

MINUTES OF THE ORDINANCE/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Sub-Committee of the Newberg City Council

Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. - March 20, 1996

Newberg Public Library

501 E. Hancock Street

Newberg, Oregon 97132

Members Present:

**T. Dan Wollam, Chairman
Shannon Stueckle, Member
Bob Engelke, Member**

**Staff: Terrence D. Mahr, (TDM)
City Attorney**

Peggy Hall, Paralegal

**Absent: Mayor Donna Proctor
Duane R. Cole, City Manager
Donna McCain**

I. Approval of Minutes of February 21, 1996.

MOTION: Stueckle/Engelke to approve the February 21, 1996 Minutes. (3 Yes/1 Absent). Motion carried.
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II. Municipal Court - Update

1. Revenues/Weekly Activity

TDM stated that the receipts are up due to some past due accounts having been suspended for non-payment of fines and/or assessments. These fines/assessments must be paid prior to having their driving privileges reinstated.

III. Continued Business

1. Newsrack regulation

TDM noted that the City received a letter from the attorney for the Oregonian concerning the City's proposed newsrack regulation. The matter has been referred back to the Community Development Committee. The City's ordinances are modeled pretty much after the Salem ordinances. TDM further stated that he discussed the matter with Charlie Hinkle, attorney for the Oregonian. They will be getting together with Duane Cole concerning the City's issues relating to the newspaper boxes.

Discussion was held concerning sidewalk ordinance issues involving the newsracks. Encroachments upon right-of-ways. Mr. Wollam indicated that some cities purchase newsracks in order to regulate them. The newspaper agencies "rent" them. It then becomes a problem when they are damaged or stolen.

IV. New Business

TDM reviewed the City's present towing ordinance. There is some reluctance in towing vehicles. Discussion was held concerned the Supreme Court's rulings in making sure that everyone is treated fairly. The community attitude is that the program "produces revenue". TDM stated that in meetings with other cities reflects that they have similar problems in the processing and procedures for towing.

TDM reviewed the Code Enforcement Officer assignments. Five City staff from the Community Development Department (Stephen Biddle, Robert Stewart, Michael Hailey, Larry Anderson and John Knight) were sworn in by Robert Thompson, Municipal Court Judge, to enforce the City's codes. The police officers will continue to enforce the traffic and ordinance violations.

Discussion was held concerning buildings still having signs not removed after business has left. TDM indicated that the City does have an ordinance not permitting this and that Chamber is working with the business owners concerning this problem. Ms. Stueckle noted that volunteers are working with the beautification projects around town. Ms. Stueckle noted that Claire Poe from Smurfit is the chairman of this year's project.

Claims Reports (Northland)

TDM noted that the claims reports reflect past due insurance claims. Discussion was held concerning the Tenley Property report and the Francis Sewer claim.

TDM reviewed the ballot measures that will be before the voters at the May 21st election.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



Terrence D. Mahr, City Attorney