

**MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON**  
**April 01, 2024**

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on April 01, 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
Elizabeth Spring		Councilmember
Jami Sears		Councilmember
Mark Zorica		Mayor Pro Tem
Nathan Longly		Councilmember

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At 6:00 PM, Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order 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 March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Campbell thanked Councilmember Longly for his hard work on the Easter Egg Hunt. He also thanked the Chamber and volunteers involved with the event. He felt it was a great success.

Councilmember Longly thanked all of the individuals and organizations involved with the Easter Egg Hunt. It was a fun, awesome time. He specifically thanked the Newport Rodeo Association, SPOFR, Relay for Life with the bunny, girl scouts, girls at the Visitor Center and City Hall, and the Library. He stated that it was a great time and an absolute success. He estimated around 800 citizens participated.

Councilmember Spring was concerned about traffic during the Easter Egg Hunt and asked if more law enforcement could be present. Administrator Gribi asked her to phone her when she sees a need and she will have the Police Department focus on a certain time.

Councilmember Zorica expressed his concern about the Lime Scooters. He is ok with them being here but wants to know how they were allowed in the City and stated that there has been an issue for several years with them not being taken care of or picked up. He would like more information regarding them at the next meeting.

Councilmember Longly asked what the grace period for businesses within the City to be required to have a business license is. Administrator Gribi believed it was May of this year.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Karen Kibbey, residing at 504 Quail Loop, Newport, WA asked if there is a way for the citizens of Newport to recycle more. It was suggested that maybe the local garbage supplier could begin a recycling route.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:**

City Administrator Gribi let the Council know that once a year a list of inventory is presented to the Council. This list is in their Council Folder for review.

Phones have been installed and will be ported over around 10:00 AM tomorrow. There will be a phone tree to push 1 to pay a utility bill, push 2 for the Police Department and push 3 for all other inquiries.

Administrator Gribi will be working on updating the hazard mitigation plan for the remainder of the year. School Resource Officer Aannerud has been helping and attending meetings. He has a FEMA background.

The rodeo banquet was well attended.

The annual SPOFR pancake feed will be held April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Fertile Valley station.

Quotes are being received on fire department improvements.

Continued partnerships are being looked for to help with the construction of the Pickle Ball Courts. Two courts will be constructed. Councilmember Zorica moved to allow funds up to \$25,000.00 be spent out of the REET Fund to complete this project; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.

A citizen approached Administrator Gribi interested in leasing the RV Park. It would be run as a business and they would maintain the grounds, pipes, etc. Currently the City is still working on finding a host. The Council gave her permission to look into a lease with this citizen.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the On Call Background Investigator job description; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Spring moved to approve the updated Entry Level Police Officer job description; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Resolution 20240401 declaring certain property surplus and authorizing the means of disposal; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Washington State Transportation Improvement Board Grant Agreement 2-E-892(007)-1 in the amount of up to \$125,000.00 for the 2024 Chip Seal, Multiple Locations Project with a match of up to \$6,579; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

**BILLS & PAYROLL:**

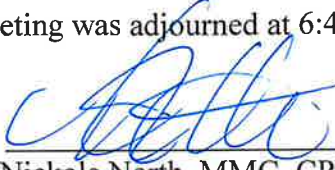
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the bills and payroll; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS CHECKS 66174-66189	\$112,496.28
CLAIMS EFT 03/22/2024 Run 1-8	\$16,819.15
CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 03/22/2024 Run 1	\$2,325.68
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1612-1620; Dir Deposit Run 03/18/2024	\$82,358.01


**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Attest:

  
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Nickole North, MMC, CPFA  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Keith Campbell  
Mayor