

Council Minutes

June 15, 2015

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, June 15, 2015 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Jack Roberge, Steve Vincent and Neil Morrissette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of June 1, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the minutes of June 3, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by Members of the Public

Diana Henry voiced some concerns about the proposed Recovery Center planned for 58 Third St. Mr. Vincent stated that the City could not approve or disapprove the location and that she should address her concerns directly to the people planning the center.

The meeting moved to the municipal parking lot where the Newport Fire Department presented Mr. Ward with a plaque for his service to the City of Newport.

Cynthia Moore and Gene McCormick updated the council on the planned Newport Jazz Festival scheduled for August 7, 8 & 9

Request Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between NVDA and City of Newport for Hazard Mitigation Program Development.

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with NVDA. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Various Requests by Vermont's North Country Chamber of Commerce for Aqua Fest 2015. (attached)

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the requests by North Country Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Guidelines for City Owned Facilities

Mr. Morrissette moved to table. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Review Revised Draft of Solid Waste Implementation Plan

Mr. Ward stated this is on the agenda in case anyone had questions. The plan will be sent to the state for approval. The council will have to have two public hearings before they can approve it.

Consider Budget Status Report thru May 2015

The council reviewed the current budget status.

New Business

None

Old Business

Mr. Roberge stated he had talked with Mr. Cappello and the infamous Tennis wall will be in next year's budget.

Mayor asked about the agreement with Mr. White for use of city equipment.

Mr. Vincent asked about the status of the Municipal Building construction. Mr. Ward stated it was moving along.

Mr. Morrissette asked about the drainage problem on Fernwood Circle. Mr. Ward stated it was on the list to do and the city will do whatever it takes to fix the problem.

Next Meeting Date

July 6, 2015

Executive Session – Negotiations with Town of Derby on Road Improvements on US Route 5

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

No action.

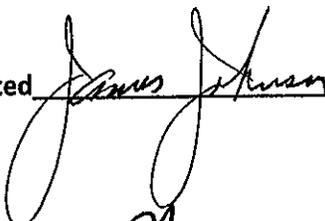
Executive Session for City Manager Search/Hire

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

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Morrissette moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 6th Day of July 2015

 Mayor