

Council Minutes

July 3, 2017

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, July 3, 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, and James Merriam, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, members of the French and Prue families, and members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Raboin Moved to approve the minutes of June 19, 2017 with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Unveiling of the Newport City Mini Train Display

Mr. David French on behalf of the French and Prue families presented the display to the City of Newport.

Review rules of Council Meeting Procedures and Participation Guidelines

Mayor Monette read the Council Meeting Participation Guidelines and Rules of Procedure for council meetings. Mr. Chenette noted two changes that he thought appropriate. The council will take up the rules after the proposed changes have been evaluated by the City Attorney.

Comments by Members of the Public

Anne Chiarello felt that the public should be able to participate in the discussion of any issue before the council.

Susan Watson noted that she had gotten permission from Mr. Bove to cleanup and set some displays in the windows of the JJ Newbury Building.

Letter of Support for MWA Grant Application for Ecosystem Restoration Grant for Final Design of Storm Water Treatments for the City

Mr. Merriam moved to approve a letter of support for the MWA grant application. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Letter of Support for the All-Season Walking Path Act 250 Application.

Mr. Wilson moved to approve a letter of support for the walking path at Vista. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Letter of Support for All Season Walking Path Ecosystem Restoration Grant

Mr. Merriam moved to approve a letter of support for Vistas Walking Path Ecosystem Restoration Grant. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Letter of Intent for Agency of Natural Resources for Storm Water Relief Grant

Mr. Merriam moved to approve the letter of intent for the Storm Water Relief Grant. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the Line of Credit with Passumpsic Bank for \$1,000,000 at 1.4% interest. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson noted that the Island on the Causeway looks very good.

Mr. Merriam noted the mural being painted at the United Church is very nice and urged everyone to go by and look at it.

Old Business

Ms. Raboin asked if there was any new info about the proposed Web-site. Ms. Dolgin stated there was no new info.

Next Meeting Dates

Council Meeting, July 17, 2017. Centennial Meeting, July 13, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

Adjournment

Mr. Merriam moved to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James Johnson This 17 Day of July 2017



Mayor