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Council Minutes

May 1, 2017

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, May 1, 2017 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Council Members Julie Raboin, Denis Chenette, James Merriam, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Chief LeClair, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2017 with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Moments by the Public

Brian McNeal commented on the EB5 program.

Green Lantern Solar Net Metering Contract

Ms. Dolgin stated that the City Attorney recommended that the City not enter a contract with Green Lantern now. He stated that the Public Service Board is changing the rule which could negatively affect the appeal of Net Metering.

Website Update

Ms. Dolgin stated she did not have an update for tonight. She has another proposal to look at on Friday.

Centennial Update(attached)

Ms. Dolgin updated the council on the progress of the Centennial Committee.

New Business

The council signed an Outside Consumption permit for American Legion Post #21.

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Ms. Raboin moved to approve a Special Events permit for Eden Ice Cider. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously. The event is a fundraiser for VSO to held at Spates the Florist.

Mr. Chenette moved to approve a request for Niles Funds. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson noted sneakers hanging for the wires on Prospect St. He would like them removed.

Ms. Raboin asked why the gym is closed to the public? Ms. Dolgin explained that there has been a rash of vandalism. Persons or groups must make reservations to us the gym moving forward.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson noted signs at the bottom of East Main St. starting to appear. Those that don't have permission should be removed.

Mr. McNeal noted speeding on Western Ave.

Mr. Corkins noted bicycles on the sidewalks and Vehicles not stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalks.

Next Meeting Date

Council Meeting Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM. Centennial Meeting Monday, May15, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 7:19 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested: _____ This _____ Day of May, 2017

Mayor