

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
JUNE 07, 2021

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on June 07, 2021, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 S. Washington Avenue, Newport, Washington, with the following present:

	Shirley Sands	Mayor
	Russ Pelleberg	City Administrator
	Nickole North	Clerk/Treasurer
	Laura McAloon	City Attorney
	Kendel Froese	City Assistant Attorney
Kenneth Smith		Councilmember
Nancy Hawks-Thompson		Councilmember
Jami Sears		Councilmember
Mark Zorica		Councilmember
Keith Campbell		Mayor Pro Tem

At 6:00 PM, Mayor Sands called the meeting to order followed by roll call and the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the agenda and minutes from the May 17, 2021 Council Meeting; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Sands stated that the City had received a resignation letter from the Centennial Plaza Improvement Association. She thanked them for their many years of helping to beautify Newport. On the other hand, she received good news, that Sue Mauro has expressed interest in taking over these duties and continue the good work that the Association has done.

Mayor Sands stated that due to the scheduled special meeting at 6:30 PM of the Pend Oreille County Public Utility District Board of Commissioners for the workshop portion of this regular City Council meeting, there will be no audience participation or staff comments tonight.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Resolution 06072021 approving a loan from the State of Washington Department of Ecology; authorizing the execution of a loan agreement; and providing for other matters property related thereto; Councilmember Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Smith moved to approve Agreement NP2021-05 – water quality combined financial assistance agreement between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and City of Newport for a Wastewater Master Plan; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the Hotel/Motel Tax Request for \$1,000.00 to assist with advertising of the Newport Rodeo; Councilmember Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Campbell moved to approve the Hotel/Motel Tax Request for \$1,000.00 to assist with advertising of the Newport Festival; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried. With Councilmember Smith abstaining due to a personal involvement with this event.

BILLS & PAYROLL:

Councilmember Smith moved to approve the bills and payroll; Councilmember Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS CHECKS 64191-64219	\$33,464.98
REVERSE PAYMENT CK 63795 WAS LOST & REPLACED BY CK 64197	(\$1,044.31)
CLAIMS EFT 05/13/2021 Run 1-8	\$12,889.44
PAYROLL EFTS 1114-1118; DIRECT DEPOSIT 05/21/2021	\$61,108.93

WORKSHOP:

A follow up presentation on municipal utilities by Kevin Mara and Gary Saleba from GDS & Associates, Inc. began at 6:40 PM.

A presentation on continued franchise by Pend Oreille County Public Utility District began at 7:05 PM.

There was no public comment. Councilmember Zorica asked City Attorney McAloon to prepare an updated franchise agreement with Pend Oreille County Public Utility District for Council review at the next workshop.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Attest:



Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By:



Shirley Sands
Mayor