

Council Minutes

February 27, 2017

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held on February 27, 2017 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Neil Morrissette, Aldermen John Wilson, Jacques Roberge and Steve Vincent, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Charlie Elliott Zoning Administrator, Andy Cappello Recreation Director, Jessica Booth Program Director, Thomas Gray and Allen Raboin, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

Robyn Smith asked if the meeting agendas could be placed on the council table before the meetings.

Exploration of a Land Sale on the Corner of Union and Sloan Streets (attached)

Thomas Gray and Allen Raboin were present to ask that the council consider selling the parcel of land at the corner of Sloan and Union Streets. They would like to expand their building. Mr. Baraw asked that the council consider the neighbors. Mayor Monette stated that that would be part of the permit process and that any sale over \$1,000 would have to go to the voters. Mr. Vincent moved that the City Manager proceed with the process for the sale of the land. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Zoning Bylaw Changes (attached)

Mr. Elliott reviewed the proposed changes with the council. The planning Commission held a public hearing on February 7, 2017. The council needs to hold a public hearing before the changes can be approved. Mr. Morrissette moved to hold a public hearing on March 20, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Restructuring (attached)

The council reviewed the Recreation Department restructuring effective after Town Meeting.

Recommendation for Grant Funded Real Estate Developer Consultant (attached)

Mr. Roberge moved to accept the recommendation from the Selection Committee and hire White & Burke to do the study. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Adoption of FEMA Approved Hazardous Mitigation Plan

Mr. Vincent moved to adopt the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

The plan is on file in the offices of the City Manager and City Clerk.

Fuel Pre-buy Recommendation (attached)

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the recommendation for fuel pre-buy per the memo dated February 23, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Certificate of Highway Mileage

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve and sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards

Mr. Roberge moved to approve and sign the Certificate of Town Road and Bridge Standards. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways

Mr. Vincent moved to approve and sign the Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

None

Old Business

Mr. Wilson noted that the Fire Department held a Mutual Aid Training that was well attended by several towns.

Mr. Roberge asked that the City Manager contact the Town of Derby if they have or are going to vote on maintaining the traffic lights at Wal-Mart.

Mr. Morrissette thanked the Public Works Crew for getting quickly during the last storm.

Mr. Wilson stated that the dip on West Main St. needed to be fixed ASAP in the spring. It's so bad the Fire Department won't go up West Main St.

Executive Session for Personnel

Mr. Vincent moved to enter executive session for personnel. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

Next Meeting Dates

Informational Meeting March 6, 2017, 6:30 PM. Council Meeting March 7, 2017 immediately following the information meeting. Centennial Planning Committee, March 20, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

Adjournment

Mr. Roberge moved to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested; *James S. Johnson* This 20th Day of March, 2017

[Signature]
Mayor