

City of Newberg City Council Meeting Minutes August 3, 2026, 6:00 PM-6:56 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bill Rosacker called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 3, 2026.

2. Roll Call

Present: Councilor McBride, Councilor Wheatley, Councilor Yarnell Holloman (remote), Councilor Kilburg, Mayor Rosacker, Councilor Turgesen

Absent: Councilor Carmon

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bill Rosacker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. City Manager Narrative Report on July

a. Presentation

City Manager Will Worthey delivered the monthly narrative report for July 2026, highlighting activities across all city departments including capital engineering, city recorder operations, library programming, community development, IT infrastructure migration, public works, finance, human resources, and community engagement. No action was taken.

5. Public Comments

Leisha Adams, a Newberg resident, addressed the Council with a suggestion to improve the accessibility of public meeting recordings on YouTube, recommending greater focus on speaker identification and camera coverage of the dais to assist viewers who are hard of hearing or have neurological disorders. No action was taken.

6. Proclamation

a. Proclamation for Reservists

Mayor Bill Rosacker read and presented a proclamation designating the first week of August as **Reservist Appreciation Week** in the City of Newberg. Detective Cisneros of the Newberg Police Department was present and additionally recognized the Chief of Police and Captain Simmons with the **ESGR Patriot Award** for their exemplary support of military reserve service members.

7. Presentations

a. Intro to New HR Manager

City Manager Will Worthey introduced Jenna Gray as the City's new Human Resources Manager. Ms. Gray provided a brief overview of her professional background, including over two decades of HR experience in retail, construction, manufacturing, and union environments, most recently with Danner Boots. Ms. Gray noted her immediate priorities include preparing for upcoming CBA negotiations in 2027, conducting a classification and compensation study, and updating the employee handbook. No action was taken.

8. Consent Calendar

- a. Amending IGA for Law Enforcement Services with City of Dundee
- c. Amending Eagle Elsner Contract

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made by Councilor Robyn Wheatley and seconded by Councilor Kilburg.

Vote:

- Councilor McBride: Aye
- Councilor Wheatley: Aye
- Councilor Yarnell-Hollamon: Aye
- Councilor Kilburg: Aye
- Mayor Rosacker: Aye
- Councilor Turgesen: Aye

Motion carried unanimously, 6–0

9. New Business

a. Main Street Water Line Replacement

Mike Grimes presented the Main Street Water Line Replacement project. The project scope for this biennium was narrowed to Alternate B — replacing the undersized legacy water line beneath the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way on North Main Street with a new 8-inch line encased in

a bored casing, replacing existing 4-inch and 6-inch pipe. The full project was bid but came in over budget for a single biennium; the remainder will be rebid in the next biennium. Railroad permits, valid for 60 days, necessitated proceeding with this phase now to avoid restarting the months-long permitting process. The low bidder was Tourney Excavating, Inc. The resolution was approved as Resolution 2026-4040.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-4040 and award the contract to Tourney Excavating, Inc. was made by Councilor Mike McBride and seconded by Councilor Robyn Wheatley.

Vote:

- Councilor McBride: Aye
- Councilor Wheatley: Aye
- Councilor Yarnell-Hollamon: Aye
- Councilor Kilburg: Aye
- Mayor Rosacker: Aye
- Councilor Turgesen: Aye

Motion carried unanimously, 6–0.

d. Street Seats Pilot Program Extension

Community Development Director Scot Siegel presented a staff recommendation to extend the Street Seats Pilot Program by two years via Resolution 2026-4035. The program, established in 2015, permits restaurants to use a portion of the public right-of-way for outdoor café seating. No businesses are currently participating or have expressed interest. Council discussion included concerns from Mayor Bill Rosacker and Councilor Mike McBride about the necessity of maintaining the program absent active interest, while Councilor Elise Carmon expressed a preference not to reinstate policies perceived as prohibitive to business. Councilor Turgesen and Councilor Wheatley noted the program carries no operating cost and preserves a viable framework for prospective downtown businesses. Council also briefly discussed the potential for a future downtown parking study, with City Manager Will Groves noting it could be added to the strategic planning cycle and folded into a Transportation System Plan update.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-4035, extending the Street Seats Pilot Program for two years, was made by Councilor Peggy Kilburg and seconded by Councilor Turgesen.

Vote:

- Councilor McBride: Nay
- Councilor Wheatley: Aye
- Councilor Yarnell-Hollamon: Aye
- Councilor Kilburg: Aye

- Mayor Rosacker: Nay
- Councilor Turgesen: Aye

Motion carried, 4–2.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Bill Rosacker adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:56 PM.

Attested by:

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Mayor Bill Rosacker Mayor, City of Newberg

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rachel C. Thomas", written over a horizontal line.

Rachel Thomas City Recorder, City of Newberg