

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
December 19, 2022

A regular meeting of the Newport City Council was held on December 19, 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 December 05, 2022 Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Campbell announced that the first Council Meeting in January will be cancelled due to the short turn around after the end of the year. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 17th due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Mayor Campbell stated that the employee Christmas party was a good time and Officer Garza was presented with a Life Saving Award by Chief Duxbury. He congratulated her and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Zorica stated that there was a business sponsored event at the Roxy Theatre with around 200 people attending. He also thanked the Public Works department for removing snow in the business district.

Councilmember Longly thanked those that organized the Christmas Parade, he and his children enjoyed it.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

City Administrator Gribi stated that the new plow has been received and is operational. It has really been helpful in snow removal.

City Attorney interviews were held and a contract for a new attorney for the city will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

Police Chief interviews were held and there were two really good applicants.

The meeting with the Governor's Office has been postponed to a later date.

The public hearing to discuss the Quail annexation was held and a request for a final decision from Council will be coming at the first meeting in February.

OLD BUSINESS:

The public hearing on budget amendments was reopened at 6:07 PM. Clerk/Treasurer North reviewed the amendments needed for the 2022 budget. The 2022 budget would be increased by \$249,103.00. There was no public comment. The public hearing was closed at 6:11 PM.

The public hearing to review the 2023 annual budget was reopened at 6:11 PM. Clerk/Treasurer North reviewed the proposed 2023 annual budget. She stated her concerns over the street fund and asked the Council to think of a way to increase revenue in the street fund. Councilmember Zorica asked that a workshop be scheduled at the second meeting in February to discuss street revenues. The proposed budget for 2023 is \$8,444,811.00. There was no public comment. The public hearing was closed at 6:18 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Bowman moved to approve Ordinance 2108 amending the fiscal year 2022 budget; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Ordinance 2109 adopting the fiscal year 2023 budget; Councilmember Bowman seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to update the Code Enforcement Officer job description to Police Clerk; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried. Councilmember Bowman recused himself from this motion due to being related to the employee currently in this position.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement NP2022-19 to provide interim City Attorney Services; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve the employment agreement with Wade Nelson as Chief of Police for the City of Newport; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Agreement NP2023-03 with Pend Oreille County for Jail Services for 2023-2025; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Agreement 2-E-892(005)-1 Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) award in the amount of \$370,017 with a \$19,474 match; Councilmember Bowman seconded. This project should be done late summer, early fall 2023. Motion carried.

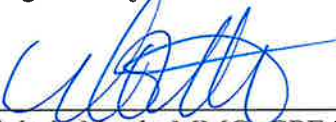
BILLS & PAYROLL:

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


CLAIMS CHECKS 65359-65393	\$292,248.65
CLAIMS CHECKS 65363, 65377, 65384, 65389, 65390	VOID
CLAIMS EFT 12/14/2022 RUN 1-6	\$130,956.16
CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 11/17/2022 RUN 1-8	\$7,400.00
PAYROLL EFTS 1347-1354: Dir Deposit Run 12/07/2022	\$75,221.76

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Attest: 

Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By: 

Keith Campbell
Mayor