

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
June 17, 2024

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on June 17, 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:

Councilmember Longly moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from the June 3rd, 2024 Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Campbell attended the Bigfoot Festival this past weekend. He stated that the Rodeo is coming up this week and the event has been extended one day to include Thursday.

Councilmember Longly thanked the Fire Department and law enforcement for their quick response to the fire on the south side of town. Councilmember Smith stated that they also were involved with burning down a house for the hospital over the weekend as a training exercise.

Councilmember Spring let administration know that the welcome sign by the carwash is down and the frame is broken.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jack Stapleton residing at 329461 Highway 2, Newport, WA proposed a plan to bring Lime Scooters back to Newport. Councilmember Longly stated that the Council would be willing to look at a contract. Mr. Stapleton said that Lime would be in touch.

Councilmember Sears moved to lease Shannon Chasteen of Blessed Hope Baptist Church and residing at 615 S. Washington, Newport, WA, property located at the corner of Highway 2 and Calispel Avenue to use as a revival July 21st through July 25th; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

City Administrator Gribi stated that she has not received an agreement from Lime Scooters to date. They were very responsive and picked up the scooters right away as requested.

The semi-annual audit has started at the City and one of the Councilmembers should receive a call.

The lines painted on the State Highway were not the City. She is unsure whether they had an issue with their equipment or not.

Three temporary workers have been hired for the summer. Two street workers and one wastewater treatment plant worker.

The Newport Rodeo Parade will be this Saturday.

The pickle ball courts should be completed by early July. We are just waiting on the nets.

The Spray Park and sprinklers are on.

Several crosswalks will be painted this year with special emphasis on 1st Street and around the schools.

The water supply is being watched and there are no issues yet this year.

There were two fires this past week. One was planned and one was not planned. It was great to have SPOFR there to run the show.

The garbage clean up day happened. There were around two dozen people that participated and they were very grateful. A couple of thank you notes have been received. Administrator Gribi will be asking for another one in the Fall October 5th or 12th. She is thinking of holding the event maybe twice a year and will see about making the Spring event earlier next year.

Administrator Gribi will be attending the Annual AWC conference in Vancouver this week.

The approval of the Wastewater Facility Plan and General Sewer Plan have been approved by the Department of Ecology. The documents are on the City's website for review and will be on the next agenda for approval.

A new agreement with the Department of Ecology is in the works for the next phase which will be the Wastewater Project. There are three phases and this will be the pre-design phase. This will be a 50% forgivable loan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk/Treasurer North swore in Police Officer Tobeck. He is an entry level Police Officer and will be attending the academy in August.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve the hotel/motel tax in the amount of \$1,000 to the Newport Rodeo Association; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Smith moved to waive the noise ordinance June 20th, 21st and 22nd for the carnival to exceed the noise allowance until 11:30 PM on those days; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.

A financial report was given to the Council for their review.


BILLS & PAYROLL:

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


2024 CLAIMS CHECKS 66291-66308	\$16,251.34
2024 CLAIMS EFT 06/07/2024 2:14PM Run 1-12	\$38,611.98
2024 CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 06/07/2024 Run 1-8	\$6,956.86
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1657-1665; Dir Deposit Run 06/04/2024	\$84,054.90

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Attest: 

Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By: 

Mark Zorica
Mayor Pro Tem