

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consider a motion approving a proclamation celebrating Oregon's 150th Birthday.
2. Consider a motion approving City Council Minutes for January 5, 2009.

MOTION: Rierson/McKinney to approve a proclamation celebrating Oregon's 150th Birthday and the City Council Minutes for January 5, 2009 as amended. (7 Yes/0 No) Motion carried.

Mayor Andrews read the proclamation celebrating Oregon's Sesquicentennial Day.

Ms. Leah Griffith, Library Director, shared information about a celebration for Oregon's 150th birthday on Saturday, February 14, 2009 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Library. She also spoke about the Oregon Reads 2009 program.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

VIII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

None.

X. COUNCIL BUSINESS

TIME – 7:18 PM

Ms. Kim Thatcher, Oregon State Representative for Keizer, St. Paul, and Newberg, offered updates on the current budget shortages until the end of June 2009 being forecasted at \$800 million. She discussed the anticipation of receiving funds from the federal government in the next few weeks as part of the economic stimulus, the requirement for each agency to come up with 5% budget cuts, the \$1.5 billion increase in revenue, and issues with shared revenues. She spoke of the need for efficiency and an opportunity to prioritize. She also spoke of earmarks and the benefits of having local governments and programs placing their expenditures into a database for review by taxpayers online; for scrutiny and for suggestions to improve spending. She spoke of working on legislature for chronic drunk drivers to prohibit their purchasing alcohol which led to discussion of engine interlock devices and Oregon's requirements for first time offenders. The need for more lobbying for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass was also mentioned as the Council was invited to visit the capital and discuss priorities with representatives.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Training on Land Use Hearing Process.

TIME – 7:38 PM

Mr. Barton Brierley, Planning and Building Director, presented the staff report for training on land use hearing process (see official meeting packet for full report).

Councilor Wade Witherspoon made note of the City's Comprehensive Plan and used it as an example for being useful information during the goal setting process to make sure Council goals would not contradict City planning goals.

Mr. Terrence Mahr, City Attorney, asked how many other cities have an Urban Reserve Area (URA). Staff replied there were eight cities and Newberg was one of the first.

Councilor Marc Shelton asked what was the benefit of having a URA since so few cities do.

Mr. Brierley explained the URA gives a city a larger framework to plan what to bring into the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB); the largest advantage is the requirement of a transportation plan, and plans for water and sewer.

Each area of the land use hearing process was reviewed and discussed in detail to ensure definitions and examples were clearly understood by the Council.

Mayor Andrews recessed at 8:42 PM and reconvened at 8:56 PM.

X. COUNCIL BUSINESS

TIME – 8:56 PM

Councilor Rierson asked if Council would be willing to find funding to purchase a cargo/shipping container for the Newberg Animal Shelter to use as temporary storage, authorizing the City Manager to find the funds and approve the purchase as long as it does not exceed \$3,500. He stated several alternatives were looked at and this was the most economical; he pointed out this container could be reused by the City in the future when the Animal Shelter no longer needs it.

MOTION: Larson/Rierson to authorize the purchase of one cargo/shipping container for use at the Newberg Animal Shelter at a price not to exceed \$3,500. (6 Yes/0 No/1 Absent [Shelton]) Motion carried.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) relating to employment of a public officer – Fire Chief Recruitment.

TIME – 9:03 PM

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Rierson/Larson to adjourn at 9:51 PM (7 Yes/0 No) Motion carried.

ADOPTED by the Newberg City Council this 2nd day of March, 2009.


Norma I. Alley, City Recorder

ATTEST by the Mayor this 11th day of March, 2009.


Bob Andrews, Mayor