

**MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 16, 2026**

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on March 16, 2026, 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
Megan Clark	City Attorney

Nathan Weathers	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.

**AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:**

Councilmember Longly moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from the March 2, 2026, Council Meeting; Councilmember Weathers seconded. Motion carried.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Campbell commented that the investigation is still ongoing regarding the theft of funds. Councilmember Weathers suggested that council discuss updates to City procedures on a future agenda.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Rob Owen, owner of a business at 337 S. Washington, made comments regarding the new construction in Oldtown ID and asked how the City charges Oldtown for using the City sewerage plant for processing sewage. He also suggested the City use business license fees to benefit the businesses of Newport.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:**

Administrator Gribi commented that city staff are focusing on getting City business completed on time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BILLS & PAYROLL:**

Councilmember Weathers moved to approve the bills and payroll; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS CHECKS 67403-67435, 67320Void	\$62,749.42
CLAIMS EFT 2026 March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mtg: 1-14	\$46,742.08
CLAIMS DIRECT PAY 2026 March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mtg: 1-7	\$7,252.00
PAYROLL EFT PR2026 March 1 <sup>st</sup> 1-9; Dir Deposit Run 03/04/2026	\$91,822.45

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel litigation, potential litigation and/or legal risks, per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) 6:11pm -7:20pm

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Attest:   
Tiffany Hansen  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

By:   
Keith Campbell  
Mayor