

Council Minutes

January 19, 2015

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, January 19, 2015 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Denis Chenette and Neil Morrissette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Lynn Leimer, Tom Bernier, James LeClair, Kathy Metras, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of January 5, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by Members of the Public

None.

MAC Center for the Arts, Art in Infrastructure (attached)

Lynn Leimer was present to request a letter of support for the second phase of the MAC Center's proposal to the Vermont Arts Council. Mr. Morrissette moved to approve a letter of support for the Arts Center second round of the grant. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider City Sponsored Forum on Need for Warming Shelter

Kathy Metras was present to ask for a letter in support of and a public forum on the need for a warming shelter for homeless people in Newport. Mr. Baraw moved that the City Manager write a letter of support for a warming shelter and sponsor a public forum on the issue. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Water Meter Purchase Plan

Mayor Monette proposed that people who purchased a water meter could if they wished pay for the meter in four payments over the course of a year or pay in one lump sum. Mr. Baraw moved to approve the four payment water meter purchase plan. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Request to Approve Grease Trap Policy Guidelines (attached)

Mr. Baraw noted that there were no amounts for fees and penalties in the policy. Mr. Ward will check with the City Attorney on this. Mr. Chenette moved to approve the Grease Interceptor/Trap Policy. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Budget Status Report

The council reviewed the current budget status. Mr. Ward noted that we have already spent \$70,000 in winter material so far.

New Business

None.

Old Business

Mayor Monette stated that he has a meeting set up with Customs and Border Protection.

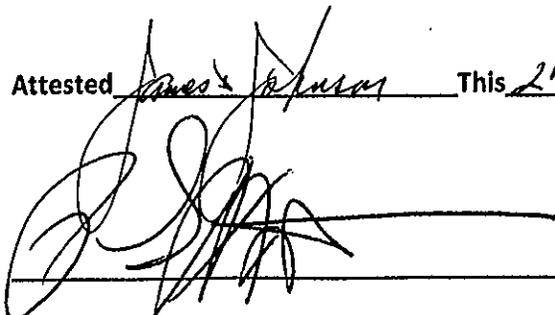
Next Meeting Date

February 2, 2015

Adjourn

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 7:58 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested *James Wilson* This *2nd* Day of February, 2015

 Mayor