

April 30, 2012
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City Council of the City of Newport met on the above date in a Town Hall meeting. Present were Brusselback, Beemer, Allen, Sawyer, Bertuleit, and McConnell. Roumagoux was unable to attend.

Staff present was City Manager Voetberg, City Recorder Hawker, Community Development Director Tokos, and Public Works Director Gross.

TOUR OF AGATE BEACH AREA

The City Council toured the Agate Beach area beginning at 6:00 P.M.

INTRODUCTIONS

Following the tour, Council and staff met with area residents at the Longview Hills Clubhouse. Everyone introduced themselves.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Gross updated the group on upcoming projects including the lower Agate Beach water tower and the relocation of the Salmon Run pump station.

Tokos updated the group on improvements in the area of Gilbert Way, including the installation of restrooms, shower, trail, and tables. He reviewed the grant application that, if approved, would fund much of this project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received on the following issues:

- Beach access at the south end of Cherokee is washed out;
- Widening of Cherokee Lane to include bike paths;
- Lucky Gap trail maintenance;
- Paving of Gladys Street;
- Placement of gravel on Cherokee Land at 46th Street;
- Water accumulation at NE 54th and 56th Streets;
- Plugged drain on 57th Street on the east side of Highway 101;
- Installation of arrows (to indicate merging traffic lanes) near WalMart;
- Paving of NE 56th Street, 56th Court, and 57th Street;
- Grading at the east end of NE 57th Street;
- NE 56th Street - how to make it safer and more navigable;
- Recommendation to build a crown into gravel streets to facilitate drainage;

The city's recent acquisition of a salter and snow plow;
Traffic counts on NE 56th Street;
Removal of the stop sign; replacing with a yield sign on Lucky Gap (turning toward Longview Hills);
Plastic bag meeting;
Recent burglaries on 57th and 59th Streets and the possibility of forming a Neighborhood Watch group;
Additional police patrols on NE 56th and 57th Streets to mitigate littering and other potential problems;
A compliment to the city staff for the 59th Street grading;
Potential installation of a stop sign at the top of the hill on NE 56th Street - traffic warrants analysis needed;
Whether a fire truck can turn the corner at Rhododendron and 60th Street (answer is yes);
Public hearing regarding utility rates and the potential imposition of a stormwater utility fee will be held May 7;
Question regarding the percentage of water loss;
Question regarding who takes care of invasive species on rights-of-way and vacant lots.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.