

NEWBERG CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2015, 7:00 PM
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING (401 E. THIRD STREET)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Mayor Bob Andrews	Mike Corey	Tony Rourke
	Scott Essin	Stephen McKinney	Lesley Woodruff
	Denise Bacon		

Staff Present:	Jacque Betz, City Manager	Truman Stone, City Attorney
	Sue Ryan, City Recorder	Matt Zook, Finance Director
	Jay Harris, Public Works Director	Doug Rux, Community Development Director
	Jessica Pelz, Associate Planner	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Andrews read the proclamation declaring May 4, 2015, as Newberg High School Varsity Cheerleading Day and presented it to the team.

MOTION: Bacon/Rourke moved to proclaim May 4, 2015 as Newberg High School Varsity Cheerleading Day. Motion carried (7 Yes/ 0 No).

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: CM Betz reminded the Council of their homework for the visionary session which needed to be done by Wednesday. There had been a potential buyer for the W. Illinois Street property, but it was not a strong buyer and staff decided to put it back on the market. Staff was still working on a proposal for the Butler property.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Greg Leo and Alice Norris, members of the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition, spoke about the creation of the Willamette Falls National Heritage Area. This was a focus on the history of the end of the Oregon Trail as well as the history of the beginning of industry in the American West. To create a heritage area, all the cities in the boundary had to agree they wanted it to happen. Ms. Norris gave Council a sample letter of support and a resolution. She then explained what a national heritage area was and the benefits of creating a heritage area, which included economic development based on tourism. Mr. Leo said this would not cost the City of Newberg any money and it did not affect any land use designations. The advantage was it put the City on the National Park Service map of heritage areas and would tell the story of the river, falls, and Native Americans in an integrated way. He asked that the Council pass a resolution in support.

There was discussion on the cities that would be asked for support, boundaries of the area, possible future expenses, and coordinating with other local heritage groups.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

MOTION: Rourke/Woodruff moved to accept the Consent Calendar, including the April 6, 2015, meeting minutes and Resolution 2015-3185. Motion carried (7 Yes/ 0 No).

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution 2015-3182, Adoption of Supplemental Budget for FY 2014-2015:

Mayor Andrews opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. He called for any abstentions, bias, ex-parte contacts, conflicts of interest, or objections to jurisdiction. There were none.

FD Zook presented the staff report. He said the Council previously approved the purchase and sale of property for a Public Works yard which was the primary driver for the supplemental budget. There were also a few other items in the

supplemental budget, such as debt service payment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project and project overages. He explained the funding for the Public Works yard.

There was no public testimony. Mayor Andrews closed the public testimony portion of the hearing at 7:29 p.m.

FD Zook said the staff recommendation was to approve the resolution.

Mayor Andrews closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Deliberations:

There was discussion on the property values for the property that was being bought and the property being sold.

MOTION: McKinney/Corey moved to approve Resolution 2015-3182. Motion carried (7 Yes/ 0 No).

COUNCIL BUSINESS: The Council discussed scheduling a tour of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass site with the Oregon Department of Transportation. There was consensus to hold a tour on a Friday afternoon in June.

Councilor Rourke brought up the issue of the forward looking calendar. He said citizens wanted more time to prepare information they might want to bring to a Council meeting and thought the agenda needed to be available sooner. He suggested making the forward looking calendar available to the public.

CM Betz said the forward looking calendar was an internal planning document staff used to forecast what was going to come before Council and it changed frequently. A simpler forward looking calendar could be done for the public that targeted the possible subjects coming before the Council. Some items would not be ready for public release. It should give people enough time to gather factual information to bring to meetings. She would work with the City Recorder and prepare a forward looking calendar for the next meeting.

Mayor Andrews suggested staff prepare a letter of support and resolution for the Willamette Falls National Heritage Area.

There was consensus to have staff prepare the items for the May 18 Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Rights and Duties regarding litigation likely to be filed – Update on UGB Mediation. The Council entered Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. The Council re-entered open session at 9:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

ADOPTED by the Newberg City Council this 4th day of May, 2015.


Sue Ryan, City Recorder

ATTESTED by the Mayor this 7th day of May, 2015.


Bob Andrews, Mayor