



**CITY OF NEWPORT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NEWPORT CITY HALL  
November 4, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on November 4, 2021.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present (4): Mayor Laurie Elliott, Council Member Kevin Chapdelaine, Council Member Tom Ingemann, and Council Member Marvin Taylor.

Not Present (1): Council Member Rozlyn Johnson

**4. ADOPT AGENDA**

Member Ingemann motioned to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Member Chapdelaine. Approved 4-0.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bill Sumner residing at 737 21<sup>st</sup> Street, addressed the Council. Mr. Sumner informed residents that the Stone Soup Thrift Shop has changed names to Basic Needs of South Washington County and is moving to Cottage Grove. Mr. Sumner encouraged residents to continue supporting this organization.

**6. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes- October 19, 2021 Special Council
- B. Parks Board Minutes
- C. Revize Website Redesign Contract
- D. Gambling Application- Cottage Grove Ducks Unlimited
- E. List of Bills- \$152,811.86

Member Chapdelaine motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Member Ingemann. Approved 4-0.

## **7. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Leatherman- Parks Survey**

Peter Leatherman presented the results from the parks survey. Mr. Leatherman explained to Council they spoke to 250 random households in the City of Newport and went over the demographics of those surveyed. The survey was conducted over the phone from October 13<sup>th</sup> – October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Residents were asked if they have used individual parks, city trails, and ice rinks. Of the residents who did not use our parks, the main reason was they were not aware of them. Of the residents who used the parks, they were asked what improvement you would make, and the majority stated updating playground equipment. When asked if residents would support city funding for various amenities, the highest support was for modernize playground equipment and construction of a dog park. The study found that our community prefers passive or non-organized recreational activities. The study also found that resident’s main source of information comes from the city website and the city newsletter. Council agrees the data gathered from this survey will be helpful in guiding the plans to update the parks.

### **B. Employee Recognition**

- 1. Steve Wiley 35 years**
- 2. Steve Lanz 15 years**
- 3. Neil Wood 15 years**
- 4. Deb Hill 10 years**

Mayor Elliott thanked Fire Chief Steve Wiley, Firefighters Steve Lanz and Neil Wood, and City Administrator Deb Hill for their years of service and their commitment to our community.

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

None.

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

Fire Chief Steve Wiley stated the Newport Fire Department food and toy drive, which supports the Friends in Need food shelf, will be held on Sunday, December 5.

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

None.

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

Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Matt Yokiell gave an update on the new City Hall / Public Safety Building. Assistant Yokiell stated they are paving the parking lot today. There is also concrete being poured inside the building and drywall is going up.

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

None.

## **13. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Elliott thanked the residents who participated in the Park Survey. Washington County is offering free parking at county parks on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The library will be hosting outdoor family story time this winter. They will be at the Newport Library at 10:00 a.m. on the third Monday of the month and will be at Loveland Park on the fourth Monday of the month. There is a new garden project, Girls for Good, that started from the girl scout troop 58010. This garden is located west of Tinucci’s secondary parking lot and north of Newport Collision. This garden is ADA accessible, and all the produce goes to Basic Needs. They will have a ribbon cutting this Sunday at 3:00 p.m. for anyone that would like to attend.

Member Ingemann stated the Cable Commission discussed their budget and the RDF did not have a meeting this month.

Member Taylor stated he attended the Redrock Corridor Commission meeting. Member Taylor and Member Ingemann attended the Volunteer appreciation dinner where they recognized Maria Bonilla as the volunteer of the year.

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Chapdelaine motioned to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Seconded by Member Ingemann. Approved 4-0.

The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m. on November 4, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Jill Thiesfeld,  
Administrative Assistant II

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