

NEWBERG CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2005
7:00 P.M. MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING - TRAINING ROOM

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Stewart called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Mayor Bob Stewart	Mike Boyes
	Roger Currier	Dawn Nelson
	Robert Soppe	Mike McBride

Members Absent: Bob Andrews (excused)

Staff Present: James Bennett, City Manager
Terrence Mahr, City Attorney (arrived at 7:35PM)
Kathy Tri, Finance Director
Kathleen Bochart, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Darlyn Adams

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

IV. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

James Bennett, City Manager presented staff report. Mr. Bennett stated that there will be a community night in the commons at Newberg High School on October 18, 2005 starting at 6:30 PM. ODOT, CPRD, NDRC, Newberg Police, Newberg Fire Department and many other committees and groups will be there presenting their current projects. Thursday, October 20, 2005 is the City County Dinner at the Golden Valley Brewery. The dinner will start at 6:30 and run until 8:00PM or 8:30PM.

PUBLIC MEETING SECTION

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Darlyn Adams, Newberg Animal Shelter Friends, reported that they have collected 702 stuffed animals for Katrina's Kids. The original goal was for 200. Stuffed animals will be collected until Monday, October 31, 2005. There is currently \$189,576 in the building fund. This year Newberg Animal Shelter Friends has raised \$47,609 and have an end of year goal of \$50,000, which leaves us with \$2,391 left to raise before December 31, 2005. The next

fundraising event is scheduled for December 3, 2005. You will be able to get your picture taken with Santa and your pet. The last fundraising event will be held on December 10th and 11th. This will be the Annual Christmas Open House and Bake Sale. The next Newberg Animal Shelter Friends meeting will be held on October 27th, 2005 at 7:30 PM.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consider approving City Council Regular Session Minutes for September 19, 2005.

MOTION: Currier/McBride to approve City Council Regular Session Minutes for September 19, 2005 as amended. (Unanimous) Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Consider a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2005-2624** amending Ordinance No. 1996-2432, an ordinance granting a non-exclusive Gas Utility Franchise to Northwest Natural Gas Company.

Kathy Tri, Finance Director, presented the staff report and recommended approval of Ordinance No. 2005-2624. The increase from 3% to 5.94% would increase the City's payment by approximately \$93,056 annually. This has been designated to go towards public safety and help fund the full time staffing of Fire Station 21.

Councilor Currier stated that the City of Newberg gained \$204 from the audit. Councilor Currier asked what the cost was to do the audit.

Kathy Tri stated that it cost approximately \$5000 for the audit.

Councilor McBride asked whom this would affect.

Kathy Tri stated that everyone who uses natural gas would be affected.

Councilor Boyes asked how long this would be in effect.

Kathy Tri stated that this would be in effect until the end of the 20 years. Every 5 years the city has the option to review the amount of the franchise fee.

Kathy Tri recommended **Ordinance No 2005-2624** amending Ordinance No. 1996-2432, an ordinance granting a non-exclusive Gas Utility Franchise to Northwest Natural Gas Company

MOTION: Soppe/ to approve **Ordinance No. 2005-2624** amending Ordinance No. 1996-2432, an ordinance granting a non-exclusive Gas Utility Franchise to Northwest Natural Gas Company. **Failed for lack of second.**

MOTION: Soppe/ to amend **Ordinance No. 2005-2624** to adjust gas franchise fee and electricity privilege tax, such that both fees are equal and the net result is revenue neutral to the City. **Failed for lack of second.**

Councilor Soppe asked where PGE gets the money to pay the 3.5 % fee.

Kathy Tri stated that it comes from the rate payers.

Mayor Bob Stewart closed public testimony.

Councilor Currier stated that he has talked to some non-profit organizations in Newberg and has suggested to them getting together and agreeing on a donation amount based upon the number of people they serve or land that they have and the money would go towards public safety.

BUSINESS MEETING SECTION

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. CONTINUED BUSINESS

None.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

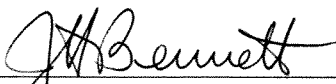
1. Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) relating to a real property transaction – McKillip Property located at 8015 NW Hash Rd.

The executive session was held during the City Council work session. No action was taken.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Currier/Soppe to adjourn at 7:55PM (Unanimous) Motion carried.

ADOPTED by the Newberg City Council this 7th day of November, 2005.


James H. Bennett, City Recorder

ATTEST by the Council President this 14 day of November, 2005.


Bob Andrews, Council President