
**City of Newberg
City Council Minutes
January 21, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Councilors Present: Mayor Bill Rosacker, Councilor Mike McBride,
Councilor Robyn Wheatley, Councilor Peggy Kilburg,
Councilor Jerri Turgesen

Staff Present: City Manager Will Worthey, Melissa Morris, City
Recorder Rachel Thomas, Public Works Director Russ
Thomas, Community Development Director Scot
Seigal, Finance Director Kady Strode, Associate City
Planner James Dingwall, Superintendent Preston
Langliers, Assistant Planning Manager Jeremiah
Cromie, Planning Manager Clay Downing, Joseph
Falby, City Attorney James Walker

**ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Will Worthey provided an update about happenings around the city's departments. He noted a rise in public information requests and a drop in town building development.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brandon Slyter—Newberg Resident

Slyter appeared in front of the council to talk about a tree ordinance in Newberg as the city continues to grow. He cited ADA accessibility as another reason as to why council should prioritize a tree ordinance. Council discussed how residents can provide complaints about damaged sidewalks because of trees, and what might happen if a homeowner cannot afford sidewalk fixes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rosacker said councilors received a request proposal that had his name on it, and there were items on there that he did not agree to. He requested they disregard the proposal.

Mayor Rosacker requested an update about a new finance model taking COLA costs into account. City Manager Worthey said that with current staffing and the debt reduction plan, they may need to request an increase in taxes to meet those benchmarks.

Worthey then elaborated on service issues with the current red light and speed camera technology provider, as well as a delayed contract with a Student Resource Officer

6.1 City Fleet Management Plan

Preston Langeliers provided an overview of the City of Newberg's fleet maintenance strategy, detailing how public works decide when to replace a vehicle. Langeliers proposed a methodology that would ensure the City of Newberg is getting the best out of its fleet while maximizing the financial return of the vehicle.

6.2 Landscaping Plan

Langeliers provided an update about the City of Newberg landscaping responsibilities. Public Works is recommending hiring a landscaping company, which he asserts would be less expensive than hiring in-house. He provided an overview of the landscaping projects the city is responsible for. The mayor and councilors discussed the financial implications of the landscaping outsourcing.

6.3 Planning Division Update and 2025 Work Plan

Jeremiah Cromie and Clay Downing discussed the planning department and goals. They discussed the 2024 projects still in progress and then the projects they plan to approach in 2025.

Councilors discussed HB3395, relating to emergency shelters.

Mayor Rosacker asked about the plan for street trees.

6.4 Modification of Newberg Enterprise Zone to Include Industrial-Zoned Land

Overview: James Dingwall provided a description of the enterprise zone in Newberg. He continued to talk about the boundary change and why the change is proposed.

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-3957 modifying the boundaries of the Newberg Enterprise Zone to include additional employment lands within the City of Newberg.

Motion: Councilor Kilburg

Second: Councilor McBride

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Carmon, Yarnell Hollamon)

Continued Discussion: Mayor Rosacker said he was approached by Business Oregon about the WestRock Mill Site and potentially soliciting a data center to be built on the land. Local company DCI was interested in building on the site previously, but due to limited traffic access, they decided against it. Council has discussed a data center in the area before, but due to a low number of jobs it wasn't considered. Rosacker said it would be a high-value tax incentive. Council directed staff to investigate the cost of a power study for the area to see if the site could host a data center.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 Supplemental Budget #2

Finance Director Kady Strode provided an update on the supplemental budget mostly considering capital improvement updates from the past year.

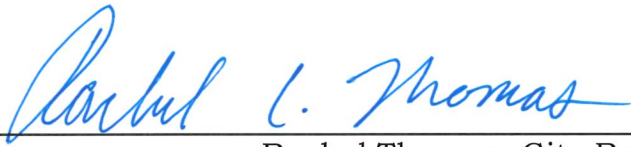
Action: Adopt Resolution 2025-3958

Motion: Councilor Kilburg

Second: Councilor Wheatley

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Carmon, Yarnell Hollamon)

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.



Rachel Thomas, City Recorder

ATTEST:



Bill Rosacker, Mayor