



**CITY OF NEWPORT  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
NEWPORT CITY HALL  
February 18, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Workshop to order at 6:07 p.m. on February 18, 2021.

**2. 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.

**3. WASTE HAULERS**

City Administrator Deb Hill stated we had a complaint from a resident that the one of our garbage haulers started at 5:55 a.m. The current hours on the East side of Highway 61 are Mondays from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The current hours for the West side of Highway 61 are Fridays from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The hours for commercial haulers are 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Staff was asked to check with our neighboring cities and most had 6:00 a.m. start times. Administrator Hill contacted the haulers and recommends we give them an opportunity to correct the problem.

Mayor Elliott stated she was copied on the complaint and stated the resident would like the start time moved to 7:00 a.m. to align with our construction start time. The issue on the west side of town is the frequent back up beeper noise due to many dead-end roads.

Member Taylor stated the League of Minnesota ordinance is 6:00 a.m. One advantage with having the early start time is to get the haulers done before school kids are walking to their busses.

Council discussed and decided it would be helpful for staff to contact the haulers and find out the reasoning behind the 6:00 a.m. start time and how they would be impacted if we moved the start time to 7:00 a.m. Council will discuss at the second workshop in March.

**4. PIONEER DAY**

Assistant to the City Administrator Travis Brierley stated Pioneer Day for 2020 was cancelled due to COVID. Staff needs three to four months of planning to make Pioneer Day successful. Staff contacted two of the events larger sponsors and learned that corn and kids' games will likely not take place. Staff would like direction from Council if they want to move forward with Pioneer Day this year. A final decision will need to be made by the first meeting in April.

Council discussed and would like more time to see our COVID numbers in March. Council will discuss at the second workshop in March.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Administrator Hill stated our future agenda items include an RFP for City Planning Services, code enforcement ordinance changes, City logo discussion, and utility late fees.

Mayor Elliott stated we will also be discussing the 3M drinking water settlement, Pioneer Day, and our Parks.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Elliott adjourned the City Council Workshop at 6:39 p.m. on February 18, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Jill Thiesfeld,  
Administrative Assistant II

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