

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
February 20, 2024

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on February 20, 2024, 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 (Absent)
Elizabeth Spring		Councilmember
Jami Sears		Councilmember (Absent)
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. Councilmember Zorica moved to excuse Councilmember Smith's and Councilmember Sears' absence; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from the February 05, 2024 Council Meeting; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

City Administrator Gribi attended a SPOFR Commissioner meeting and it went good. She plans on attending a meeting once a quarter.

City Action days went well and Administrator Gribi was able to meet with Senator Short. They will be getting together for lunch once the session is over.

Administrator Gribi is working with RCAC on rural distressed community funding to possibly get a water rate study done.

Administrator Gribi will not be in attendance at the next Council Meeting due to a national conference in Nashville that she will be attending.

Police Officer Jessica Garza has been named the new Economic Development Council Director and has given notice to end her employment with the City.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ray Hanson, Newport Rodeo President, presented the City with a framed picture of the 75th anniversary to display in City Hall. The rodeo this year will be a 3 day event between June 20-

22nd. The first night will be a family night, the second is Patriot night and the third is cancer awareness pink night. June 19th will be a social event. There will be new bucking chutes this year and the ADA parking will be expanding this year. The Rough Stock Event will be moving to August this year and will be August 3rd. Mr. Hanson stated that the Newport Rodeo Association is willing to help with the Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween event; anything they can do to benefit the community.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Resolution 20240220 declaring certain property owned by the City of Newport to be excess and surplus property and authorizing the means of disposal, the motion further gave Administrator Gribi the authority to dispose of it by means of negotiating with other government agencies if they have a need for it; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Resolution 20240221 waiving city park water expenses; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.

A financial report was given to the Council for their review.

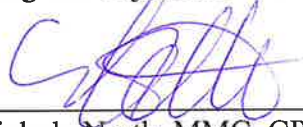
BILLS & PAYROLL:

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

2024 CLAIMS CHECKS 66100-66125	\$31,076.70
2024 CLAIMS EFT 02/13/2024 Run 1-11	\$38,903.99
2024 CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 02/13/2024 Run 1-8	\$7,076.65
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1585-1593; Dir Deposit Run 02/02/2024	\$79,206.89

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Attest: 

Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By: 

Keith Campbell
Mayor