



**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NEWPORT CITY HALL
May 5, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on May 5, 2022.

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

Bill Sumner, residing at 737 21st Street, addressed the Council. Mr. Sumner stated he attended the ribbon cutting for the Basic Needs Thrift Shop. Basic Needs is an organization with a mission to support basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, and coordinated services for those in our community. Basic Needs has a community garden, Growth for Good, behind Newport Collision that still has plots available. They can be reached through their website at BasicNeedsMN.org. Mr. Sumner stated the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) will have a talk on Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Newport Library. The topic is Zebulon Pike's Description of the Newport Area in 1805. Mr. Sumner stated there were signs laying on the sidewalk on the corner of 21st and Hastings that he was able to have removed so no one trips over them. Mr. Sumner stated there was a ping pong style table in the middle of the road on Glen Road that he was able to pull off to the side and then had Public Works remove it. Mr. Sumner attended a two-hour video presentation, on growing shade, so he has information if we want to talk about trees in Newport.

Cody Olson, residing at 1851 Century Avenue, addressed the Council. Mr. Olson stated he put in a permit to do a water main from the street to his house. When he pulled the permit, he was told he cannot use poly and must use copper. He has about 240 linear feet and was curious why he cannot use poly. Superintendent of Public Works Matt Yokiell stated that copper is the only accepted material in the Public Works design manual. Member Chapdelaine stated he does not see this as a Council decision but should be an internal staff decision between Engineering, Public Works, and the Minnesota department of Health. Mr. Olson stated many suburbs allow poly lines. A representative for Cody Olson stepped up to the podium and stated all the suburbs they do new construction in use poly lines as they are more beneficial, and the service life is prolonged. He stated copper pipes get pitting from the continuous use. City Engineer Jon Herdegen inquired Mr. Olson's timeframe. Mr. Olson stated they wanted to install this on Monday. Engineer Herdegen stated he and Superintendent Yokiell need time to do their research on this issue.

6. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes- April 7, 2022 Council Workshop
- B. Minutes- April 11, 2022 Special Council Meeting
- C. Public Works Operator Hiring- Karen Moe
- D. Planning Commission Minutes- February 2022
- E. Park Board Minutes- March 2022
- F. MOU- Woodbury Rec
- G. List of Bills- \$633,055.13

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

7. WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

Washington County Sheriff's Deputy Sergeant Bill Harrell stated in the May newsletter we are going to remind folks of the ordinance that the City Council passed in 2019 regarding permits for ATV's, UTV's, and golf carts. Sergeant Harrell stated they will be enforcing the ordinance this year, so in a couple of weeks they will start stopping these vehicles without permits and educate them. They can be given warnings or citations.

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

None.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Herdegen stated they have finished popping the manholes for inspection and documentation for the I/I reduction project and lateral lining. They are now evaluating the different treatment and sealing methods that would be appropriate for each one.

Engineer Herdegen stated Washington County is having an open house next Wednesday, May 11th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Newport City Hall for the County Road 38 Trail. This will be an in-person event that will kick off a two-week virtual engagement. They are still targeting a fall bid and 2023 construction.

10. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Superintendent Yokiel stated Public Works is in the middle of hydrant flushing so please be patient with the dirty water and low-pressure issues. If you have dirty water, run your cold water until it clears up or contact Public Works. Mayor Elliott inquired how often Public Works flushes hydrants. Superintendent Yokiel stated they flush twice a year, in the spring and fall, to remove any minerals and iron that build up in the water mains to keep the water running clear.

Mayor Elliott inquired about the interior of the new City Hall / Public Safety Building. Superintendent Yokiel stated there is carpet and flooring upstairs. The Council chambers is moving along well and most of the building is painted.

11. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. City Hall and Public Safety Building Furniture

City Administrator Deb Hill stated Mayor Elliott, Member Chapdelaine, and staff have been researching and shopping for quality furniture options for the new City Hall. They did their research at the Washington County Government Center and have been working with Prevolv in St. Paul. Administrator Hill noted there are surcharges and extra freight charges due to the high fuel costs. Mayor Elliott stated the Council was given a bench handout of the furniture for \$145,902.00 which includes tables, chairs, conference tables, and council chairs. Administrator Hill shared pictures of what the furniture will look like.

Member Ingemann motioned to approve the furnishings for the new City Hall / Public Safety Building in the amount of \$145,902.00. Seconded by Member Chapdelaine. Approved 5-0.

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Elliott stated she attended a seminar on the Jobs Act for getting grand monies that could be included for infrastructure funding as a viable option. Mayor Elliott thanked the staff for the nice retirement party for Bruce Hanson. Mayor Elliott has been reaching out to our local legislators as well as potential future legislators about a couple of bills that are pending at the state level for I/I, stormwater, and road reconstruction projects within Newport.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m. on May 5, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jill Thiesfeld,
Administrative Assistant II.

Signed: _____
Laurie Elliott, Mayor