

NEWBERG CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
January 2, 2018, 7:00 PM
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING (401 E. THIRD STREET)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Andrews called the business session to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Mayor Bob Andrews	Stephen McKinney	Mike Corey
	Denise Bacon	Scott Essin	
	Patrick Johnson		

Members Absent: Matt Murray

Staff Present:	Joe Hannan, City Manager	Truman Stone, City Attorney
	Sue Ryan, City Recorder	Doug Rux, Community Development Director
	Caleb Lippard, Assistant Finance Director	
	Jay Harris, Public Works Director	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

MOTION: Johnson/Essin moved to elect Denise Bacon as Council President for 2018.
Motion passed (3 Yes/2 No [Corey, McKinney]/1 Abstain [Andrews]/1 Absent [Murray]).

MOTION: Corey/McKinney moved to elect Stephen McKinney as Council President for 2018.
Motion failed (2 Yes/3 No [Bacon, Essin, Johnson]/1 Abstain [Andrews]/1 Absent [Murray]).

Councilor McKinney said he would advocate for a Charter amendment to have the Chief of Police answer directly to the Council and not to the City Manager. There were some unresolved issues from last year that he would like to help resolve. This would be his last year on the Council.

Councilor Bacon had served as Council President for several years and it was an honor. Councilor Essin thought the position should rotate among the Council members.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Hannan reported on the Washington County hearing for the TVF&R annexation, director annual evaluations, long range budget planning, discussions on the future of the animal shelter, soliciting appraisals for the Butler property and the animal shelter property, Cal Portland's water adjustment proposal, background calls and vetting regarding staff communication training, transit proposal, draft ordinance clarifying Council compensation, airport development rights, and meetings he attended. The Bypass would be opening this week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rick Lipinski said the City asked the Newberg Animal Shelter Friends to manage the shelter, with the terms of \$1 per year for rent and the City would paying utilities. He said the group saved money by providing services formerly done by City employees. They developed a successful shelter with three full time employees. Mr. Lipinski said their concern about selling the city's building included the investment the non-profit group had made and whether they would get their investment back. He said the City did not tell them before planning to sell the building. The group wanted the City to reconsider the sale and renew the lease.

There was a brief discussion on support for the Animal Shelter, its function, the friends non profit group, the purpose for the sale to fund the communications system upgrade, and the possibility of the right of first refusal.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

MOTION: Corey/Bacon moved to adopt Resolution 2018-3428, A Resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with 2KG Contractors, Inc. for the Dayton Avenue Pump Station Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,334,947; and Resolution 2018-3430, A Resolution initiating an amendment to the Newberg Comprehensive Plan and Newberg Municipal Code, Title 15 Development Code to implement affordable housing provisions of SB 1051. Motion carried (6 Yes/0 No/1 Absent [Murray]).

NEW BUSINESS:

Assistant Finance Director Lippard said in March of 2016 a two inch water meter was installed in Wynooski where Cal Portland was located. When it was installed there was a miscommunication where staff thought it was a replacement meter, not an additional meter. For about 15 months Cal Portland was not charged for the water usage of the two inch meter. When this was discovered, they were charged a flat line consumption charge for each month since they did not know the exact amount that was used. A water leak was also discovered, however they were not getting a credit for the leak. Cal Portland agreed to a \$14,000 credit for their water usage for 2016.

There was discussion on the error, not having the same mistake happen again, improving city processes, and how Cal Portland didn't notice the reduction in their bill.

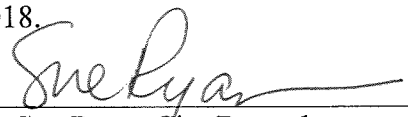
MOTION: Corey/Essin moved to approve a credit in the amount of \$14,746.76 to apply toward Cal Portland's Municipal Services account.
Deliberation:
Councilor Johnson said the City had budget issues and he had an issue approving something like this even if it involved different funds. They should be consistent. If you used a service, you had to pay for the service. He was not in support of the motion. Councilor Corey said the City neglected to read the meter. He thought if a similar situation happened with a residential customer they would be given a credit as well. This was a mistake the City made. Councilor Bacon would support crediting half of the amount, but not all because it was a business that used the water to make money. It was the City's mistake, but people knew when they did not get a water bill.
Motion failed (2 Yes/4 No [Andrews, Bacon, Johnson, McKinney]/1 Absent [Murray]). Mayor Andrews suggested staff renegotiate the amount with Cal Portland.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

City Recorder Ryan reminded Council about their annual Statement of Economic Interest filing with the State Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

ADOPTED by the Newberg City Council this 5th of February, 2018.


Sue Ryan, City Recorder

ATTESTED by the Mayor this 6th day of February, 2018.

 Bob Andrews, Mayor