

**MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON**  
**September 16, 2024**

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on September 16, 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
	Tiffany Hansen	Deputy 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 September 03, 2024, Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Campbell said that the Autumn Bloom race is coming up and encouraged people to come to the event. He mentioned that the check in is before 7:30am. He said he appreciates all the work on the roads and encouraged patience with the dust and that the reward will be great roads.

Councilmember Longly gave a shout out to Brownell's restaurant stating that they were highlighted by America's Best Restaurant.

Councilmember Zorica thanked all the attendees of the Kalispel Tribe of Indians Better Together Celebration. He mentioned the food was phenomenal. Mayor Campbell also said that it was a great event and thanked the Kalispel Tribe of Indians.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:**

An event, In Her Shoes, hosted by the Family Crisis Network, will be held October 5 at Quail Run Ranch. It is free and RSVP by the 20<sup>th</sup>. A flyer is available with a QR code if you are interested.

Last Wednesday the City had a Sanitary Health Survey by the Department of Health. They did not indicate any deficiencies. Administrator Gribi talked to them about the upcoming projects. The next day they brought the funding person by to meet us.

Administrator Gribi met with RCAC and showed them the reservoirs. She is almost done with the application for funding. At the next meeting she should have the amount to ask Council for funding.

Administrator Gribi will be working on Nuisance and Animal codes and will get drafts to Council.

The Fire Department remodel is almost complete.

The Ford 550 truck blew its engine. The low quote amount is \$18,501.33 to replace the engine. Administrator Gribi asked for authorization to spend the funds to fix the truck. Councilmember Longley asked what type of problem. It's a known problem – a thrown rod. Councilmember Zorica asked what the turn around time would be for repair. That is not known currently. Councilmember Sears asked about a warranty on the work. The work would be guaranteed. Councilmember Longley asked if it would be new or refurbished. It would be a new engine.

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the replacement of the engine in the Ford 550 in the amount of \$18,501.33; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion Carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Introduction of Madi Campbell, Greater Newport Area Chamber President

Mayor Campbell welcomed Madi Campbell. Madi said the next meeting will be at Kelly's October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm and invited all to attend. She said the New Interim Chamber Board and the new owners of Kelly's would be there as well as Jessica Garza with EDC. She said she would love to have quarterly updates between the Chamber and the City. She mentioned upcoming events – Halloween and the Tree Lighting. She mentioned they are actively recruiting Board Members.

Introduction of South Pend Oreille Fire Chief Stocking

Chief Stocking said that this is his first month, he started 9/1/2024 and that he is excited to join SPOFR. He said there is lots going on in the County and City. The new location will be mutually beneficial and will provide great coverage from a central location. They will do a ribbon cutting when the building is complete. He talked about being from Florida and California but that he has long standing family ties to the area. He said the Chief's door is always open and wants to work closely with all of us. He will have full time Fire and EMS protection in the City. He said that they are discussing options for ALS coverage. It is difficult to get and pay for paramedics. The goal is to get a full-time paramedic in the City of Newport but there is no time frame currently.

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

### **BILLS & PAYROLL:**


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

2024 CLAIMS CHECKS 66455-66496(Check 66460 Void)	\$87,402.21
2024 CLAIMS EFT 09/16/2024 Run 1-12	\$33,240.28
2024 CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 09/11/2024 Run 1-10	\$15,493.18
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1716-1724; Dir Deposit Run 09/03/2024	\$88,144.44

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Attest:   
Tiffany Hansen  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

By:   
Keith Campbell  
Mayor