

Council Minutes

April 18, 2016

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, April 18, 2016 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Aldermen John Wilson and Steve Vincent, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Chief James LeClair, Andy Cappello, members of the Press and Public. Aldermen Roberge and Morrissette were absent.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2016 with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried. (Monette, Vincent, Wilson)

Comments by the Public

Reporter Joe Creaser objected to the executive session for contracts held last meeting.

Mayor Monette read a prepared statement regarding the alleged fraud of the EB5 program buy the owners of Jay Peak and Q Burke.

Laurie Grimm commented on Community Commons

Brian McNeal commented on fraud of the EB5 program nation wide

Amy Brasseur commented on animal control problems on Longview St.

Wayne Hankin commented on the EB5 problem and the need to work together.

Ann Chiarello commented on the EB5 problem.

Tom Farrow commented on the history of the country.

Bob Walker commented on the issue of the City Managers residence and Mr. Wilson and the rest of the council working together.

Colleen Moore De Ortiz commented on taxes being paid on the Main St. lot.

Woodman Page wondered about future plans to file suit for compensatory damages.

Kelley Meunier commented on the house next to hers that's falling down.

Phil White commented on investment in Newport, Northern Star, Jazz Fest and Fiddle Fest

John Hall commented on the 2017 deadline for a temporary green space where the buildings were torn down.

Water Committee Presentation

Mr. Vincent moved to table. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. (Monette, Vincent, Wilson)

Wastewater Rate Recommendation

Mr. Vincent moved to table. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. (Monette, Vincent, Wilson)

Kingdom Games Plans and Requests

Phil White updated the council on the Kingdom Swim in July. The council will get info on the cost of police coverage and potentially approve the request at the next council meeting.

Event Applications and requests

Mr. Cappello presented two requests. Mr. Vincent moved to approve the request for the Out of Darkness Walk by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention on September 10, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. (Monette, Vincent, Wilson)

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the parade request for the Week of the Young Child on May 12, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. (Monette, Vincent, Wilson)

Forever Young Room Rental Rate Structure Proposal (attached)

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the rental rates for one year. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. (Monette, Vincent, Wilson)

Resign the fish and Game Lease

Mr. Vincent moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the lease which will include the whole parcel. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. (Monette, Vincent, Wilson)

American Legion request for Flags (attached)

Mr. Vincent moved to take \$300 out of council special projects to purchase flags for the American Legion Post 21. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. (Monette, Vincent, Wilson)

Love & Freedom Ministry requested to lease the Senior Center 6 hours per week for \$30 per week (attached). Mr. Vincent moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. (Monette, Vincent, Wilson)

Authorize City Manager to Sign Mortgage Discharges

Mr. Vincent moved to authorize the City manager to sign the mortgage discharge for the Forcier property. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. (Monette, Vincent, Wilson)

Centennial Celebration Planning Meetings

Mr. Cappello stated the initial meeting is planned for May 5, 2016. Those interested in participating should attend.

New Business

The council approved liquor licenses.

Green-up Day is May 7, 2016

Old Business

Mr. Johnson reminded those in attendance that the re-vote on the school budget will be April 26, 2016.

Executive session, Gateway Recommendations

Mr. Vincent moved to table. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. (Monette, Vincent, Wilson)

Next Meeting Date

May 2, 2016

Adjournment

Mr. Vincent moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. (Monette, Vincent, Wilson)

Attested: James D. Wilson This 2nd Day of May, 2016

[Signature]
Mayor