MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON March 04, 2024

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on March 04, 2024, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 S. Washington Avenue, Newport, Washington, with the following present:

Keith Campbell Mayor (Absent)

Abby Gribi City Administrator (Absent)

Nickole North Clerk/Treasurer

Kenneth SmithCouncilmemberElizabeth SpringCouncilmemberJami SearsCouncilmemberMark ZoricaMayor Pro TemNathan LonglyCouncilmember

At 6:00 PM, Mayor Pro Tem Zorica called the meeting to order followed by roll call and the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

Councilmember Longly moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from the February 20th, 2024 Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Longly made a motion to waive the park rental fees for the Chamber sponsored Easter Egg Hunt this year; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly also stated that additional sponsors are needed and to contact him if anyone would like to be a sponsor for the Easter Egg Hunt.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Michele Masuen of 642 Yates Rd., Newport, WA asked the Council to allow the Farmer's Market to use the space on 3rd Street between Washington and Union avenue again this year. She also asked if they could use the City's barricades and cones for traffic control. Councilmember Longly moved to allow the Farmer's Market to utilize 3rd Street between Washington and Union avenue from the first weekend in May through the end of their season and close that space off with barriers provided by the City from 8:30 AM through 1:30 PM; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.

Patina Coote with Fire District 2 gave an EMS/Fire update. She stated that there were 142 calls within Pend Oreille County with 32 in the City of Newport. Two of the responses consisted of a motor vehicle collision and the other was a fire suppression event. All calls can be monitored on Fire District 2's website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Agreement NP2024-04 with Interwest Communications Corporation for phones and phone service to City Hall and the Police Department and to allow Nickole North to electronically sign the agreement; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

BILLS & PAYROLL:

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

2024 CLAIMS EFT 02/13/2024 Run 9&11 Corrections	\$110.21
2024 CLAIMS CHECKS 66126-66144	\$13,910.99
2024 CLAIMS EFT 03/04/2024 Run 1-5	\$2,767.30
2024 CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 03/04/2024 Run 1	\$5,842.58
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1594-1602; Dir Deposit Run 02/16/2024	\$76,975.45

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Attest:

Nickole North, MMC CPFA

Clerk/Treasurer

By:

Mark Zorica Yayor Pro Tem