Council Minutes

January 18, 2016

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, January 18, 2016 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Jacques Roberge, Neil Morrisette and Steve Vincent, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Chief DiSanto, Chris Johansen, Chief LeClair, members of the Press and Public

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried.

Comments by Members of the Public

Laurie Grimm invited the council to the next Community Commons meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Colleen Moore De Ortiz invited the council to participate in the Newport City Elementary Walk to School event on Thursday, January 21, 2016

Joe Gressor noted he was doing a story on the dispatching proposal. He didn't recall any discussion in open session on the matter. The council noted that there was no motion or vote in open session regarding the issue, thus no discussion.

Update on Proposed Dispatch Center Outreach & Research

Chief DiSanto updated the council on the progress of his research into the dispatch center.

Northern Star Lake Cruises Request to Consider 5 Year Docking Lease (attached)

Chris Johansen requested a 5 year lease on docking space at the City dock be put on the Annual Meeting Ballot. Mr. Vincent moved to include the request for docking on the ballot at Annual Meeting. Mr. Vincent amended his motion to include the request by Northern Star Lake Cruises for a 5 year lease for docking space and ticket booth on the ballot at Annual Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried.

New Business

Mr. Vincent noted that he had heard from a concerned taxpayer concerning the 4 way stop on Prospect St. The person felt it was hard to get going again up Prospect St. after stopping. Colleen De Ortiz felt the 4 way stop was a positive addition to the neighborhood.

Old Business

Mayor Monette signed loan repayment schedules for loans RF1-079-2, RF3-129-3 and RF1-075-4.

Mr. Roberge stated he would have held off on the TIF payment to see if the State would deduct funds for the current use he feels the state owes the City.

Mr. Roberge was pleased to see something being done on the Facilities & Grants Project.

Executive Session- Contracts and Personnel

Mr. Vincent moved to enter executive session for contracts and Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried.

No action.

Next Meeting Date

February 1, 2016

Adjournment

Mr. Roberge moved to adjourn at 8:03 PM. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

Attested James Johnson **This** 1st **Day of February, 2016**

_____ **Mayor**