

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON

May 01, 2023

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on May 01, 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
Nathan Weathers		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 Longly moved to approve the agenda as amended and the minutes from the April 17, 2023 Council Meeting; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Campbell commented on appreciating the crew for getting the parks ready and sweeping the streets. He stated that Earth Day went well and there was a nice turnout. Councilmember Sears felt that it was a great community event.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jared Reber, residing at 918 W 5th Street in Newport, spoke regarding the code that regulates litter and junk vehicles. He is hoping that something will change and the City will be cleaned up.

Erik Gallanger, residing in Colville, WA, gave a POEMS update. They had 107 calls for service last month with 74 being 911 calls. They have hired 2 more medics and are interviewing an additional EMT. They currently have 34 uniformed personnel.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

City Administrator Gribi let the Council know that she and the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer had reviewed the annual report but she needed to schedule for one Councilmember and the Mayor Pro Tem to come and review it as well prior to the next meeting. Councilmember Weathers volunteered to review the annual report along with Mayor Pro Tem Zorica. They will touch base with Clerk/Treasurer North to schedule a time.

May 15-19th is filing week for the four Council positions that are up for election this year.

Administrator Gribi attended a TIB workshop in Colville and met with the engineer regarding possible ideas for a project.

June 20-23rd is the annual AWC Conference, she will be attending and would like others on the Council to attend as well. She asked them to let her know if they would like her to register them.

A confined space training took place last week and it was really good. All public works employees attended as well as herself.

Administrator Gribi will be on a panel at the AWC Labor Institute Wednesday through Friday and then on vacation for two weeks.

Business licenses are going online tomorrow with 14 months to comply. Training will take place on May 25th and everyone should be in compliance by June 2024.

Administrator Gribi put her name in to be on the CIAW board.

There have been people traveling at excessive speeds on the road between Grizzly Stretch and the RV Park in the area of the ball fields. The Council had no reservations about Administrator Gribi installing 5 mile per hour signs in that area for pedestrian safety.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW) Scott Kellams Excellence in Risk Management Service Award was presented to City Administrator Gribi and the City of Newport for 2022 by Blair Kok with Clear Risk Solutions. Mr. Kok said the City received this award because of Administrator Gribi's hard work and that she is a great proponent for Newport.

Councilmember Sears moved to approve \$1,000 each for the Newport Rodeo and the Newport Rough Stock Event hotel/motel tax requests; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Agreement NP2023-09 with Valley Empire for collection services; Councilmember Weathers seconded. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the draft RV Park Rules. Councilmember Zorica suggested a maximum of two vehicles be allowed at each site. He questioned if there would be a curfew time extension during events. Further he asked what the procedure would be if there was an oil or fuel leak. Discussion was held about the length of trailer allowed. Councilmember Longly asked if there should be something stating that owners will be held liable for their dogs' actions and discussed making the dogs be on a short leash. There was also discussion on a two week (10 day) maximum stay time with campers leaving for a minimum of 7 days before they would be allowed back into the park. Councilmember Zorica also suggested a QR Code be created for payment/reservations. City Administrator Gribi stated that she would take back their suggestions and bring a revised draft of the RV Park Rules back at a future meeting.

City Administrator Gribi let the Council know that an advisory vote will no longer be an option and recommended waiting for the general election. August 1st is the deadline to get something on the ballot. She recommended sending out educational pieces between now and then. The City is utilizing around \$2.06 of the allowed levy and that leaves around \$1.53 to ask for on the ballot for a fire levy. The City can ask for up to \$1.50 per 1000 for fire and up to .50 per 1000 for EMS.

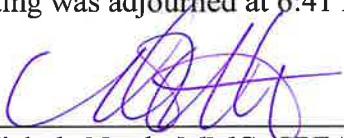
BILLS & PAYROLL:

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

CLAIMS CHECKS 65615-65644 (64724 re-issue)	\$20,131.21
CLAIMS EFT 04/25/2023 Run 1-4	\$1,086.27
CLAIMS EFT 04/25/2023 Run 2 *VOID* - printed as a check and included above	
PAYROLL EFTS 1419-1426 & DIRECT DEPOSIT 04/19/2023	\$72,355.69

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Attest: 

Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By: 

Keith Campbell
Mayor