

**MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON**  
**February 06, 2023**

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on February 06, 2023, 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
Kenneth Smith		Councilmember
Jordan Bowman		Councilmember
Jami Sears		Councilmember
Mark Zorica		Mayor Pro Tem
Nathan Longly		Councilmember

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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 Longly moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from the January 17, 2023 Council Meeting; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Campbell stated that he is very grateful for the County Commissioners.

Councilmember Longly reviewed possible reasons why there could have been a possible reduction in property tax revenue.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Brian Monk residing at 566 Quail Loop, Newport, WA spoke in support of the Quail Annexation.

Jared Horton residing at 208 W. Circle Drive, Newport, WA also spoke in support of the Quail Annexation.

Robert Rosencrantz, Pend Oreille County Commissioner, residing at 615 W. Pine #14, Newport, WA stated that they are in the process of paying the City for the award of the ARPA funds to assist with rehabbing two city wells. The total amount awarded for the wells is \$46,606. He further stated that he would be the contact person for the EMS District and encouraged any thoughts be directed to him as the liaison.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:**

City Administrator Gribi stated that the County Commissioners passed the Comprehensive Plan today and Newport is working on getting together everything needed for the next annual update.

Ms. Gribi has been approached by a citizen interested in possibly purchasing the city owned lot on Spruce Street. She was also approached by another individual that was interested in putting in a possible charging station on the corner of Spokane and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The Council stated that they would be open to discussing the sale of the Spruce Street property.

Administrator Gribi is working on a contract for a construction standards consultant with SCJ Alliance to review submitted engineered plans to make sure citizens are meeting the City's requirements. This will be for large scale developments to accept infrastructure.

A meeting with Washington State Department of Ecology is being scheduled to discuss the sewer plant.

Ms. Gribi will be attending the City Action Days next week and will be speaking to the needs of the wastewater treatment plant.

An Evergreen Manufacturing Grant was brought to her attention by the Economic Development Council and funds are needing spent this year. Pend Oreille Industries would like to utilize these funds to get the Newsprint Plant in Usk operational again. The Council were in consensus of writing a letter of support for this project.

There was discussion regarding the Newport RV Park sign. It was the consensus of the Council to make the signs uniform to the one on the Highway coming into the City and to stay with the color scheme. It appeared that many of the Council liked the thought of Founder's Park as the name and that name plates would be placed at each site with a name of a founder on it. Councilmember Zorica stated that he would donate the engraved nameplates for each site. They are to bring back to the next meeting a final name for the RV Park. They also agreed that the Kiosk should consist of a tamper resistant glass to cover all notices and that both signs should be made for longevity and high eye appeal.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilmember Longly moved to move forward with the Quail Annexation as the staff recommended to approve the Quail Annexation; Councilmember Zorica seconded. All were in favor except Councilmember Sears who voted against the motion. She felt that the motion should have been what the Planning Commission recommended and if one property owner was exempted the other one should have been also. The ordinance finalizing this will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution 02062023 revoking all prior fee resolutions and adopting a new fee schedule to charge for staff time and supplies to perform fecal coliform tests; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Addendum 2 to Cleaning Services Agreement NP2021-14 with Red Rose Cleaning; Councilmember Bowman seconded. Motion carried.

City Administrator Gribi led a discussion on the possible development of an EMS District. The Council is all for getting more information on this topic. Mayor Campbell and Councilmember Zorica would be interested in attending future meetings.

**BILLS & PAYROLL:**

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

CLAIMS CHECKS 65438-65472	\$29,434.04
CLAIMS EFT 02/06/2023 Run 1-8	\$22,021.28
PAYROLL EFTS 1371-1378 & DIRECT DEPOSIT 01/20/2023	\$74,159.98


**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Attest:

  
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Nickole North, MMC, CPFA  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Keith Campbell  
Mayor