



**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NEWPORT CITY HALL
September 2, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on September 2, 2021.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present (5): Mayor Laurie Elliott, Council Member Kevin Chapdelaine, Council Member Tom Ingemann, Council Member Marvin Taylor, and Council Member Rozlyn Johnson.

Not Present (0): None.

4. ADOPT AGENDA

Member Chapdelaine motioned to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Member Johnson. Approved 5-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

6. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – August 5, 2021 Council Workshop

B. Gambling Application – St. Paul Park – Newport Lions Club

C. List of Bills - \$\$64,194.32

Member Ingemann motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Member Chapdelaine. Approved 5-0.

7. WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

None.

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Steve Wiley stated he attended a FEMA exercise in Cottage Grove last week on train derailment. It was nice of Cottage Grove to invite the Newport Fire Department as it was a good learning experience.

Mayor Elliott wanted to recognize Chief Wiley and his crew along with Sergeant Harrell and the officers from the Washington County Sheriff's office. The police and fire department responded to a medical emergency with a resident's dog and Mayor Elliott wanted to thank everyone for the empathy and compassion that was shown to the family.

9. ENGINEER’S REPORT

City Engineer Jon Herdegen stated he had nothing formal to report.

Mayor Elliott inquired if the 12th Street and 12th Avenue project is finalized. Engineer Herdegen stated they are meeting with the contractor next week as there is restoration work that needs to be completed.

10. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Superintendent of Public Works Bruce Hanson stated the roof, and the decks are going in for the new City Hall / Public Safety Building. We are within a couple weeks of the schedule and things are going well with supplies.

Mayor Elliott inquired if Superintendent Hanson can address when people mow their lawns, where the grass should go. Superintendent Hanson reminded residents and businesses that it is illegal to mow your grass clippings into the street. Most of our drains go directly to the river, so it is not good for our environment.

Member Taylor inquired if there will be an ice rink at Loveland this winter. Superintendent Hanson stated that yes, the ice rink at Loveland will be operational.

11. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

None.

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Elliott stated Washington County will have a guided bird hike at the Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park on Saturday September 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration on the Washington County Parks webpage is required as the group size is limited.

Mayor Elliott stated the Washington County Environmental Center will be doing a free confidential shredding event on September 29th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Elliott stated they are looking at a mid-October date for the Park Survey calls to start. The calls will take place over about three weeks.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Member Chapdelaine motioned to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Seconded by Member Ingemann. Approved 5-0.

The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m. on September 2, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jill Thiesfeld
Administrative Assistant II

Signed: _____
Laurie Elliott, Mayor