

## **Council Minutes**

**July 17, 2017**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, July 17, 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 D. Johnson, Tom Bernier, Jessica Booth, Jamie LeClair, 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 July 3, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

### **Rules of Procedure for Council meetings**

Mayor Monette noted that changes suggested by Mr. Chenette at the last meeting were forwarded to the City Attorney. He recommended leaving the documents as originally written. Ms. Raboin brought up some changes she would like to see in the rules. Ms. Raboin moved to approve the rules of procedure minus the mission statement and decent & protest of a vote. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Discussion on if other changes are needed. Mr. Wilson withdrew the second to the motion. Ms. Raboin withdrew the motion.

Mr. Chenette moved to go with the rules as recommended by the City Attorney. No second to the motion.

Mr. Merriam moved to have the City Attorney review the rules with changes. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

### **Comments by the Public**

Anne Chia relllo commented on the rules of procedure for council meetings.

Susan Watson commented on the window displays at the JJ Newberry building, and thanked the organizers for the Wednesday on the Waterfront music events.

**Water Tower Maintenance Presentation** (attached)

Scott Kelley from SUEZ Water Systems and Dick Pratt a former customer gave a presentation on Water Tower maintenance.

**Out of Darkness Event** (attached)

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the request for the Out of Darkness event on September 9, 2017 and to waive the \$150 fee. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Mr. Wilson moved to approve a special Event Permit for Kingdom Brewing on July 29, 2017 at Prouty Beach. Seconded by Mr. Merriam, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette moved to approve a Special Event Permit for MAC Center for the Arts on August 4, 2017. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette moved to approve a Special Event Permit for Eden Ice Cider on July 29, 2017 at Prouty Beach. Seconded by Mr. Merriam, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson presented a Niles Fund request. The council felt the request should be held until there is a balance due on the tax or utility account.

Mr. Wilson noted it is time for the City Managers review.

Mr. Wilson brought up the speeders on West Main St. He noted the speed indicator cart is effective, but complained that , some drivers don't pay attention to it. Maybe an officer on the next corner would help.

Ms. Raboin commended the Recreation Dept. for the July 4<sup>th</sup> events but complained that the event could have used more pot-a-lets.

Mr. Merriam noted a community meal at the United Church on Thursday.

**Old Business**

Mayor Monette stated the weed harvesting at the City dock went very well.

Mayor Monette noted the Wednesday on the Waterfront was great.

**Next Meeting Date**

Council meeting August 7, 2017, Centennial meeting August 17, 2017

**Executive Session for Pending Litigation/Contract 1 VSA 313 (a)(1)(A); (a)(1)(E) & 313 (A)(2)**

Mr. Merriam moved that a motion for the Council's specific finding that premature general public knowledge of the subjects of the anticipated executive session tonight would clearly place the council and/or persons involved at a substantial disadvantage.

A motion to enter executive session with counsel, for confidential attorney- client communication concerning contracts and pending litigation. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested *James Johnson* This *7<sup>th</sup>* Day of *August* 2017

*[Signature]*  
Mayor