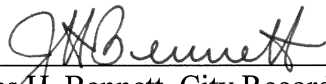
IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Currier/Soppe to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. (Unanimous). Motion carried.

ADOPTED by the Newberg City Council this 17th day of May, 2004.



James H. Bennett, City Recorder

ATTEST by the Council President this 19th day of May, 2004.



Bob Larson, Council President