

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

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on July 01, 2024, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 S. Washington Avenue, Newport, Washington, with the following present:

	Keith Campbell	Mayor ( <b>Absent</b> )
	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 Pro Tem Zorica called the meeting to order followed by roll call and the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:**

Agreement NP2021-05 Amendment #5 was added to the Agenda under New Business. Councilmember Longly moved to approve the agenda as amended and the minutes from the June 17, 2024 Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Longly attended the Farmer's Market and felt that there were a lot of neat things to be seen there. He highly encourages everyone to go down and attend it.

Councilmember Sears asked that everyone clean up after setting off fireworks and not leave debris.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:**

The third annual Better Together Celebration held by the Kalispel Tribe will be September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The pickle ball court will be completed in mid-July.

Grinding will be starting next week, weather dependent. Notice will be out on Facebook. This project will be taking place over the next few weeks.

Administrator Gribi attended the Annual AWC Conference. She was able to learn about a team that will match federal grant funding that she will be working with for the wastewater project.

Administrator Gribi also met with RCAC regarding the emergency response plan.

Police Officer Aannerud has resigned and will be working towards retirement up in Alaska. Chief Nelson will be working off the Civil Service List to replace him. He will also be working through the School Resource Officer process. There will be certain hours worked at the school until an SRO replacement is in place.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Hotel/Motel Tax in the amount of \$1,000 for advertising of the Pend Oreille Valley Relay for Life event; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Spring moved to approve Ordinance 2121 and exhibit A & B adopting the Newport General Sewer Plan and Wastewater Facility Plan and Providing for other matters relevant thereto; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Agreement NP2021-05 Amendment #5 between Department of Ecology and the City of Newport; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

A quarterly financial report was given by Clerk/Treasurer North. The second quarter of 2024 ended with \$4,822,892 in cash and investments. Sales tax and property tax both increased from last year's second quarter. Delinquent accounts have increased slightly. The Consumer Confidence Report was mailed out with the May water/sewer bills to be in compliance with Department of Health. The Annual Report was issued to the Washington State Auditor. The ARPA Annual Report was issued to US Department of Treasury. The Spring read went well and sewer excess charges were established. Currently backflow letters are being worked on and the Washington State Auditor is on site working on the City's bi-annual audit.

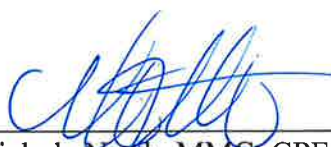
**BILLS & PAYROLL:**

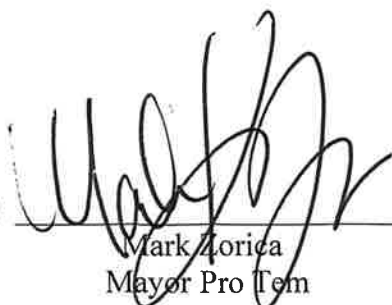
Councilmember Smith moved to approve the bills and payroll; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS CHECKS 66309-66334	\$65,682.46
CLAIMS EFT 06/25/2024 Run 1-4	\$2,948.40
CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 06/25/2024 Run 1	\$5,705.75
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1666-1674; Dir Deposit Run 06/21/2024	\$80,205.79

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Attest:   
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Nickole North, MMC, CPFA  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Mark Zorica  
Mayor Pro Tem