

## **Council Minutes**

**July 11, 2016**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, July 11, 2016 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Neil Morrisette, Aldermen Jacques Roberge, John Wilson and Steve Vincent, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Chief DiSanto, Chief LeClair, Cynthia Moore, Gene McCormick, members of the Press and Public.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Morrisette moved to approve the minutes of June 20, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

### **Comments by the Public**

Mayor Monette thanked Mr. Cappello and the Recreation Dept. for a great job on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events. He also thanked Gene McCormick and Cynthia Moore for their efforts in planning and putting on a wonderful Jazz Festival. Ms. Dolgin thanked the Public Works Dept. for getting the City ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> and the Jazz Festival. Ms. Dolgin also noted that the flowers in one of the islands were donated by Tina LeBlond and the other was by an anonymous donor. Mr. Morrisette noted that the very first fire work on the 4<sup>th</sup> was set off by the Fire Dept.

### **Jazz Fest Debrief**

Mayor Publicly congratulated Gene McCormick and Cynthia Moore on a very successful Jazz Festival. He read a quote by John Denver and presented Gene and Cynthia with a Certificate of Appreciation from the City.

### **Funding Application for Engineering Costs for Potential Water Tower Construction (attached)**

This application is for a low interest loan of \$13,900 to do a feasibility study and preliminary engineering for a new water storage tank and also evaluate the existing Palin Hill reservoir. Mr. Vincent moved to approve the application. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

## **SWIP Plan Feedback**

Ms. Dolgin stated that the City is looking for feedback on the Solid Waste Implementation Plan. She noted there have been two events, material posted on the web-site, articles in the media, the council has passed a variable rate structure and there is a survey on line among other things. Ms. Dolgin urged residents to take the survey. The next steps include outreach to schools and businesses.

## **New Business**

Mr. Roberge stated he had heard on the street that we were running a large deficit this year. Ms. Dolgin stated that she felt we would possibly end up with a \$40,000 surplus.

Mayor Monette read a thankyou letter from the Major Family for the race.

Mr. Morrissette thanked the Public Works Dept. for marking the streets.

Mr. Morrissette noted he had had a request to paint a picture on the Main St. fence of the Lake, mountains and a church. Ms. Dolgin noted there is a process to follow in order to be allowed to do so.

Ms. Dolgin noted residents may see blue or orange dots on their lawns. This is part of the water mapping project.

Pam Ladd noted the light coming off the access road is blinking red. She felt it should not be blinking, she almost got hit in the intersection.

Ms. Dolgin stated the city is taking out the crosswalk in front of People's Bank it crosses 4 lanes of traffic and is dangerous.

Mr. Wilson stated he had spoken with the 40<sup>th</sup> Army Band leader and if we want them for the Centennial Celebration they would need a years advanced notice. The local Guard Unit would need a year to a year and a half notice.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Roberge stated he had checked out the camp ground store. He felt there was no store to speak of, there was no sign and no supplies. Mr. Cappello needs to go to other campgrounds to see what they stock and buy supplies. Mr. Vincent felt the store needed to be advertised. Mr. Roberge and Mr. Vincent both felt disappointed with the store.

Mr. Roberge noted the Shuffle Board is peeling. He also noted the Tennis Wall is very rough and the ends are not painted, he noted the wall should have been built with exterior or treated plywood.

Mayor Monette stated the dock building looks great. He noted the weed barrier mats are not down. The city needs a permit to put them down. Ms. Dolgin stated the city is purchasing a small cutter for \$3,100 to cut the weeds at the dock.

Mayor Monette stated he appreciated the memo from Mr. Elliott concerning the garage on East Main St. and the Kincaid property on West Main St.

Mr. Morrissette thanked the City, especially Chief DiSanto and Chief LeClair for their efforts regarding Joe Poulin and Ed Newton.

Mr. Vincent noted the fundraiser for Joe Poulin was very successful.

Ms. Dolgin confirmed that the next council meeting would be the 25th of July. The schedule had stated the 18th.

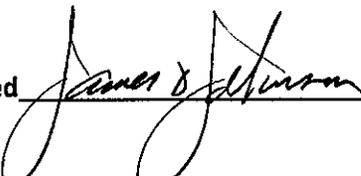
Ann Chiarello noted the boards outside the Gateway are very slippery when wet.

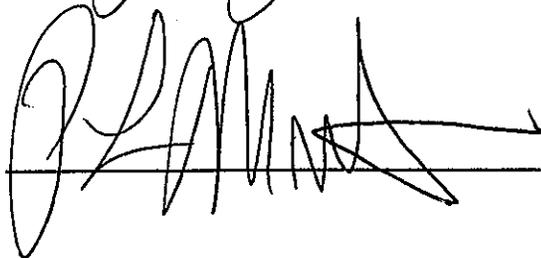
**Next Meeting Date**

July 25, 2016

**Adjournment**

Mr. Vincent moved to adjourn at 7:28 PM. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 25<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2016

 Mayor