

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
September 06, 2022

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on September 06, 2022, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 S. Washington Avenue, Newport, Washington, with the following present:

	Keith Campbell	Mayor
	Abby Gribi	City Administrator
	Nickole North	Clerk/Treasurer
	Rachel Granrath	Planning Consultant
Kenneth Smith		Councilmember
Jordan Bowman		Councilmember
Jami Sears		Councilmember
Mark Zorica		Mayor Pro Tem
Nathan Longly		Councilmember

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from the August 15th, 2022 Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Zorica stated that Bob's Car Show this past weekend was very successful with around 100 cars participating. He also gave kudos to the city crew and stated that the park looks great!

CITY ADMINSTRATOR COMMENTS:

City Administrator Gribi stated that the quiet title process has been completed reference the Skyliner land swap and we should be able to move forward with that transaction.

New Health has submitted their conditional use permit and building permits. The conditional use hearing will take place September 13th at 10:00AM. The conditional use hearing is to allow for a drive through in the C-1 zone.

Ms. Gribi met with Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) and they want to work with the County and the City to get more square footage of pavement on the funding request.

Cities on Tap will be September 27th 5:00-7:00 PM in Spokane Valley. If Council is interested in attending, they were asked to contact City Hall staff to get registered.

The outer area of the RV Park has been hydroseeded and curbing on the mid-section should be completed by mid-October. The interior will be hydroseeded next year.

Ms. Gribi will be having a meeting next week with the Risk Pool to go over property and make sure buildings are insured correctly.

There were open public meetings held to discuss business registrations and to get public input. Two known contractors that did City work were using the wrong code to pay sales tax when asked to check. Ms. Gribi asked for guidance from the Council on what they would like done next. There are roughly 190 businesses commercial accounts in the City and around 20-25 business owners attended the public meetings and voiced against the registration. Councilmember Longly would like for the Council to reach out to other businesses that didn't attend the meetings to see their thoughts on the matter. Councilmember Bowman would like the Ordinance cut down some and the fat trimmed off it. Mayor Campbell stated that he doesn't want to see this die and would like to see it keep moving forward. Sue Mauro of the Chamber of Commerce is for the registration and she offered to do an e-blast out to the businesses and ask for support of the registration. Ms. Gribi is to bring back a plan of action to the next meeting.

WSDOT did hold a meeting with Ms. Gribi and Mayor Campbell regarding the intersection of highway 20 & Highway 2. There are still concerns of traffic flow.

Councilmember Zorica asked if a camera system could be placed in the RV Park and a fence along Garden Avenue. Ms. Gribi stated that would cost around \$15-20,000.00. Mr. Zorica asked if that could be incorporated into the budget next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Bowman moved to accept the proposed Quail Annexation per the staff report and RCW 35A.14.420-.450; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to allow Mayor Campbell to appoint Carla Aannerud to Planning Commission Position No. 4 to expire 01/02/2027; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

Sue Mauro gave a Centennial Plaza update. She gave a recap of the many improvements and repairs that have taken place since the last quarterly report.

Terri Ivie, Chair Pend Oreille Valley Relay for Life gave an update on the Pend Oreille Valley Relay for Life event. There were 47 survivors and over \$9,000.00 was raised for the Cancer Society.

BILLS & PAYROLL:

Councilmember Zorica questioned why public works is purchasing one bolt at a time instead of a box of bolts. He further questioned why one of the Public Defenders is being paid such a high amount. He felt that public defender needs to be filing their quarterlies on time so that his

payments are not compiling up. Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the bills and payroll; Councilmember Bowman seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS CHECKS 65144-65169	\$82,970.68
CLAIMS EFT 08/03/2022 Run 1-3	\$4,802.98
PAYROLL EFTS 1297-1301 & DIRECT DEPOSIT 08/17/2022	\$58,541.59

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Attest: 

Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By: 

Keith Campbell
Mayor