

## **Council Minutes**

**February 2, 2015**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, February 2, 2015 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Councilmen Richard Baraw, Denis Chenette and Neil Morrissette, City Manager John Ward, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Fire Chief James LeClair, City School Principle Judith Boucher, School Board Members Corinna Lancaster, Vicky Langtagne, Phil Laramie, Mary Ellen Prairie, Superintendent John Castle, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Morrissette moved to accept the minutes of January 19, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

### **Comments by Members of the Public**

None

### **Newport City School Board Presentation**

Principle Boucher and Chairman Lancaster reviewed the proposed Elementary school budget with the council and answered questions.

### **Consider Abatement of Water/Sewer Fees for City Resident (attached)**

Mr. Ward state that Mrs. Hick property would remain in the Tax sale process unless the council decided otherwise. He noted that if the council abated every hardship request the city would lose money. Mrs. Hicks was ill and was not present to make her request. There was no motion on the request. The issue dies and remains in the tax sale process.

### **Consider Request for Small Shelter on City dock for the Northern Star**

Mr. Baraw moved to table the issue until the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Approval of Proposed Contract with vision Government Solutions, Inc.**

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the city wide Reappraisal Contract with Vision Government Solutions, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, Motion carried unanimously.

**Execute Certificate of Highway Mileage (attached)**

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the certificate of highway mileage. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

**Consider LED Street Light Committee (attached)**

Mr. Baraw and Mr. Chenette volunteered to be on the committee.

**New Business**

Mr. Baraw noted that there was no sign at the entrance to the Newport Industrial Park. He would like to have a sign installed and call the park the Mel Carter Newport Industrial Park. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mayor Monette thanked the Rec Dept. and volunteers for work on the Ice Maze.

North Country Career Center requested a coin drop on February 12, 2015 for Bretton Hawksworth. The council noted it was after the deadline for coin Drop requests and the council felt it would be a safety issue to hold a drop in the winter time. No motion on the request.

Mr. Ward recommended signing a contract with Fred's for #2 fuel oil at \$2.41/gal and propane at \$1.60/gal for next year. The council will take this up at the next meeting.

**Old Business**

Mr. Ward noted there will be a forum on a warming shelter in the City at the Gateway. No date has been set. Mayor Monette stated that the date will be February 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

**Next Meeting Date**

February 16, 2015.

**Executive session- Legal Issue with the Village of Derby Center**

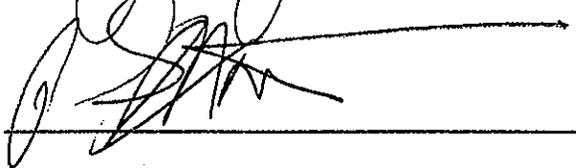
Mr. Chenette moved to enter into executive session. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously. After returning to open session, no action was taken.

Mr. Chenette moved to go into executive session for evaluation of the City Manager. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously. After returning to open session no action was taken.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 16<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2015

 Mayor