

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 6, 2026

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on April 6, 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

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 16, 2026, Council Meeting; Councilmember Zorica seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Campbell asked if there are questions or concerns regarding the City that citizens please ask directly.

Mayor Campbell said that the City’s insurance company has agreed to cover 75% of the loss of funds, and we are waiting to hear back regarding a potential increase in that amount.

Commissioner Longly spoke about the Easter Egg hunt on Saturday April 4th and thanked all the volunteers and businesses who helped to make it a great event.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

There will be a Small Cities connector on May 18, 2026 in Tekoa from 10am-2pm. If any Councilmember is interested in attending, please let her know.

Public Works Board funding of \$60,000.00 for bank stabilization at the Wastewater Treatment plant has been approved and the agreement will be coming soon.

We expect a contract from Source Water Management in the next few months for the hydrogeologic study.

The Department of Health feedback on the 900K reservoir repair has been received. We addressed their questions, and we should get that back within 90 days.

The resident yard waste clean-up date is May 16th this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Sears moved to approve updated Clerk/Treasurer job description; Councilmember Weathers seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Resolution 20260406 to surplus a Chevrolet Tahoe police vehicle and sell it to South Pend Oreille Fire District; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Weathers moved to approve amendments to the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Policy and Procedures; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Weathers spoke about the ways that Councilmembers can communicate and track concerns and trends when approving claims. Councilmembers had a discussion on various methods. Councilmember Weathers will do research and report back to Council.

Councilmember Zorica spoke about forming a Business Committee for local business owners. He stated that any business owners that want to be a part of it are welcome and to bring ideas for improving the downtown business area.

BILLS & PAYROLL:

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


CLAIMS CHECKS 67437-67454, 67436Void	\$18,069.59
CLAIMS EFT 2026 April 1 st Mtg: 1-4	\$3,288.33
CLAIMS DIR PAY 2026 April 1 st Mtg: 1-2	\$56,630.00
PAYROLL EFT 2026 March 2 nd PR: 1-9; Dir Deposit Run 03/17/2026	\$91,270.01


EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel litigation, potential litigation and/or legal risks, per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i); 6:51pm -7:57pm

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Attest: 
Tiffany Hansen
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

By: 
Keith Campbell
Mayor