

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
November 04, 2024

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on November 04, 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:

Claims Check 66568 was Void and replaced with Check 66584 with a change in cents making the total Claims Checks \$39,225.05 and Claims EFT 11/01/2024 Run 1 in the amount of \$48,746.96 was added for the annual JD Finance payment for the Backhoe and Loader Lease. Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the agenda as amended and the minutes from the October 21, 2024 Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Campbell reminded everyone to vote tomorrow and thanked Councilmember Sears for her work in making the Downtown Halloween event a success.

Councilmember Sears thanked everyone who helped sponsor the Halloween event, it went well.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Sales tax revenues have increased from prior years for the months June through September by \$25,000 since the City started requiring business licenses.

The RV Park brought in around \$26,115 in revenue this year and the expenses related to it were around \$47,465. There was a one time \$6000 engineering fee this year. Overall there was around a \$15,000 loss in the RV Park this year, which did not account for staff time so it would equate to more. There was a large uptick in attendance this year with still room for growth. More advertising will be done next year to hopefully increase attendance even more.

Last week there was a retirement party for long time employee Ed Rocek and this week the City hired Wayne Frye who worked as a temporary employee this past summer.

Administrator Gribi attended the IACC (Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council) two weeks ago and met with funding partners. She also attended the District 1 Association of Washington Cities meeting in Colville. Nine municipalities came and it was well attended.

Councilmember Longly moved to increase the insurance cap that will be paid by the City to \$2,450.00 per month for the year 2025; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Sears moved to allow the City Administrator to apply for up to one million dollars for the 900,000 reservoir rehab to include planning and engineering of the line with follow-up construction of the main, rehab of the 900,000 gallon tank and a hydrology study; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENTATION:

Police Chief Nelson gave a PowerPoint presentation for the AXON Taser 10. He asked the Council to allow him to use the funds budgeted this year for vehicles and equipment to purchase 5 of these tasers. The current tasers will no longer be serviced and the new ones will increase officer safety. Councilmember Longly moved to allow Chief Nelson to purchase 5 Axon Taser 10 tasers in the amount of \$27,662.09 from Axon Enterprise Inc; Councilmember Zorica second. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lori Stratton, NHHS Foundation Event & Program Supervisor gave a recap of the Autumn Bloom Run. She stated that it was a great event. She is very thankful for all of the volunteers. There was lots of great feedback from participants.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the updated RV Park Rules to be in effect in 2025; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Agreement NP2024-10 with Water Recovery Services LLC for maintenance on wells D, E and B; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried.

BILLS & PAYROLL:

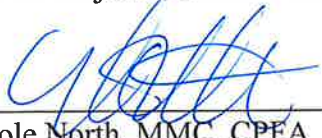
Councilmember Longly moved to approve the bills and payroll; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS CHECKS 66560-66584 (66568 VOID)	\$39,225.05
CLAIMS EFT 10/28/2024 Run 1-2	\$900.54
CLAIMS EFT 11/01/2024 Run 1	\$48,746.96
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1743-1751; Dir Deposit Run 10/21/2024	\$81,262.13


ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Attest: _____


Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By: _____


Keith Campbell
Mayor