

Council Meeting

March 13, 2017

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, March 13, 2017 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Aldermen John Wilson and Denis Chenette, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Chief Seth DiSanto, Chief Jamie LeClair, Tom Bernier, members of the Press and Public.

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

Comments by the Public

Ann Chairillo thanked the Fire Dept. for their quick response to the fire at her residence

Laurie Grimm noted that the Community Commons meeting for Tuesday night has been cancelled.

Brian McNeal commented on the EB5 problem.

Accept City Council Letters of Resignation

Mr. Chenette moved to accept letters of resignation from councilmen Vincent and Morrissette. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Discussion on Council Vacancies

With input from the public the council discussed how to move forward with two vacancies on the City Council.

It was decided to advertise for the two vacancies with letters of interest due by March 22, 2017. Applicants will be interviewed in an open meeting. Appointments are anticipated to be made at the meeting on April 3rd.

New Business

Mr. Johnson presented 2017 liquor licenses for council signatures.

Old Business

Mr. Johnson noted he had missed the petition from VNA & Hospice for tax exemption for five years therefore it was not on the ballot for Town Meeting. However he could see no reason why the article wouldn't have passed since all articles passed on Town Meeting day. Also they have been voted tax exempt each time they have requested it since 2007. Mr. Johnson will issue them a tax bill in the fall for 2017-18. They would have to get on the ballot for the Annual Meeting next March. Mr. Johnson suggested that the City make a donation to VNA & Hospice in December 2017. Mr. Chenette moved to make a donation to VNA & Hospice. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Attested James D. Johnson This 20th Day of March 2017



Mayor