

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
May 06, 2024

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on May 06, 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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

JUB Task Order 2024-02, Newport Fire Station Windows Structure Design was added to the agenda under New Business. Councilmember Longly moved to approve the agenda as amended and the minutes from the April 15th, 2024 Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Zorica moved to authorize Mayor Campbell to appoint Chris Thomas to the Planning Commission, Position No. 1 to expire 01/02/2025; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Campbell appointed Chris Thomas to the Planning Commission, Position No. 1 to expire 01/02/2025.

Councilmember Longly was approached by a citizen that is concerned about a couple of individuals setting up camp behind Pend Oreille Players. It was recommended that he tell the concerned citizen to phone Pend Oreille County Dispatch with their concerns.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Gary Chantry, residing at 12171 SR 211, Usk, WA 99180, asked that the Council consider offering incentives to developers to encourage development in the City which would increase the tax base.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Councilmember Zorica moved to appoint City Administrator Gribi as the primary representative for the City of Newport to the Economic Development Advisory Committee; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.

The area representative for Lime Scooters was contacted and was told about the Council's concerns. They made commitments to be better and have tips for law enforcement to use if there are any issues. Administrator Gribi found in the Newport Municipal Code that scooters and skateboards are not allowed on the sidewalks of Washington Avenue. There have been no significant improvements since she spoke with them. Councilmembers Zorica and Longly asked that an agreement be provided by the 29th of May or they will be asked to remove the scooters from the City.

Councilmember Longly moved to participate in the Pend Oreille County Emergency Plan; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried.

Grease trap inspections are taking place currently by the Wastewater Treatment Plant staff. This will be a tool for education for business owners.

The Shoreline Permit has been received at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Conservation District has been contacted to see about funding opportunities.

There will be no garbage cleanup day this year but a schedule will be worked on for next year. However, a yard cleanup day can be arranged on June 8th. A picture ID and city bill will be required to make sure those participating are Newport City residents. The yard waste of lawn clippings, branches, etc. will be placed in a compost pile and used as topsoil for future City projects. It is expected to have this event annually. The event will be tentatively taking place from 10:00AM to 2:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Agreement NP2024-05 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Pend Oreille County Library District and the City of Newport, Washington for the purpose of providing access to the land needed to move forward with construction of a new library facility located at Geographic ID 453124130001 utilizing up to 65,000 square feet; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Spring moved to approve the annual report for submittal to the Washington State Auditor's Office; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Resolution 20240506 revoking all prior fee resolutions and adopting a new fee schedule; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve JUB Task Order 2024-02 for design of the Newport Fire Station window structure in the amount of \$11,810.00; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.

A finance report was provided to the Council for their review.


BILLS & PAYROLL:

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

CLAIMS CHECKS 66223-66242	\$39,791.93
CLAIMS EFT 04/29/2024 Run 1,3-4*	\$2,343.27
*EFT 2 replaced by Check 66242	
CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 04/29/2024 Run 1	\$3,167.00
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1630-1638; Dir Deposit Run 04/18/2024	\$81,313.08

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Attest: 

Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By: 

Keith Campbell
Mayor