



**CITY OF NEWPORT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NEWPORT CITY HALL  
October 21, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on October 21, 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 Ingemann motioned to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Member Chapdelaine. Approved 5-0.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bill Sumner, residing at 737 21<sup>st</sup> Street, addressed the Council. Mr. Sumner stated the Red Cross is still in need of blood donations. He learned about the organization, Locks of Love, where you can donate hair that is at least 10 inches long and encouraged others to donate if they can. Mr. Sumner thanked Council Member Chapdelaine for his hard work with the 3M water project. Mr. Sumner was thankful for the new trees that were planted on Hastings Avenue.

**6. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes-** October 7, 2021 Regular Council
- B. Minutes-** October 7, 2021 Council Workshop
- C. Sewer/Water Billing**
- D. List of Bills-** \$1,785,030.82
- E. Financial Report-** September 2021

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

## **7. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. South Washington County Schools**

Julie Nielsen, Superintendent of South Washington County Schools, addressed the Council. Ms. Nielsen gave a presentation regarding the two questions residents will see on the November 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot. The first is the operating levy which will provide funds for classrooms, instruction, and other school operating costs. The second is the capital projects levy for improved instructional technology, tech support staff, maintenance and support for students and staff devices and enhanced technology infrastructure. The tax impact for an average home value for the operating levy is approximately \$13.16 per month and the tax impact for the capital projects levy is approximately \$4.16 per month.

## **8. WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT**

Washington County Sheriff Deputy Sergeant Bill Harrell reminded everyone to slow down and be extra cautious on October 31<sup>st</sup> to keep all the trick-or-treaters safe.

## **9. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

None.

## **10. ENGINEER'S REPORT**

City Engineer Jon Herdegen stated he has nothing formal to report. He attended the SG-1 3M Settlement group meeting. During this meeting, they went over questions for the grant application process.

## **11. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

### **A. Payment Application #9- H&U \$354,979.82**

Superintendent of Public Works Bruce Hanson stated there is a payment request from H+U for the new City Hall in the amount of \$354,979.82. Mayor Elliott inquired about the invoice on page 98 for Premium Waters. Superintendent Hanson stated the invoice we are paying is for \$23.49 and believes it is just for water.

Superintendent Hanson stated the new City Hall is moving along. They hope to have the first lift blacktop by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Member Chapdelaine motioned to approve Payment Application No. 9 in the amount of \$354,979.82 to H+U. Seconded by Member Johnson. Approved 5-0.

## **12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **A. Minor Subdivision- 675 10<sup>th</sup> St**

#### **1. Resolution No 2021-43- Minor Subdivision 675 10<sup>th</sup> St**

City Planner Nathan Fuerst stated the city received a request for a minor subdivision at 675 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The zoning is R-1, and the future land use is single family. The parcel is about a half-acre in size the proposal is to split into two parcels that would be approximately 10,300 square feet each. Parcel two currently has accessory structures that are considered legal non-conforming. Both parcels will need to meet the 35% maximum impervious surface and building height maximum of 35 feet. The applicant is responsible for the parkland dedication. The Planning Commission discussed this item and held a public hearing. There was one comment from a resident who was in support of this request. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend Council to approve this minor subdivision. Staff recommends approval with the conditions presented.

Member Ingemann motioned to adopt Resolution No 2021-43 to approve the Minor Subdivision at 675 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Seconded by Member Johnson. Approved 5-0.

### 13. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Elliott stated the park survey phone calls started last week and they will continue to make calls until they survey 250 residents at random. Mayor Elliott encouraged residents to participate if they receive a call as their input is very important to the city.

Member Taylor stated he attended the Planning Commission meeting. They discussed the minor subdivision as well as the residential parking ordinance. There was a public hearing for the parking ordinance and several residents spoke out. The Planning Commission decided they need more time and will continue working on the parking ordinance.

Member Johnson reminded residents to reserve their pumpkin for Halloween at the library.

Member Chapdelaine stated the new 3M drinking water facilities that will be built will not have the soft water treatment component from the settlement funds that he was hoping for. It would take a commitment from the communities to add that component. Woodbury is looking into the soft water component and the cost estimate is 100 million dollars. Member Chapdelaine stated the Newport overlooks are being replanted. Bob Vogel is working on a grant proposal to get signs depicting the historical relevance at each overlook.

### 14. POTENTIAL CITY LAND PURCHASE/SALE and/or LITIGATION (This portion of the City Council meeting may be closed under MN Statute Section 13D.05)

#### A. 596 7<sup>th</sup> Ave

Member Ingemann motioned to close the City Council Meeting under MN Statute 13D.05. Seconded by Member Chapdelaine. Approved 5-0.

Mayor Elliott closed the City Council Meeting at 6:08 p.m. on October 21, 2021.

Member Chapdelaine motioned to open the City Council Meeting. Seconded by Member Johnson. Approved 5-0.

Mayor Elliott opened the City Council Meeting at 6:25 p.m. on October 21, 2021.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

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

The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m. on October 21, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Jill Thiesfeld,  
Administrative Assistant II

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laurie Elliott, Mayor