

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
June 03, 2024

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on June 03, 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 Absent
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. Councilmember Smith moved to excuse Councilmember Spring's absence; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Campbell reminded everyone that this coming Saturday is the yard waste cleanup. Bring proof of living in the City and a driver's license and utility bill and you can drop off your yard waste. The location is 1020 W. 1st Street across from the City Park. The hours are from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Mayor Campbell also let everyone know that the pickle ball courts have been paved so are getting closer to being able to use.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jake Abbott residing at 400051 Highway 20, Cusick, WA and the Acting Great Newport Chamber President introduced himself and spoke of what the Chamber would like to accomplish. They have three priorities 1) Future Leaders, 2) Community Beautification, 3) Keeping the Visitor Center open. Official elections for the Chamber will be held this Fall.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

City Administrator Gribi has not received an agreement from LIME Scooters. Councilmember Longly moved to allow Administrator Gribi to ask nicely for the scooters to be removed from the City and if any pushback to engage the City Attorney; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried.

The Drinking Water Revolving Fund funding request to assist with the repairing of the leak at the 900,000 water tank was denied due to the event not being from natural causes. RCAC has agreed to help prepare a funding package for the City during the regular funding cycle. This will be a longer timeline but is partially forgivable.

A new server was budgeted, however now that IT services are with Vision it is cheaper to migrate to the CLOUD. There will be an annual fee but it will still be cheaper. Migration will begin this week. Staff will be able to log in and work from anywhere if something happens to City Hall.

Friday at 5:00 PM is the Senior Parade. Graduation will be later that night. Traffic provisions will be in place for the parade.

The Splash Pad will be opened this year on June 13th.

There are only three brick and mortar businesses that have not gotten their City Business License.

There is a greenhouse project to try to create year around food. Administrator Gribi will be meeting with them later this week. Councilmember Longly moved to allow the City logo to be placed on the flyer in support of this project; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

The Council was asked what they would like to see at the emergency preparedness workshop. It was agreed a step by step of what to do in case of a fire. Who would need to be contacted, who is in charge, where are the emergency shelters. Administrator Gribi felt that a tabletop would be adequate and will get the workshop scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution 20240603 declaring certain property owned by the City of Newport to be excess and surplus property and authorizing the means of disposal; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

BILLS & PAYROLL:


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

CLAIMS CHECKS 66275-66290	\$22,011.81
CLAIMS EFT 05/28/2024 Run 1-3	\$7,636.82
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1648-1656; Dir Deposit Run 05/17/2024	\$79,766.39

ADJOURNMENT:


The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Attest:



Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By:



Keith Campbell
Mayor