

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
January 21, 2025

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on January 21, 2025, at 8:30 AM 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 (Absent)
Jami Sears		Councilmember (Absent)
Mark Zorica		Mayor Pro Tem
Nathan Longly		Councilmember

At 8:30 AM, Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order followed by roll call and the pledge of allegiance. Councilmember Zorica moved to excuse Councilmember Spring and Sears absence; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from the December 16, 2024 Council Meeting; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Campbell spoke of the street projects that the City was able to complete in 2024. There are 40 more blocks of street improvements planned for 2025. The Pickle Ball Courts were constructed and he is thankful to the Kalispel Tribe for helping to fund them. The RV Park is getting better and better with more people staying there. The City is on the right track financially with revenues up and expenditures down. The Police Department is doing a great job keeping our citizens safe. He is thankful to the citizens for passing the fire levy to help provide safety to the citizens of Newport. Mayor Campbell has been working with Administrator Gribi to get a rock solid plan in place so that in the event of an emergency everyone will know what they are doing. With little snow pack this year, the fire danger will be high. Mayor Campbell thanked the Council for making sure the City's goals are met and for the employees of the City for doing their job.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Administrator Gribi has been working with South Pend Oreille Fire Chief Stocking regarding education posts to help citizens prepare for fire in the event we have one in the future.

Mayor Campbell presented Newport Police Officer Swanson with a Certificate of Commendation in recognition of him going above and beyond while the staffing issues were dealt with at the Newport Police Department.

Administrator Gribi met with the Kalispel Tribe's Archeologist regarding the site that the Wastewater Treatment Plant would be expanded to. He was in full concurrence with the City's plan and this will help the project move forward.

Administrator Gribi will be attending the Association of Washington Cities Action Days in Olympia and has meetings set up with Legislators. She asked that the Council let her know if there is anything they would like her to discuss with them. She always gives Kudos to the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board since they provide most of the City's funding for street improvements and are very easy to work with.

The School Resource Officer job description will be coming before the Council for approval tonight. An agreement is being worked on with the Newport School District and that will be coming to Council at a later time.

There will be an EMS District meeting again. No answers to previous questions have been answered. Hopefully there will be an update for the Council after the meeting.

Councilmember Zorica moved to allow the City Administrator to utilize websites and research opportunities to purchase vehicles for the City through auctions; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the 2025 Equipment Rental Costs; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Agreement NP2025-01 between the City of Newport and James A. Sewell & Associates for Building Inspection Services; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Resolution 20250121 declaring certain property owned by the City of Newport to be excess and surplus property and authorizing the means of disposal and further moved to donate the Ford Ranger to the Newport School District at no cost since it will be a benefit to the public; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the School Resource Officer job description; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Ordinance 2132 repealing Ordinance 2085 and Chapter 2.12 of the Newport Municipal Code in its entirety & adopting the City of Newport's Procurement and Bidding Manual; Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried

BILLS & PAYROLL:

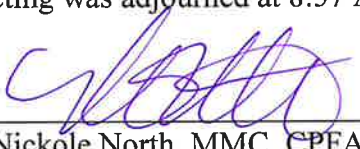
Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the bills and payroll on behalf of Councilmember Spring's review and approval; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

2024 1 st OPEN PERIOD CLAIMS CHECKS 66664-66689	\$68,759.67
2024 CLAIMS EFT DEC 1 st Open Run 1-4	\$13,619.32
2024 CLAIMS DIRECT PAY DEC 1 st Open Run 1-2	\$4,806.70
2024 2 ND OPEND PERIOD CLAIMS CHECKS 66700-66712	\$18,091.99
2024 CLAIMS EFT DEC 2 ND Open Run 1-9	\$18,267.13
2024 CLAIMS DIRECT PAY DEC 2 ND Open Run 1-9	\$19,629.53
2025 CLAIMS CHECKS 66690-66693	\$668.35
2025 CLAIMS EFT JAN 1 st MEETING Run 1-4	\$1,885.81
2025 CLAIMS DIRECT PAY JAN 1 st MEETING Run 1	\$21,593.03
2025 CLAIMS CHECKS 66694-66699	\$16,339.04
2025 CLAIMS EFT JAN 2 ND MTG Run 1-3	\$1,768.41
2025 CLAIMS DIRECT PAY JAN 2 ND MTG Run 1-3	\$5,902.25
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1779-1787; Dir Deposit Run 12/18/2024	\$82,456.62
PAYROLL E-CHECKS 1788-1796; Dir Deposit Run 01/03/2025	\$81,724.68

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 AM.

Attest: _____


 Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
 Clerk/Treasurer

By: _____


 Keith Campbell
 Mayor