

**MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON**  
**May 20, 2024**

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on May 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
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 May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Council Meeting; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Campbell stated that he as well as Councilmember Zorica and Administrator Gribi attended the Small City Connector. He felt that it was attended well and that the food was interesting. There was talk of the fire that Malden had which pretty much lost all of their city and to be able to recover was remarkable. He also thought it was interesting that the fire stopped at the steps to the church in town. Medical Lake also spoke about what they went through with fire. He felt it was pretty interesting and useful information. Councilmember Zorica stated that we need to be ready because they were not prepared. Councilmember Longly asked if there was any information available to the public. Councilmember Zorica suggested a workshop to make sure the City is prepared. Mayor Campbell also stated that the grand opening for New Health will be at 5:30 tomorrow.

Councilmember Sears asked who is in charge of removing trees in the City. The City is responsible for clearing trees off the City streets and coordinating with others if we are unable to due to size or safety issues.

Councilmember Longly received a concern from a citizen near where the new pickle ball courts are being constructed. She provided him with references and articles about noise issues. She also was concerned about the lack of space for kids to utilize since there are lower income families that could use that space. She also was concerned that the courts would decrease her property values.

Councilmember Longly also asked if Administrator Gribi has heard any more from the person interested in leasing the RV Park. Administrator Gribi has not heard back from them.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:**

City Administrator Gribi met with JoAnn Boggs regarding opting into the Pend Oreille County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. This would be incorporated into the water plan. Councilmember Longly moved to allow the Mayor to sign opting into the Pend Oreille County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Administrator Gribi will be meeting with Senator Short as well as attending the ribbon cutting at New Health.

June 8<sup>th</sup> will be the yard clean up day for city residents.

Grease trap inspections are almost complete and overall, they went well. She is hopeful that the fog will decrease at the WWTP.

The City WWTP was chosen by the Department of Ecology for PFAS testing. Three separate samples were taken and will be sent to DC to be looked at. The results will be shared. The City doesn't have industrial waste, which is why they were selected for testing.

Councilmember Longly moved to have the Mayor sign the RTPO Local Agency Project Prospectus for the sidewalk project in the big park and allow for the match requirement to be paid for out of REET 2 funds in the amount of \$21,600; Councilmember Spring Seconded. Motion carried.

Administrator Gribi did reach out to Lime Scooters and let them know the Council's requests. She has not seen a document yet and she let them know the date that it had to be returned to the Council. Councilmember Zorica stated that Spokane is paid by Lime to have the scooters in the City and he is wondering if this would help with police costs to deal with them.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A public hearing was opened at 6:36 PM to consider proposed amendments to the 2024 Fiscal Year Budget. Clerk/Treasurer North reviewed the need for a budget amendment. Covid capital expenditures in the Sewer Fund for a water reclaim booster skid upgrade at the WWTP was budgeted last year but the expense was not expended until this year. This resulted in a wash of an addition of \$103,010 to the expenditure budget and a reduction of \$103,010 to the expenditure budget ending cash. There was also a Covid capital expenditure in last year's Current Expense budget for the public safety building remodel that was not expended until this year. This also resulted in a wash of an addition of \$10,000 to the expenditure budget and a reduction of \$10,000 to the expenditure budget ending cash. The 2024 budget was increased by \$152,080 which is an increase of \$142,080 to the Street Fund for the TIB chip seal project as well as an increase of \$10,000 to the Current Expense Fund for the Pickle Ball Courts. The public hearing was closed at 6:40 PM.

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Ordinance 2120 amending the fiscal year 2024 budget; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the Binding Site Plan for the City of Newport RV Park; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Agreement NP2024-06 J-U-B Engineers, Inc. Agreement for Professional Services; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

**BILLS & PAYROLL:**

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

2024 CLAIMS CHECKS 66243-66274	\$82,237.00
2024 CLAIMS EFT 05/15/2024 2:14PM Run 1-10	\$86,954.44
2024 CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 05/15/2024 Run 1-10	\$19,865.33
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1639-1647; Dir Deposit Run 05/06/2024	\$79,411.98

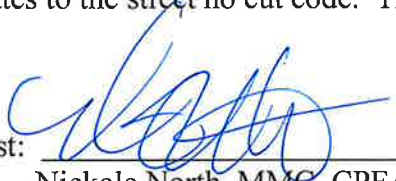
**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.


**WORKSHOP:**

A workshop was opened at 6:46 PM to discuss code updates. City Administrator Gribi reviewed code updates that she has been working on for the sewer system policy and city road excavations. Councilmember Sears had some questions regarding the water/sewer codes. She will come and meet with Administrator Gribi regarding her concerns. The Council had no issues with the code updates to the street no cut code. The workshop was closed at 7:02 PM.

Attest:

  
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Nickole North, MMC, CPFA  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Keith Campbell  
Mayor