

Council Minutes

February 16, 2015

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held on Monday, February 16, 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, Duncan Kilmartin, Senator Robert Starr, Representative Michael Marcotte, Chief LeClair, Chief DiSanto, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Public Hearing Minutes

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 Public Hearing on the City Plan. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

None

Consider Request by Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to waive Fee of \$30 For Use of City Council Room (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to waive the fee to make sure that agency is somewhat on our side in the future. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Request to Abate Water/Sewer Fees

Mr. Kilmartin Presented the case for abatement of water/sewer fees for Mrs. Hicks. Mr. Chenette moved to go into deliberative session. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously. In open session Mr. Wilson moved to not abate the water/sewer fees but setup an 18 month payment plan and to keep future fee cost current. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Request for Small Shelter on City Dock for the Northern Star (previously tabled)

Mr. Morrisette moved to table the request indefinitely. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider City Council Resolution on Proposal to Eliminate the Derby Public safety Answering Point (attached)

Mr. Wilson moved to approve and sign the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Coin Drop Requests (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the coin drop requests. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider request for Out of Darkness Walk for Prevention of Suicide (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider #2 Fuel Oil and Propane Price Options (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to sign a contract with Fred's Energy. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Niles Fund Request

Mr. Morrisette moved to approve the request for Niles Funds. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Morrisette was concerned that the Police Dept. break-in could happen again and asked if everything has been secured. He also wondered about any repercussions. Chief DiSanto stated that there could be potential ramifications in court cases.

Mr. Ward noted the radiator break in the entry way for the second time. He is getting a quote to zone that area which he thinks will be costly. He is also considering removing the radiator.

Mr. Wilson notes the red light coming out of Vista is pointing at Poulin Grain.

Old Business

Mayor Monette stated that he had put a hold on Customs and Border Protection officials coming up to discuss reporting at the city dock until the weather changes. He also thanked the Recreation Dept. for a good job on Winterfest.

Mr. Chenette asked about the street light list. Mr. Ward stated it wouldn't be ready for a while, it needs to be right.

Mayor Monette asked about the Facilities Policy, Mr. Morrissette and Mr. Chenette stated they are working on it.

Next Meeting Date

March 2, 2015

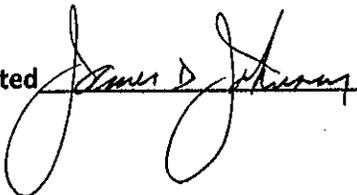
Executive Session – City Manager Evaluation

Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

In open session Mr. Chenette moved to increase the rate of pay by 3% for the City Manager to be effective on April 1, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

Attested  This 2nd Day of March 2015

 Mayor