

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

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on September 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
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 Zorica moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from the August 19, 2024 Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Campbell stated that school is back in session so watch out for the kids walking to and from school. He also reminded everyone that the Autumn Bloom Run is coming up in TJ Kelly Park later this month.

Councilmember Sears stated that the Bike Rodeo will take place on the 14th at the Middle School parking lot.

Councilmember Longly attend Bob's Car Show this past weekend and it was well attended. He also stated that more of the streets are being taken care of and to be mindful of your neighbors while driving on them. The Pickle Ball Courts have been well received and definitely are a success. There are lots of people using them and he extended thanks to all involved.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

The Spray Park is normally turned off right after Labor Day but it will be left on until after next weekend due to the hot weather.

The sanitary survey will be occurring next Wednesday.

The crew is working into the evening to get the chip sealing done. The more the gravel is driven on before it is swept the better the end product will be. The streets will be swept the end of October. The Wastewater Treatment Plant bank stabilization will start this Fall. The permit has been obtained. The majority of this project will occur next year. Staff can do the work but equipment will need to be rented within the next three weeks.

The sound survey has come back. One large speaker on top of City Hall can accommodate the City. It can be connected to 9-1-1 and can be used as a PA system to put out information. The cost installed for this speaker would be around \$40,000. Councilmember Zorica asked if this would qualify for any type of emergency funding. Administrator Gribi will look into this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Terri Ivie, Co-Chair of Pend Oreille Relay for Life gave an event recap. The event occurred August 9th and 10th and raised over \$10,000 for the Cancer Society. She is proud that they can still have the event and it is nice to have the community behind them. The event has been supported for 19 years.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Resolution 20240903 to contract with the Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC), post official rosters, and utilize rosters maintained by MRSC, and providing for other matters properly related thereto; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.

BILLS & PAYROLL:

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


CLAIMS CHECKS 66432-66454	\$36,062.12
CLAIMS EFT 08/26/2024 Run 1-2	\$1,322.58
CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 08/26/2024 Run 1-2	\$5,049.95
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1707-1715; Dir Deposit Run 08/19/2024	\$90,103.61

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Attest: 

Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By: 

Keith Campbell
Mayor