
**City of Newberg
City Council
March 2, 2020**

WORK SESSION

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilors Present: Mayor Rick Rogers, Councilors: Stephanie Findley, Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Gene Piros, Patrick Johnson, Denise Bacon, and Julia Martinez Plancarte.

Staff Present: City Manager Dan Weinheimer, City Attorney Truman Stone, City Recorder Sue Ryan, Community Development Director Doug Rux, Information Technology Director Dave Brooks, Library Director Will Worthey, Captain Jeff Kosmicki, Public Works Maintenance Supervisor Russ Thomas.

Future meeting topics:

Councilor Yarnell Hollamon suggested a discussion regarding a collaborative Housing Coordinator position. Councilor Johnson suggested a discussion regarding a Street Utility Fee for coordination of sewer, water, and storm projects and to bond part of the TUF.

Mayor Rogers asked how many Councilors planned to attend training in the next fiscal year. Three Councilors were interested. He also thought there could be discussion on putting money into a discretionary fund for non-profit requests. Councilor Yarnell Hollamon would follow up on Community Court.

Mayor Rogers said there had been a request from the community that the Council indicate why they were voting the way they were.

Yamhill County Work Crew Discussion:

Presentation on Yamhill County Work Crew – Jarod Logsdon and Russ Thomas

Public Works Maintenance Supervisor Thomas said there had been a presentation last fall on the IGA with Yamhill County and Council had questions he did not have the answers to. He introduced Mr. Logsdon, manager of the Work Crew Program, who could answer the questions. Mr. Logsdon said the program was a collaboration between the Sheriff's office, Department of Justice, and Jail to release low risk inmates to work on landscaping, vegetation control, minor construction, and other labor tasks to reduce their sentences. One partner was CPRD, and the County provided a large portion of their mowing and

landscaping. He explained the screening process. For every three days they worked they got one day off of their sentence. Their sentences were typically a few months and they would rather have days off than be paid minimum wage.

The Council discussed:

- Job works program for post-sentence transition.
- Reasons for removal of inmates from program.
- Housing for inmates
- Demographics of crews

Mayor Rogers attended the rugby game at the Woodburn youth correctional facility. He explained the educational programs there. He also congratulated the Newberg High School wrestling team and cheer leaders who were state champions.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Dan Weinheimer reported on his activities. He discussed his orientation and meetings in the first week of employment. He would be meeting with Department Heads and working on the budget in the next few weeks. They were also monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak and looking into actions they might need to take.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Yarnell Hollamon said the Transit Committee would like Newberg to put some funding in the budget for next fiscal year. Newberg Housing Solutions would meet on Monday.

Councilor Johnson attended a Parkway Committee meeting where the focus was on STIP grants for the Bypass project. He discussed complaints made by businesses on Springbrook Road. Councilor Findley said the Cultural District Board was asking for feedback on future direction.

Mayor Rogers said the Newberg Downtown Coalition would be meeting on Wednesday. Yamhill County Future Focus would meet tomorrow. PCC Advisory would be meeting next week. There would be a delegation in 2020 to the City's Sister City in Poysdorf, Austria. People would be paying for themselves to go.

Councilor Yarnell Hollamon announced a Suicide Prevention Event next week at Providence Hospital.

FFA members spoke about the hemp farm application on Jaquith Road. The surrounding neighbors were concerned about water rights, noises, odor, traffic, proximity to their homes, and criminal activity.

Bella Olivas said they chose this issue for an FFA competition because it was not only a local issue but was also a state issue. Other FFA members gave a history of hemp in the United States, benefits of hemp, and pros and cons of the issue.

Ms. Olivas explained who else this presentation would be given to as well as the state competition.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilors Present: Mayor Rick Rogers, Councilors: Stephanie Findley, Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Patrick Johnson, Gene Piros, Denise Bacon, and Julia Martinez Plancarte.

Staff Present: City Manager Dan Weinheimer, City Attorney Truman Stone, City Recorder Sue Ryan, Library Director Will Worthey, Information Technology Director Dave Brooks, Community Development Director Doug Rux,

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers read the proclamation declaring April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ISSUE TRACKER:

Pat Haight welcomed Councilor Martinez Plancarte to the City Council. She watched the Hispanic population grow. They deserved a voice on the City Council and in decision making. She discussed the letter from John Bridges regarding how he would be taking Truman Stone's clients as Mr. Stone was to be the new City Attorney. The letter was written before the Council had voted to make Mr. Stone the City Attorney.

Mayor Rogers answered Ms. Haight's questions from the last Council meeting. There were 47.73 FTE in Public Works. The insurance premium for 2019-2020 was \$311,000. Insurance settlements were charged out of the Administrative Support Services fund which was an internal charge to other funds.

Daniel DHondt said the proposals for Elliott Road were not the direction the neighborhood wanted to go. He thought the neighborhood's concerns were being ignored. He suggested the Council walk the street to see for themselves.

Sarah Grider said she co-managed the Newberg warming shelter. One of the guests at the shelter received a \$2,500 trespassing ticket for sleeping under a bridge. The same person received three \$2,500 tickets for sleeping under the bridge. She thought that went against human decency and constituted cruel and unusual punishment. The City needed to follow the example of Lincoln City who donated \$750,000 to local non-profits to build housing for the homeless. She proposed the City buy a local property and turn it over to agencies for transitional housing.

Rebecca Wallis discussed her recent public records requests for CIS insurance payments from 2015 to present, and payments to outside legal and how the numbers did not add up. She asked what was included in the year to date budget for insurance under Administrative Support. One of the questions the public had was where the extra money came from when it went over budget. Regarding the outside legal payments there were two line items that did not say what they were for on the bill.

Issue Tracker: There was consensus to add the homeless individual excessive fines, public records request, Elliott Road, Councilor Johnson's TUF idea, examples of housing for the homeless, and legislative agenda to the issue tracker. There was discussion regarding adding priorities and timing on the issue tracker items.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Resolution 2020-3599, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Yamhill County for the Work Crew program.

Action: Approved consent calendar items as presented.
Motion: Councilor Findley
Second: Councilor Johnson
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Resolution 2020-3645

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing. He asked if there were any conflicts of interest or abstentions. Mayor Rogers had lived on Bell Road previously.

CDD Rux gave the staff report. He explained the request to take a 5 acre parcel and break it into two 2.5 acre parcels. This was in the Urban Reserve area, and no development was being proposed at this time. Staff recommended approval.

Proponents: MacKenzie Davis, Del Boca Vista, was representing the applicant. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Opponents: None

Undecided: None

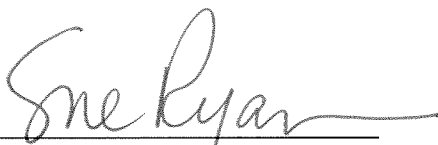
Mayor Rogers closed the public hearing.

There was discussion regarding the safety of the roads in this area.

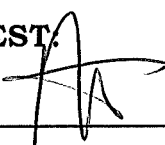
Action: Approve Resolution 2020-3645, A Resolution recommending that Yamhill County approve a proposed partition of Parcel 3 of Yamhill County partition 2019-4 at NE Bella Vista Drive and NE Bell Road, Yamhill County Tax Lot No. R 3209 01003

Motion: Councilor Findley
Second: Councilor Bacon
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Sue Ryan, City Recorder

ATTEST.


Rick Rogers, Mayor