

**MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON**  
**November 18, 2024**

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on November 18, 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

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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:**

Awarding the Newport City Park Sidewalk Project to Bacon Concrete Inc was added to New Business. Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the agenda as amended and the minutes from the November 04, 2024, Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Campbell wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and read a quote that was inspirational. He reminded everyone to be grateful for what we have.

Councilmember Sears reminded everyone that winter weather is coming and it is important to keep your windows clear when driving and be safe.

Councilmember Longly also asked citizens to be mindful of leaving adequate space for the snowplows to come through.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A public hearing to discuss revenue sources for the 2025 budget and 2024 budget amendments was opened at 6:03 PM. Clerk/Treasurer North reviewed all of the upcoming requests that she will be asking for approval for tonight with the Council. There was no public comment and the public hearing was closed at 6:18 PM.

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution 20241118 authorizing an increase in the regular property tax levy to be collected in the 2025 tax year; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Resolution 20241119 setting a health insurance cap for the City Employees in 2025; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to table Resolution 20241120 revoking all prior fee resolutions and adopting a new fee schedule until the next meeting; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Resolution 20241121 adopting and amending rates and charges for water and sewer utility services; establishing a schedule and an effective date; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Resolution 20241122 adopting the City of Newport Water System Plan; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Agreement NP2024-11 with Josh Maurer, Attorney at Law for prosecutor services between January 01, 205 through December 31, 2027 in the amount of \$3,100.00 per month; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Ordinance 2128 amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to award the Newport City Park Sidewalk Project Federal Aid #TARP 0860(004) to Bacon Concrete Inc. in the amount of \$66,107.00; Councilmember Spring seconded. Motion carried.


**BILLS & PAYROLL:**

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

2024 CLAIMS CHECKS 66585-66612	\$87,483.57
2024 CLAIMS EFT 11/08/2024 Run 1-11	\$34,934.99
2024 CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 11/14/2024 Run 1-8	\$10,556.09
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1752-1760; Dir Deposit Run 11/05/2024	\$79,116.80

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Attest:   
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Nickole North  
Clerk/Treasurer

By:   
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Keith Campbell  
Mayor