

Council Minutes

August 1, 2016

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, August 1, 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 Johnson, Chief DiSanto, Chief LeClair, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the minutes of July 25, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

None

Request to waive Zoning and DRB Permit fees for Trout Unlimited (attached)

Mr. Vincent moved to waive the permit fees for Trout Unlimited. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Water Meter Presentation (attached)

Ms. Dolgin and the Water Committee gave a presentation to the council on the Funding, Purchase and installation of water meters by the City. The council noted that no one would be forced to purchase and install a water meter.

Request to File a Planning Grant Application with the Vermont Housing Conservation Board

VHCB has \$200,000 set aside by the legislature to be used for planning. Ms. Dolgin would like permission to apply for a grant. If the City does not take advantage of these funds they may disappear during the next legislative session. The funds may be used for Housing, Excess to Water and Recreation. Mr. Morrissette moved to authorize the City Manager to apply for a Planning Grant from Vermont Housing Conservation. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Wilson noted that where the City repaired the sewer leak on West Main St. has washed out.

Old Business

Mr. Roberge thanked Mr. Cappello for the Memo on the assigned facility maintenance expenditures (attached). Mr. Roberge felt that the expense on some items was excessive.

Mayor Monette was pleased to see that Mr. Elliott was moving forward with letters of violation for the properties on East Main St. and Highland Ave.

Ms. Dolgin noted the Aqua-fest went well and there are other events planned for the summer.

Mr. Vincent noted that the Snack Shack at the Gateway is very busy and that the Lobster Roll is great.

Next Meeting Date

August 22, 2016

Executive Session for Personnel

Mr. Roberge moved to enter executive session for personnel. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Morrisette moved to adjourn at 8:03 PM. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Attested: *James J. Johnson* This 22nd Day of August 2016

[Signature] Mayor