

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
November 21, 2022

A regular meeting of the Newport City Council was held on November 21, 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
Kenneth Smith		Councilmember
Jordan Bowman		Councilmember
Jami Sears		Councilmember
Mark Zorica		Mayor Pro Tem
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. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from the November 07, 2022 Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Campbell congratulated Pend Oreille County Commissioner Rosencrantz on winning the election.

Councilmember Zorica announced that December 3rd will be the Christmas event downtown. He asked anyone interested in volunteering to help to meet at the Chamber office around 3:00 PM.

Councilmember Zorica further stated that the groundbreaking for New Health next to the Mexican restaurant is very exciting!

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

City Administrator Gribi let the Council know that there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for New Health on December 5th and encouraged them to attend if possible.

There has been a special Planning Commission meeting scheduled for the Quail Annexation on December 12th at 5:30 PM.

A letter of intent was received from POEMS asking for an EMS district to be created and a levy in August placed on the ballot to be able to go forward with the service.

Water Operator Shea Courtney has passed the test for his Water Treatment Plant Operator I license.

Councilmember Zorica moved to allow the City to sell the surplus police vehicle through the state surplus program; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

The AWC Small Cities Advisory Committee will be discussing how to get small entities engaged. Ms. Gribi asked the Council to let her know if they have any suggestions.

City Action Days will be February 15th & 16th Ms. Gribi asked any of the Council interested to let her know and she will register them.

NEW BUSINESS:

The water overage waive request from Kathy Bennett was discussed and the Council advised staff to encourage her to reach out to Rural Resources for assistance paying the overage amount. Ms. Bennett was not in attendance.

A Public Hearing on Revenue Sources and Budget Amendments was opened at 6:15 PM. Nickole North, City Clerk/Treasurer discussed revenue increases to the property tax levy. Increases to water and sewer were not discussed until the rate studies are back from the water and sewer plans when completed. A revenue increase to the street fund is needed very badly and a cut to the street budget was necessary to balance the budget. City Administrator Gribi went over a few minor changes to the fee schedule. The revenue portion of the public hearing was closed at 6:40 PM and the budget amendment portion was continued to the next meeting.

Councilmember Bowman moved to approve Resolution 11212022 increasing the regular property tax levy and authorizing for the levy to be collected in the 2023 tax year; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Resolution 01012023 revoking all prior fee resolutions and adopting a new fee schedule; Councilmember Bowman seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Bowman moved to allow the Clerk/Treasurer to sign the Treasury Management Services Enrollment Form with Mountain West Bank; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Agreement NP2022-23 with Everbridge for Nixle services; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

BILLS & PAYROLL:

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

CLAIMS CHECKS 65309-65341	\$40,422.10
CLAIMS EFT 11/17/2022 RUN 1-5	\$9,352.68

CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 11/17/2022 RUN 1-8
PAYROLL EFTS 1331-1338: Dir Deposit Run 11/04/2022

\$7,114.00
\$66,991.49

WORKSHOP:

A workshop to discuss business licenses took place. Council directed City Administrator Gribi to bring back an ordinance at a future meeting to implement the license.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Attest:



Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By:



Keith Campbell
Mayor