

Council Minutes

April 4, 2016

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, April 4, 2016 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Neil Morrissette, Aldermen John Wilson and Jacques Roberge, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Chief LeClair, Chief DiSanto, Bill Rivard, Andy Cappello, Tom Bernier, members of the Press and Public. Alderman Vincent was absent.

Mayor Monette opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by Members of the Public

The council took comments from the public on matters concerning the City Council, Appointments, the City Attorney, residency and Newport Renaissance.

UCA Event Request (attached)

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the Block Party request on Saturday, May 7, 2016 by UCA. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Green Mountain Farm to School Event Request (attached)

Mr. Roberge moved to approve the block party request for June 16, 2016 by Green Mountain Farm to School. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Vermont Symphony Orchestra Tent Request (attached)

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Resource Officer MOU Renewal

Mr. Roberge moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Resource Officer at NCUHS. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Dispatch Proposal Update

Chief DiSanto updated the council on the status of the proposed Newport Dispatch Center.

Bid for Dump Body, Plow and Sander

Mr. Morrissette moved to go with the bid from H.P. Fairfield of \$38,615 for the Dump Body, Plow and Sander. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Johnson presented Liquor Licenses for the council to approve.

Mr. Wilson brought three prizes the council won at the Fireman's Raffle

Mr. Wilson stated that West Main St. is getting rough.

The State is considering blocking access to Scott's Cove because the invasive species Starry Stone Wart had been found in the Cove.

Hugh McNeal noted the stop lights on the Causeway are not working correctly. Also the Stop lights at the intersection of Western Ave. and Sias Ave.

Old Business

Mr. Johnson gave the council info on Dog Licenses. Stating that the number of dogs being registered has gone from around three hundred fifty in the late 90's to only 146 this year.

Mr. Roberge noted the application for the Gardner Park Grant was for \$300,000. He noted we only budgeted for a grant of ~~\$175,000~~^{150,000}. Mr. Cappello stated we can use an in kind match for the rest of the grant, however we don't have to take the full amount if the grant is awarded.

Mr. Roberge asked why Comcast is taking so long. Ms. Dolgin stated that she is meeting with Comcast and hopes to have a contract by July 1st.

Mr. Morrissette noted that a group at NCU has built a Giant Light Bulb Sculpture and wants to donate it to the City.

Mr. Roberge and Mr. Cappello met with the ball players they discussed Scheduling, Field Development and Communication. Lights have been donated for field number two, grant funds will be used to install the lights.

Brian McNeal discussed lane markings at the intersection of Western Ave. and West Main St. and I91 and the Causeway.

Ann Chairello asked why the council has not asked Newport Renaissance why they have not hired an Executive Director. Mayor Monette stated the city will not micro manage the organization.

Next Meeting Date

April 18, 2016

Executive session to review RFP's for the Gateway

Mr. Roberge moved to enter executive session for RFP's. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

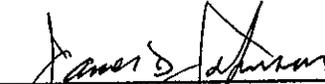
Mr. Roberge moved to enter executive session for contracts. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

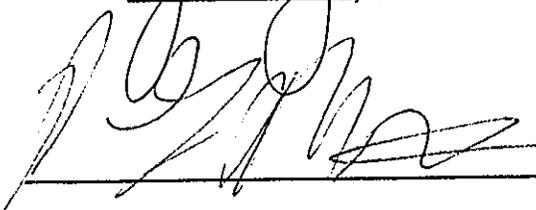
Mr. Roberge moved to authorize the Police Dept. to apply for the Newport Dispatch Center Equipment Grant in the amount of \$184,254.75. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Roberge moved to have the City Manager and City Clerk come up with \$50,000 for installation. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Morrissette moved to adjourn at 9:20 PM. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 18th Day of April, 2016

 Mayor