

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
September 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the Newport City Council was held on September 18, 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

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:

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from the September 05, 2023 Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Campbell stated that the crews are finalizing street repairs and gearing up for winter.

Councilmember Sears thanked the Kalispel Tribe for putting on the event for non-profit organizations and elected officials. She felt that it was very informational and good for everyone.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

City Administrator Gribi gave a punch list of the remaining items to complete the Founders RV Park.

Administrator Gribi spoke with the Kalispel Tribe regarding funding for a pickle ball court and it was suggested that she work through a non-profit, such as EDC. She will reach out to them and see if they would be willing to be the lead on this funding opportunity.

There is a Family Crisis event regarding domestic violence taking place and they have asked anyone wanting to attend to RSVP by the 15th.

The library will be having some public outreach meetings regarding building a new library.

The Shoreline Master Plan and Comp Plan will be coming before Council at the next meeting.

There has been EMS discussion and Fire District 4 is working through negotiations with POEM to buy them out and take over operations.

A homecoming parade will be taking place Friday at 1:00 PM with a BBQ in the Washington Federal parking lot intended for business partners.

Councilmember Longly moved to sign the quote to move forward with the Wastewater Treatment Plant project that was earmarked for ARPA funds; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Administrator Gribi stated that the Founders RV Park will be closing mid-October, weather permitting. The intention is to have the Park open mid-April to mid-October each year and leave reservations open so people can book. The Council was in agreement with this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Chief Nelson introduced the new Police Officer Swanson followed by Clerk/Treasurer North swearing him in.

Councilmember Zorica moved to allow Chief Nelson to sell 4 FTC Basic Pepper Ball Guns and accessories to the Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office for \$500.00 per gun; Councilmember Weathers seconded. Motion carried.

Terri Ivie was present and gave a recap of the Pend Orielle Valley Relay for Life Event. It was the 18th annual event and they take pride in having a fun family event. They raised around \$10,000 and couldn't do it without community support.

Councilmember Sears moved to create a meter reader job description and amend the clerk/treasurer, deputy clerk/treasurer and accounting clerk job descriptions; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Agreement NP2023-13 Stipulation to Advance Fund concerning a short plat between the City of Newport and CHM Properties inc., Daniel Pontius regarding Short Plat 301 West 8th Street; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Resolution 20230918 declaring Astro Chevy Van Serial Number IGCDL19X45B128316 as excess and surplus property and authorizing the means of disposal; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

BILLS & PAYROLL:

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


CLAIMS CHECKS 65852-65888	\$68,207.82
CLAIMS EFT 09/14/2023 Run 1-11	\$27,347.00
CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 09/14/2023 Run 1-5	\$4,350.00
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1495-1503; Dir Deposit Run 09/05/2023	\$73,542.26

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Attest: 

Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By: 

Keith Campbell
Mayor