

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
November 06, 2023

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on November 06, 2023, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 S. Washington Avenue, Newport, Washington, with the following present:

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| | Keith Campbell | Mayor |
| | Abby Gribi | City Administrator |
| | Nickole North | Clerk/Treasurer |
| Kenneth Smith | | Councilmember |
| Nathan Weathers | | Councilmember Absent |
| 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:

An appointment to Planning Commission #3 was added under Mayor's comments. Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the agenda as amended and the minutes from the October 16, 2023 Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Zorica moved to allow Mayor Campbell to appoint Troy Moody to Planning Commission Position 2 for an unexpired term to expire 01/02/2024 as well as a full term to expire 01/02/2029 and Ty Krohn to Planning Commission Position 3 for an unexpired term to expire 01/02/2028; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Campbell officially appointed Troy Moody to Planning Commission Position 2 to expire 01/02/2029 as well as Ty Krohn to Planning Commission Position 3 to expire 01/02/2028.

Mayor Campbell attended a conference a couple of weeks ago, it was very enlightening. He also received an email regarding transportation, specifically bus services and taxi services within the City limits. This is something that the City cannot do, however the City is able to improve the signage in the City and make sure all cross streets have correct signage. He is making this a personal effort to make sure intersections are signed correctly where needed.

Mayor Campbell asked the citizens to prepare for snow and make sure that their vehicles are moved so that the snowplows can plow the streets. Councilmember Smith stated that some streets have citizens parking diagonally and unless this is corrected two of the streets need to be written off because there is no way a plow can get through. Councilmember Zorica suggested that a drive by in the evening to see where the issues are should be done so that they can be addressed.

Councilmember Zorica stated that more and more people are almost getting hit at the intersection of the Post Office. He would like to see a lighted crosswalk there. It is a heavily congested area. Councilmember Zorica also asked if City Administrator Gribi can look into why there is no signage regarding jake brakes coming down into the City on Highway 20.

Mayor Campbell said it was a successful Halloween. He thanked Councilmember Sears for all of her work on this event, it was so appreciated. Councilmember Longly thanked all of the businesses that participated.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Councilmember Zorica moved to waive the park rental fees for the Chamber to rent the TJ Kelly Park on November 25th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM for the Hometown Vendor Market; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

The Council was in consensus that they needed more information regarding the individual interested in leasing or purchasing the city owned lot on Spruce Street. The individual is interested in a 5 year lease or purchase lease to own. He wants to install EV Charging Stations and would like to pay \$100 per month rent. City Administrator Gribi will reach out to him and gather more information for the Council.

Administrator Gribi will be issuing a letter within a week or so letting Fire District 4 know that the City will be ending the contract with them. She has had several conversations with SPOFR.

Administrator Gribi along with Mayor Campbell and Plant Superintendent Howard attended the IACC Conference and spoke with many agencies on funding scopes.

There was a fire levy question and answer open house held and five people attended.

Two new employees have started at the City.

The Police Department walls are up and electricity is to be installed soon. They are redoing the bathroom and putting up sheet rock.

The Public Works crew has been busy winterizing and Administrator Gribi is working with Public Works Director North to get a snowplow route to distribute to the public.

BILLS & PAYROLL:

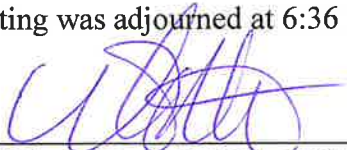
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the bills and payroll; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

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| CLAIMS CHECKS 65950-65969 | \$31,125.59 |
| CLAIMS EFT 10/30/2023 Run 1-4 | \$61,015.47 |
| DIRECT PAY 10/30/23 Run 1-2 | \$22,406.29 |
| PAYROLL EFTS 1522-1530 & DIRECT DEPOSIT 10/20/2023 | \$71,207.87 |

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Attest:



Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By:



Keith Campbell
Mayor