

Council Minutes

March 2, 2015

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, March 2, 2015 in the council room immediately following a Public Hearing. 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, Charles Elliott, Chief LeClair, Chief DiSanto, Rep. Gary Viens, Bill Stenger, Andrew Stenger, Andy Cappello, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM immediately following a Public Hearing on the Municipal Plan.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of February 16, 2015 as printed. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

Colleen Ortiz invited the council to the next Walk to School on March 19, 2015. She also stated that Newport City School would be participating in Green up Day.

Corey Therrien spoke in support of the article to repair the roof at the Junior High School.

Discussion of Demolition Plans for Spates Block

Bill and Andrew Stenger and representatives from Cassella Construction were present to brief the council on the demolition of the Spates Block. Demolition should start in the middle of March and would take approximately 5 Weeks. Once construction starts it may take 18 months to complete. Mr. Stenger stated that they have all required permits for ANC Bio and construction will start very soon in March or April.

Consider 97th Annual Meeting Articles

Richard Cartee Updated the council on the renovations to the Jr. High School.

Request to hire Ross Environmental for Phase II Gardner Park Environmental Site Assessment

Mr. Morrissette moved to hire Ross Environmental for the Gardner Park Phase II Environmental Assessment. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Request Permission to Issue Bid Request for Municipal Building Renovations

Mr. Chenette moved to authorize the City Manager to put out the bids for municipal building renovations. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

The council signed liquor licenses

Mr. Chenette stated that salt and sand needed to be spread at the recycling center

Bob Kelley would like to meet with the select board about the 911 call center

Mr. Ward stated he would like to move ahead with the alarm system for the windows in the Clerk's Office and the Police Dept.

Phil Laramie would like to meet with the council about more space for youth baseball

Roger Cartee thanked Aldermen Baraw and Chenette for their service to the City.

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the Municipal Plan with changes. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Baraw noted a pot hole at East Main St and Union St.

Mayor Monette noted the list of street lights to take out. Mr. Ward state that he and Mr. Bernier would go out again and come back to the council.

Mayor Monette asked about the Facilities Policy. Mr. Morrissette stated it was almost done.

Mrs. Ortiz noted a legislative forum about school consolidation on March 16th.

Next Meeting Date

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Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:15 Pm. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James Johnson This 16th Day of March, 2015

[Signature] Mayor