Council Minutes

January 4, 2016

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, January 4, 2016 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Jacques Roberge, Neil Morrissette and Steve Vincent, City Manager Laura F. Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Chief James LeClair, Andy Cappello, Phil White, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the minutes of December 21, 2015 with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

None

Set 2016 City Council Meeting Schedule (attached)

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the 2016 City Council meeting schedule with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Vermont Community Development Project Grant Closure (attached)

Mr. Vincent moved that the council sign the closure letter for the Vermont Community Development Planning Grant. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Finalize FY 2016-2017 Budget

Mr. Roberge moved to approve the FY 2016-2017 Budget. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried. (Roberge, Morrissette and Vincent in favor, Wilson against) Mr. Wilson was against a 3% across the board increase for the non-union staff. Mr. Roberge would like to go back to the merit system. All members agreed that everyone had worked hard to present a very good budget that resulted in a 1.3 cent increase.

Request for 2016 Winter Events (attached)

Phil White was present to update the council on plans for the 2016 Winter Events at the Eastside Restaurant. Mr. White also requested the use of city equipment and water (attached). Mr. Vincent moved to approve the requests. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Date

January 18, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

Adjournment

Mr. Roberge moved to adjourn @ 7:30 PM. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D Johnson **This** 18th **Day of January, 2016**

Mayor