

**MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON**  
**June 05, 2023**

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on June 05, 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

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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:**

The Centennial Plaza update will be moved to the next meeting. Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the agenda as amended and the minutes from the May 15, 2023 Council Meeting; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Campbell announced that the next Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> due to the Juneteenth holiday.

Councilmember Sears attended the new exhibit event at the museum and she recommends going to check it out. Councilmember Longly also attended the museum today and recommended going as well.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:**

City Administrator Gribi met with the Transportation Improvement Board Engineer to discuss future projects.

Administrator Gribi asked for a motion to restrict lime scooters from being ridden in the Parks since they are doing damage. Councilmember Weathers moved to geo fence the ballpark, rodeo grounds and parks as necessary regarding lime scooters; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

City Administrator Gribi had a meeting with the Pend Oreille County Youth Baseball Association and they would like to have a Jack & Jill tournament in September/October. They have received

a lot of community support. They don't wish to compete against the rodeo or rough stock event so will schedule games around those events. Councilmember Smith asked City Administrator Gribi to look into an RCW he thought was in effect that restricts the use of alcohol and firearms a certain distance away from the school campus. The Council was open to renegotiating the current agreement.

City Administrator Gribi gave a Wastewater Treatment Plant update. The original plan was to build a new membrane plant which would cost around \$40 million. With Department of Ecology pushback against this, the engineer has recommended a rehab of the existing plant. The rehabilitation of the existing plant would give 500,000 gallons per day capacity. There would be a 20 year timeframe to pay back loans and it would reduce the project to \$25-\$30 Million. She has a meeting to discuss rates and she is looking into funding opportunities with the goal being as little in loans as possible with the majority of the project being paid for with grants. The Mayor of Oldtown has been met with and brought up to speed on the project since the improvements and loan payback would impact them.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ray Hanson and Bill Deilke of the Newport Rodeo Association were present. Mr. Deilke spoke about the improvements that have been made and the desire to increase the use of the venue. He spoke about the proposed bus route that would be taking citizens from Safeway/Oldtown Super 1 to the rodeo grounds, running from 2:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Safeway and Super One are very supportive. They need funding for the drivers of the buses. The City is not able to help fund this, but they encouraged them to contact the Chamber of Commerce for assistance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Hotel/Motel Tax Request for Pend Oreille Relay for Life in the amount of \$1,000.00; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Agreement NP2023-10 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Pend Oreille County and City of Newport for each agencies Public Works Department; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

A Treasurer's Report was given to the Council for their review.

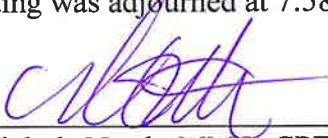
**BILLS & PAYROLL:**

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

CLAIMS CHECKS 65670-65684	\$11,968.02
CLAIMS EFT 05/31/2023 Run 1-2	\$861.42
CLAIMS CHECK 65306 VOID – Vendor unable to locate check	\$(9,233.81)
PAYROLL EFTS 1435-1442 & DIRECT DEPOSIT 05/19/2023	\$74,652.35

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Attest:   
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Nickole North, MMC, CPFA  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Keith Campbell  
Mayor