

Council Minutes

July 25, 2016

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, July 25, 2016 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Neil Morrissette, Councilmen John Wilson, Jacques Roberge and Steve Vincent, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Chief DiSanto, Chief LeClair, Janice Ploof, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the minutes of July 11, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

Chief DiSanto thanked the public and the council for their support of the Police Department in light of what happened in Dallas.

Phil White stated that the Kingdom Swim is next weekend. He expects 300 swimmers and kayakers. They have 13 support boats; Newport Police Dept. will have their boat on the water. There will be a Pizza cruise on Friday night starting at 7:00 PM and a Pig Roast Saturday at Prouty Beach, the public is invited.

Janice Ploof complained about the growing salvage yard next to her property on East Main St. Mayor Monette stated the Zoning Administrator is working on the problem with the state.

New Business

Mayor Monette noted that NCUHS is seeking the use of the Fire Station for an emergency evacuation site. Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Roberge acknowledged the report from Recreation Director Andy Cappello. He stated the total cost didn't tell him much he would like to see the cost of each item or project. Mr. Roberge stated the City Manager did a good job on the water rate memo.

Ms. Dolgin stated that the Water Committee would make a presentation on installation of water meters and ways to fund the installation at next week's meeting.

Ms. Dolgin stated she has removed the signs and banners at the foot of East Main St. and will contact all organizations involved.

Ms. Dolgin was very pleased to report the City had received a USDA grant of \$43,000 for the installation of the dispatch equipment.

Ms. Dolgin estimated a surplus from last year's budget of \$30,000 more or less. Mr. Vincent noted that maybe this is the time to fix the traffic lights on the Causeway.

Mayor Monette noted that weed cutting at the City dock will begin next week.

Next Meeting Date

August 1, 2016

Adjournment

Mr. Roberge moved to adjourn at 6:58 PM. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James Johnson This 1st Day of August 2016

[Signature]
Mayor