

City of Newberg
ANIMAL SHELTER SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2007
12:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Palmer called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

COUNCIL:

Councilor Jeff Palmer, Chairperson
Councilor Bart Rierson, Member
Councilor Mike Boyes, Member
Mayor Bob Andrews (ex-officio)

STAFF:

Terrence Mahr, City Attorney
Norma Alley, City Recorder
Mary Newell, Support Svs/911
Darleen Harding, Animal Control Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Darlyn Adams, Claudia Stewart

III. REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 30, 2007, MEETING

Minutes were approved by consensus of the subcommittee.

IV. DISCUSSION ON BONDS AND FUNDING OPTIONS

Bonds

Grants

NASF Fundraising

City Funding

Councilor Rierson stated he received some information from Yamhill County Taxation on how to do a bond. He also talked with Elizabeth Comfort and found out that there is a limit on the total amount of taxation to \$10 per \$1,000 of property with an operating limit of five years. The City is currently at \$7.90. The booklet also states, if in election it is granted, the first time we could collect payment would not be until July 1st of the following year and then we would have to wait for the tax payments to come through in November. There is competition for bond money with the Chehalem Park and Recreation District asking for the Cultural Center and possibly the Library expansion. We also need to consider the Council's decision on road improvements and public safety.

Terry Mahr mentioned the possibility of putting a levy on the utility bills and the utility fee that tax exempt properties are not exempt from.

Claudia Stewart, representative of the Newberg School District, discussed bond options and what avenues to pursue if looking into a bond measure.

V. UPDATE ON ANIMAL SHELTER TOURS

Chair Palmer stated there were tours to WASCO and Hood River County, which they found to be very different shelters. WASCO is run by a non-profit with one animal control officer and is funded by the county. Hood River County has one animal control officer and run by volunteers. They also toured Marion County and Yamhill County, which were similarly ran as the other two. There are wide ranges of budgets to fully funded and barely funded.

Mary Newell gave a PowerPoint presentation of on Clatsop County's animal shelter.

VI. UPDATE ON LEGALITY OF NAMING ANIMAL SHELTER

Terry Mahr gave handouts on the naming of the animal shelter and stated there were not any legal restrictions as to what we can name a public building.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Rierson stated he would like to see the shelter's operation funded through licenses and adoption fees.

VIII. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2007, at Noon in the City Hall Administration Conference Room.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.