

Council Minutes
February 29, 2016

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, February 29, 2016 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Jacques Roberge, Neil Morrissette, and Steve Vincent, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk James D. Johnson, Gary Viens, David LaForce, Chief James LeClair, Chief Seth DiSanto, Mike Paradis, Tom Bernier, Andy Cappello, members of the Press and Public

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

Informational Hearing on Articles to be voted Upon at Town Meeting

No questions or comments.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Roberge moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

Rep. Gary Veins updated the council on bills working their way through the legislature.

United Christian Academy, David Laforce; to Explain the Warned Item Concerning the Termination of the City's Reversionary Interest in United Christian Academy. (attached)

Dave LaForce explain the United Christian Academy's request to terminate the city's reversionary interest in United Christian Academy which will be voted on at Annual Meeting. The council is in favor of the request.

RFP Design for Gateway Proposal (attached)

Mr. Cappello and the council discussed the RFP for lease of the Gateway. The council was concerned about the upkeep of the facility and the effect on current commitments. Mr. Cappello will continue to explore who's interested in leasing the Gateway.

Prouty Beach Store Implementation Plan (attached)

Mr. Cappello and the council discussed the store and its location. Mr. Roberge moved to approve the store at the proposed location for one (1) year to see how it works. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Update on Engine #1 (attached)

Chief LeClair recommended purchasing the 1998 HME Pumper for approximately \$35,000. If the City purchases a new truck in the next 18 months the supplier will take back the 1998 HME and refund the funds. Mr. LeClair noted that he received a call from John Page in Irasburg about a 1988 Seagrave Pumper he would sell the city for \$12,000. Mr. Grondin stated he has driven the 1988 truck, it drives really well, the engine sounds very good and it is fully loaded. The council asked Mr. LeClair to look at the truck from Irasburg. The council will make a decision at the March 7th meeting.

Grant Opportunity Letters of Intent and Applications (attached)

The City Manager noted the applications were for the Aquatic Nuisance Mitigation Project. Mr. Morrissette moved to move forward with the grant applications. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Update on Fuel Prices (attached)

Mr. Vincent moved to accept the bid for fuel and propane from Fred's Energy. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Certificate of Mileage (attached)

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

Sign Contract for Engineering Services with A&E Engineering for Farrant Street Pump Station

Mr. Vincent moved to accept the contract for engineering services with A&E Engineering for the Farrant Street Pump station. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Mayor Monette discussed the economic development strategy with the council.

Sign Assessor's Letter of Confirmation

Mr. Vincent moved to authorize the City council to sign the certificate of no Appeal or Suit Pending. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

The council signed liquor licenses for American Legion Post 21 and Maplefields.

The City Manager noted that the Winter Swim will be Saturday, March 5th.

Old Business

The City Clerk reminded the council that warrants are ready on Tuesday afternoon during the weeks when there is no council meeting.

Mr. Roberge reminded the council of the Gardner Park Survey that would be available during Annual Meeting.

City Manager noted a new link on the cities Web-site on Solid Waste Implementation.

City Manager noted that delinquent tax letters have been sent out. Taxpayers have until March 10th to respond.

Next Meeting Dates

Annual Meeting March, 1 2016 @ 8:00 PM

Council Meeting March 7, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

Executive Session for Personnel and Contract Negotiations

Mr. Vincent moved to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Morrissette moved to adjourn at 9:05 PM. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Attested Jane Johnson This 7th Day of March, 2016

[Signature]
Mayor