

Council Minutes

July 20, 2015

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, July 20, 2015 immediately following a Public Hearing on The Cities Solid Waste Implementation Plan. The meeting was in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Jack Roberge, Neil Morrisette and Steve Vincent, City Manager Laura Dolgin, Jamie LeClair, Tom Bernier, Mike Paradis, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Morrisette moved to approve the minutes of July 6, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Appoint City Manager

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Laura Dolgin City Manager. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Laura Dolgin Delinquent Tax Collector and Representative to the NVDA Board. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by Members of the Public

Mr. Baraw asked about the sign for the Mel Carter Industrial Park. Mr. Bernier noted he had received the sign today. Mr. Bernier stated that if the Hospital Trustees let him know where the sign is going he will take care of preparing the site.

Approval of Preliminary Wastewater and Water Allocations

Mr. Vincent moved to approve a Wastewater Allocation request by Mr. James Mulkin for the property at 326 Bluff Road. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Morrisette moved to approve a Wastewater Allocation request by Brian Thompson for the property at 32 Stagecoach Dr. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vincent moved to approve a Water Allocation request by Brian Thompson for the property at 32 Stagecoach Dr. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Providing Evidence of Community Support for Newport Ambulance Service Inc.

Mike Paradis from the Ambulance Service stated that they would like to purchase a new ambulance for \$89,000 and change. 55% of the cost would be a grant from USDA and the balance would be a loan. Mr. Vincent moved to support Newport Ambulance Service in the purchase of a new ambulance. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously. Mayor Monette signed the document.

Request for Public Input on Newport's Hazard Mitigation Plan

The City Manager stated that the Hazard Mitigation Community Outreach Form will be available on the Cities Website and forms will be made available to people who do not have a computer. More info will be coming on the mitigation plan.

New Business

Mr. Morrisette moved to approve Outside Consumption Permits for the Tavern on The Hill. Seconded , by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Monette felt the City should look into a purchase order system. Particularly for purchases at the Pick & shovel.

Mayor would like to have the Recreation Director do a write-up about how the Wi-Fi is working it is having an adverse effect on credit card purchases at the city dock

Mayor Monette would like a list of programs and event that are city event vs what are other organizations programs and events.

Mr. Vincent would like someone to look at the Gateway Building to determine what needs to be repaired. He felt the cupola in particular needed to be painted or stained.

Mr. Vincent requested that the City Manager have each dept. head make up a list of equipment, when it should be replaced and the approximate cost of replacement.

Old Business

Mr. Roberge thanked the MWA for finishing the Rain Gardens.

Mr. Morrisette moved to have the City Manager write a letter to Chris Johansen asking him to meet with her to discuss back fees for the Northern Star.

Mr. Roberge asked if Paul would continue to film the council meetings or ask NEKTV to do it. Mayor Monette would rather have NEKTV film the meetings. Mr. Roberge will ask Todd Pronto to attend the next meeting.

Pam Ladd ask when the Water Meter Committee meetings were. Mr. Baraw stated they are on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8:00 AM in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Monette asked about the facilities policy. Mr. Morrissette stated it was not done yet there were some changes.

Mayor Monette stated that the light at the monument in Gardner Park is out.

Mr. Morrissette noted that a person stepped on a loose screw at the City Dock and cut her foot. Someone should inspect the dock for protruding screws and loose boards and repair them.

Mr. Vincent asked about the status of the Derby water allocation agreement. Mayor Monette stated it is not settled even though Derby agreed to the language. Their lawyer continues to hold up the process. The court may have to make the final decision.

Next Meeting date

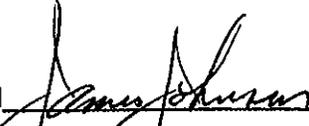
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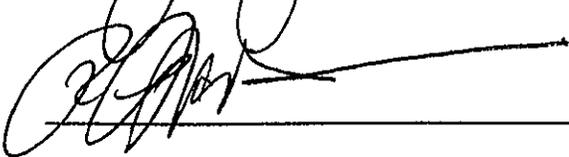
Executive Session -- Personnel

Mr. Roberge moved to enter executive session for personnel. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously. In open session Mr. Vincent moved to approve a wage increase request for the City Clerk and Asst. City Clerks per Mr. Johnson's request. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried. Mr. Wilson abstained.

Adjournment

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 3rd Day of August 2015

 Mayor