

Council Minutes

March 7, 2016

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, March 7, 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/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Chief James LeClair, Tom Bernier, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Roberge moved to approve the minutes of February 29, 2016 with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by Members of the Public

Ann Chiarello commented on their belief that Newport Renaissance doesn't intend to hire an Executive Director and that Newport Renaissance should not be given \$25,000 from the city if that is the case.

Election of Council President

Mr. Vincent moved to elect Neil Morrissette, Council president. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried.

Appointments

Mr. Roberge moved to appoint Laura Dolgin, City Manager. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

Mr. Roberge moved to appoint Laura Dolgin, Delinquent Tax Collector. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried.

Mr. Morrissette moved to appoint Tom Bernier, Director of Public Works. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

Mr. Vincent moved to appoint Seth DiSanto, Chief of Police. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried.

Mr. Roberge moved to appoint James LeClair, Chief of Fire Department. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

Mr. Roberge moved to appoint Spencer Potter, Tax Assessor. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried.

Mr. Roberge moved to appoint Andrew Cappello, Director of Recreation. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried.

Mr. Vincent moved to table the appointment of the City Attorney until the council speaks to other interest persons. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried.

Mr. Vincent moved to appoint Daniel Ross and Denise Bowen to the Development Review Board for two years. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried.

Mr. Morrissette moved to appoint James LeClair, Health Officer. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried.

Mr. Morrissette moved to appoint Charles Elliott to the Planning Commission for three years. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

Mr. Roberge moved to appoint Norbert Blais, Harbor Master. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried.

Mr. Morrissette moved to appoint Archie Lewis, Norbert Blais and Ronald Chaffee to the Harbor Commission. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

Mr. Roberge moved to appoint Heidi Santaw, Aaron Carr, Aaron Larson, Jennifer Smith, Renee Hamel-Boudreault, Marin Gardyne and Suzanna Zelif to the Recreation committee. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried.

Mr. Roberge moved to appoint Paul Monette and Laura Dolgin to the NVDA Board. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

Mr. Roberge moved to appoint Paul Monette to the Northern Vermont Economic Development District. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried.

Mr. Vincent moved to appoint Frank Ormsbee, John Ward Sr. and Denis Chenette to the Cemetery Commission. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried.

Mr. Roberge moved to appoint Royce Lancaster, Animal Control Officer. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

Mr. Vincent moved to appoint Robert Gosselin, Tree Warden. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried.

Mr. Morrissette moved to table the appointment of the Town Service Officer. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

Mr. Roberge moved to table the appointment of the Building Safety Officer until they talk to Mr. Elliott. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

Mr. Roberge moved to appoint Charles Elliott, Zoning Administrator. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried.

Fire Truck Update (attached)

Mr. Roberge moved to buy the 1998 HME Fire Truck. The City Manager will find the money in the current budget. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried.

Review Gardner Park Survey Results (attached)

Mayor Monette reviewed with the council the results of the Gardner Park Survey. It showed that the people who took the survey were clearly in favor of the project. Mr. Roberge stated he would not support any plan that reduced the number of ball fields.

New Business

The council signed liquor licenses

The council signed the 20 year lease with the Dept. of Fish and wildlife for the South Bay Access.

Mayor Monette stated he would be putting out feelers for interested people to serve on the city's 100th Anniversary Committee.

The council members purchased a ticket for the 33rd Annual Firefighters Raffle.

Old Business

Mr. Morrisette asked the status of hiring the Prouty Beach/Campground Manager. Ms. Dolgin stated that there are 5 or 6 resumes. The new hire will be a Host/Manager.

Mr. Vincent stated there is another person who may be interested in the old barn.

Mr. Chenette asked why the council had not appointed Mr. Wilson as Council President it normally goes to the senior member of the council. Mr. Vincent stated that was not true, both he and Mr. Roberge were president in their first terms.

Next Meeting Date

March 23, 2016

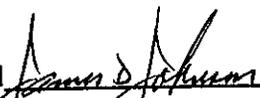
Executive Session- Personnel and Contracts

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

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Vincent moved to adjourn at 8:39 PM. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried.

Attested  This 21st Day of March, 2016



Mayor