

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
February 21, 2023

A regular meeting of the Newport City Council was held on February 21, 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 Absent
Jami Sears		Councilmember
Mark Zorica		Mayor Pro Tem Absent
Nathan Longly		Councilmember

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. This was followed by roll call and the pledge of allegiance. He announced that he had received a letter of resignation from Councilmember Bowman due to moving out of the City. Councilmember Zorica was absent due to work and Councilmember Longly moved to excuse his absence; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

Councilmember Longly moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from the February 06, 2023 Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Campbell reminded citizens to license their dogs by the end of the month to avoid a late fee. He also thanked Councilmember Bowman for his involvement with the Council and stated that he was a good asset to the community and the Council and that he will be missed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Rob Owen residing at 74 N. Milwaukee, Newport, WA recommended to the Council that business owners in the City should be required to keep their sidewalks clear in front of their businesses to encourage a walking friendly city. He also inquired about the Volunteer Fire Department sign that the Newport School had made to be mounted on the side of the Fire Hall. Ms. Gribi stated that she would check into this. Further, Mr. Owen asked if the RV Park would be operational and ready to go once construction was complete. He let the Council know that two basketball tournaments are coming to Newport in June. One weekend will be boys and the following girls. Players will be staying in the high school but many businesses will be benefiting from them and their families shopping and eating locally.

Boneta Sheffler, 118 McAvoy Rd, Newport, was present in support of Fire District 4 and their Fire Chief Webber. She allotted the remainder of her time to Chief Webber to speak, however he declined to speak until a later time.

Robert Rosencrantz, 615 W. Pine Street #14, Newport, WA spoke about being the liaison for the EMR District and encouraged the Council to make this a priority so that ambulance services are available within the city.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

City Administrator Gribi stated that she and staff had met with the Washington State Department of Health. They worked with a water engineer on infrastructure and funding possibilities.

Last week Ms. Gribi attended Association of Washington Cities Action Days. The new gas surcharge will not be going to cities and will be going to the state instead. She spoke about the wastewater treatment plant needs and funding package with the legislatures and how they could play a role in that.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Ordinance 2110 providing for the annexation of certain real property to the City of Newport, Washington; commonly known as the “Quail Annexation”; providing for the assumption of existing indebtedness; adopting the comprehensive land use plan and zoning designation; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Task Order 2023-01 Additional Survey Services Lazy Acres Land Swap with J-U-B Engineers, Inc.; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Smith moved to amend the Fee Resolution that was approved at the previous meeting to add a \$20.00 Business License Fee; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Ordinance 2111 adopting business licenses; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Smith moved to officially name the RV Park “Founders RV Park”; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

A financial report, law enforcement report and fire department report were given to the Council for their review.

BILLS & PAYROLL:

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

CLAIMS CHECKS 65478-65517

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CLAIMS CHECKS 65473-65477
CLAIMS EFT 02/16/2023 Run 1-9
CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 02/16/2023 Run 1-5
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1379-1386; Dir Deposit Run 02/06/2023

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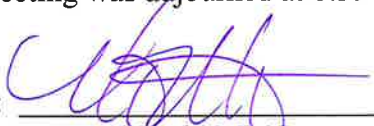
WORKSHOP:

The Council went into a workshop at 6:30 PM to discuss revenue solutions for the Street Fund. Potential revenue sources were presented to the Council for their review. Ms. Gribi let the Council know that not one thing will fix this. She also discussed not filling positions when people resign, purchasing county surplus equipment to be able to do street projects inhouse, and imposing a utility tax. Another workshop will be scheduled for the second meeting in March to discuss this further. Ms. Gribi asked the Council to let her know ahead of time which revenue sources they would like for her to look into so that she can rank them and explore them prior to the next workshop.

ADJOURNMENT:


The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Attest:



Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By:



Keith Campbell
Mayor