

**MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON**  
**May 15, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Newport City Council was held on May 15, 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 (Absent)
	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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Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. This was followed by roll call and the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:**

There were two amendments made to the agenda. Approval and authorization to send the annual report to the State Auditor was added to New Business and the annual payment for the LTGO Bond was added to the Claims EFTs changing the total EFTs paid to \$75,914.75. Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the agenda as amended and the minutes from the May 01, 2023 Council Meeting; Councilmember Weathers seconded. Motion carried.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Sears let the Council know that she will be gone for part of the time that she is scheduled to review bills. She asked if Councilmember Longly could switch with her and he agreed.

Councilmember Longly reminded everyone that this week is filing week if they plan on running for election.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Linda Cassella, residing at 31 Deer Road, Newport, WA, thanked the Council for allowing them to use the park for an Artwalk. It was well attended and they plan on having it be an annual event on Earth Day. She also gave a Creative District update and asked the Council for a letter of support to include with their application.

Robert Rosencrantz, Pend Oreille County Commissioner, residing at 615 W. Pine Street Apartment #14, Newport, WA, spoke regarding fire department levies. He asked that if the City asks for a

levy that they make it a similar rate as the surrounding fire districts as this would be strategically beneficial and create parity.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Aaron Hutchins, Location Manager for First Student Inc. was in attendance to answer any questions regarding providing buses during the Newport Rodeo event. He stated that he could have two buses available that weekend with possible drop off points at Safeway, Super One and the Oldtown Boat Launch. Jason Totland with the Chamber and Bill Deilke with the Newport Rodeo could not be in attendance but asked to be added to the next Council Meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss this topic further.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Newport Hotel/Motel Tax Request in the amount of \$1,000 payable to Newport Hospital & Health Service Foundation for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Newport Autumn Bloom 5K/10K Run; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to extend the RV Binding Site Plan for one year; Councilmember Longly seconded. Councilmember Zorica asked to have an update on the status of the RV Park and when it should be completed. Public Works Director North will be in attendance at the next meeting with an update. Motion passed.

Councilmember Weathers moved to approve and allow the annual report to be sent to the Washington State Auditor; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried.

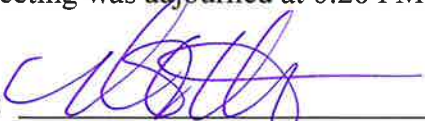
**BILLS & PAYROLL:**


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

CLAIMS CHECKS 65645-65669	\$40,352.88
CLAIMS EFT 05/11/2023 Run 1-12	\$75,914.75
CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 05/11/2023 Run 1-7	\$6,850.00
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1427-1434; Dir Deposit Run 05/03/2023	\$72,835.79

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Attest:   
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Nickole North, MMC, CPFA  
Clerk/Treasurer

By:   
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Keith Campbell  
Mayor