

**MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON**  
**November 07, 2022**

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on November 07, 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
	Kendel Froese	City Attorney
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 Zorica moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from the October 17, 2022 Council Meeting; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Campbell stated that he appreciates the Public Works Crew removing snow from the streets. He reminded everyone to vote; tomorrow is the day! Mayor Campbell also thanked Councilmember Sears for coordinating the 800 hot dogs and around 900 pieces of candy that were given out. Councilmember Zorica stated that he felt it was the biggest Halloween event he's noticed. He thanked the businesses downtown for participating. Councilmember Longly thanked all of the volunteers that helped with the event.

Councilmember Smith stated that a traffic expert from Department of Transportation would gladly come and talk to the Council regarding the traffic issue by the Mountain West Bank.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Rob Parker, 607 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport, WA asked about donating ornaments from students again this year for the Christmas tree. He was directed to contact Sue Mauro who is heading up the Christmas tree event for the Chamber.

Lisa Johnson, 447 S. State Street, Newport, WA spoke regarding the Clark Annexation. She has concerns about future development should the property be annexed into the City. If certain building options are allowed once annexed then she is opposed to the annexation.

Robert Rosencrantz residing at 615 W. Pine #14, Newport, WA told City Administrator Gribi well done and thank you for helping the Town of Ione get funding from Tri County Economic Development. He stated that without her perceptiveness it would not have gotten done.

Thomas Foster, 728 S. Newport Avenue, Newport, WA is concerned about the Clark Annexation.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:**

City Administrator Gribi stated that it was Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Endahl's last day. She has worked for the City 24 years and 25 ½ years working in Pend Oreille County.

A tree has been purchased and will be decorated but it is not taking anything away from the Chamber's festivities. The annual parade will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December.

Ms. Gribi and Police Chief Duxbury met with a vendor regarding Nixle notification and having our own. Currently this can be done through the County but it would be nice for the City to have the ability to send out their own notifications. The quote is for \$3,300 per year with a one time set up fee of \$264. This would be setup for Streets, Water, Sewer and Police.

During the budget session, a new plow was discussed. She and Public Works Director North traveled to Deer Park to look at their plow, which they highly recommend. Ms. Gribi asked that some of the ARPA funds be moved from the Sewer Fund to the Current Expense Fund as revenue loss and that she be authorized to order the plow. Quotes were coming in on other plows for around \$53,000, this plow delivered would cost \$45,000. Councilmember Longly moved to allow City Administrator Gribi to order the plow and move ARPA funds from the Sewer Fund to the Current Expense fund as revenue loss; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Ordinance 2107 under RCW 35A.14.120 and 36.70B.170 providing for the annexation of certain real property to the City of Newport, Washington; Commonly known as the "CLARK ANNEXATION"; Providing for the assumption of existing indebtedness; adopting the comprehensive land use plan and zoning designation of said real property with the conditions provided; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Agreement NP2023-01 Interlocal Governmental Contract for Dispatch Communication Services between The City of Newport, Washington and Pend Oreille County January 01, 2023 through December 31, 2025; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Resolution 11072022 declaring 2013 Chevy Tahoe with VIN number 1GNSK2E00DR114967 owned by the City of Newport to be excess and surplus property and authorizing the means of disposal; Councilmember Bowman seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution 11082022 declaring Pitney Bowes Postage Machine with serial number 0856985 and City Tag ID 001423 owned by the City of Newport to be excess and surplus and authorizing the means of disposal; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Bowman moved to approve Resolution 11092022 adopting a fee schedule for City Operator/Equipment; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Resolution 11102022 setting the salaries for each step within each employment classification & establishing a COLA to be used in 2023 for city employees; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Agreement NP2023-02 Cooperative Building Maintenance Contract between the Board of Trustees of the Pend Oreille County Library District and the City of Newport; Councilmember Bowman seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve the updated Maintenance Worker Journey Level job description; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

**BILLS & PAYROLL:**


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

CLAIMS CHECKS 65281-65308	\$56,158.32
CLAIMS EFT 11/02/2022 Run 1-8	\$69,873.97
PAYROLL EFTS 1323-1330 & DIRECT DEPOSIT 10/19/2022	\$67,828.59


**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Attest:

  
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Nickole North, MMC, CPFA  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Keith Campbell  
Mayor