



**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NEWPORT CITY HALL
January 20, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on January 20, 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 Ingemann motioned to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Member Chapdelaine. Approved 5-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

6. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Minutes-** January 6, 2022 Regular Council
- B. **Minutes-** January 6, 2022 Council Workshop
- C. **2022 City Council Appointments**
- D. **Gambling Application-** Washington County Pheasants Forever
- E. **Gambling Application-** St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- F. **LMCIT Liability Waiver**
- G. **List of Bills-** \$175,078.76
- H. **Financial Statement-** December 2021

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 there was a robbery last Thursday at Speedway. The suspect was caught with the help of Washington County and Woodbury detectives. Sergeant Harrell thanked the businesses owners that had surveillance in the area. Mayor Elliott inquired if there was a similar robbery in Cottage Grove or Hastings. Sergeant Harrell stated there were two robberies at the Speedway in Woodbury with the same suspect that has been arrested. Member Chapdelaine inquired if police are seeing an increase in catalytic converter thefts. Sergeant Harrell stated there was a spike several months ago but have not had any recently.

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

None.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

None.

10. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

A. Pay Request H&U- \$193,497.92

Assistant Yokiell stated H+U submitted pay request No. 12 in the amount of \$193,497.92.

Member Chapdelaine motioned to approve pay request No. 12 in the amount of \$193,497.92 to H+U. Seconded by Member Ingemann. Approved 5-0.

Member Chapdelaine inquired what is happening on 4th Avenue. Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Matt Yokiell stated they are boring in conduit from the South end of 4th Avenue to 15th Street. He believes they are putting in fiber.

Mayor Elliott inquired about the water main break. Assistant Yokiell stated there was a water main break on the hydrant lead on the northwest corner of 7th Street and 6th Avenue.

Member Taylor inquired about tree trimming. Assistant Yokiell stated in general Public Works trims trees in late winter or early spring when the snowbanks melt down. Public Works expects to start tree trimming next month.

11. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Potential Outlot A Development

City Administrator Deb Hill stated at the workshop a few weeks ago, staff informed Council about discrepancies between the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning ordinance near the transit station. The intent of the MX-2 transit zoning district is to allow a mix of land uses; however, the comp plan only provides for commercial, or business uses and specifically prohibits residential development. MWF Properties, who currently owns and manages the Red Rock Crossing apartment building, is interested in purchasing the six acres north of the transit site to build another apartment building, but these discrepancies would need to be corrected. City Planner Nathan Fuerst stated the process for amending the comp plan is partly done at the city level and partly done at the Met Council level.

Member Johnson motioned to direct staff to move forward with the Comp Plan corrections through the Planning Commission, Met Council, and City Council. Seconded by Member Ingemann. Approved 5-0.

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Resolution No. 2022-08- State of Emergency Declaration

Mayor Elliott stated there is a resolution to approve the emergency declaration which allows Council to Zoom city meetings.

Member Chapdelaine motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2022-08 for the State of Emergency Declaration. Seconded by Member Ingemann. Approved 5-0.

Mayor Elliott stated Family Fun night is on January 29 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Loveland Park. There will be food, skating, games, and a bonfire and encouraged everyone to come out for a night of fun.

Mayor Elliott stated there was a resignation on the Park Board, so the city is accepting applications for anyone who is interested in serving on the Park Board.

Mayor Elliott welcomed Minnesota Dental Lab to Newport. Minnesota Dental Lab moved into the Midwest One Bank location on Hastings Avenue.

Member Taylor stated it was nice to see a large group of skaters at Loveland Park this past weekend.

Member Chapdelaine stated he and Mayor Elliott attended the 3M drinking water meetings. There is not much new information but are beginning the priority two conversations for the 20 million dollars that has been set aside for natural resource type development.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m. on January 20, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jill Thiesfeld,
Administrative Assistant II

Signed: _____
Laurie Elliott, Mayor