

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
March 06, 2023

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on March 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
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 February 21, 2023 Council Meeting; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Smith spoke regarding an event that will be held by the Creative District in Newport.

Councilmember Longly stated that planning the annual Easter egg event is underway. If anyone has any ideas or would like to help, please reach out to him or Sue Mauro with the Chamber of Commerce.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Linda Cassella, 31 Deer Rd, Newport, WA, spoke regarding an event that the Newport Creative District held at Kelly's on January 29th. The event was to gather capital project ideas and they got feedback with over 75 ideas. Those ideas were presented to the Council for their review to see what citizens would like to see in Newport. There will be a place to vote on the ideas to prioritize them on their Facebook Page - Newport Creative District.

Erik Gallanger, 487 S. Alder, Colville, WA, Chief Paramedic with POEMS gave an update. He invited the Council to do an EMS ride along.

Robert Deilke, 2443 Flowery Trail, Newport, WA spoke regarding some exciting changes that will be taking place with the Newport Rodeo this year. They are getting all new stadium quality lighting. The lights are LED so will be much less expensive to run the lights. A Jumbotron will

be installed. They are looking into having a free bus service running from downtown Newport to and from the Rodeo called "Ride to the Rodeo" that will hopefully keep people downtown and will run from noon to 10:00 PM. The carnival will be back this year with some new rides. A family night will take place Thursday night for sponsors and their families with free food and activities in the rodeo arena. Seats will be numbered this year and all tickets will be sold online. Handicap seating and parking have been tripled. With the improvements, he is hopeful that other large events can take place at the rodeo grounds in the future bringing people to our community. Mr. Deilke also pleaded with the Council to not sell the lot on the corner of Hwy 2 and Calispel Avenue but rather to utilize that area for signage to direct tourists how to get to the rodeo grounds and advertising of upcoming events as things grow.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

City Administrator Gribi asked the Council if they would like to discuss compensation for future Councilmembers. They asked that this topic be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Clean Energy Presentation was given by Jamie Wyrobek, Economic Development Council Director

BILLS & PAYROLL:

Councilmember Longly moved to approve the bills and payroll; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS CHECKS 65518-65535	\$24,829.67
CLAIMS EFT 03/06/2023 Run 1-2	\$2,951.70
PAYROLL EFTS 1387-1394 & DIRECT DEPOSIT 02/22/2023	\$66,893.02

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council entered an executive session to discuss possible litigation relevant to RCW 42.30.110(i)(ii) at 6:42 PM for 15 minutes. The Council came out of executive session at 6:57 PM. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Attest: 

Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By: 

Keith Campbell
Mayor