

## **Council Minutes**

**August 7, 2017**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held on Monday, August 7, 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, and James Merriam, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Tom Bernier, Bryan Schramm, members of the Press and Public.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of July 17, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Raboin moved to approve the minutes of August 1, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried. Raboin, Chenette, Merriam voted in favor. Wilson abstained.

### **Comments by the Public**

Colleen Moore DE Ortiz stated she was sorry to hear the Recreation Dept. would no longer be offering School Vacation Camps.

Anne Chiarello commented on the proposed rules of procedure for council meetings.

Susan Watson commented on the School Vacation Camps.

Pam Ladds commented on the Recreation Dept. cutting programs.

Ken Cartee commented on the status of the vacant lot on Main St.

### **Rules of Procedure**

Again, there was a lengthy discussion on the proposed Rules of Procedure. Mayor Monette noted that Ms. Raboin's proposed changes were reviewed by the City Attorney. His recommendation was to leave the rules as proposed. There was also discussion about when material should be made available to the public in advance of council meetings.

Mr. Merriam moved to approve the rules of Procedure as proposed. Seconded by Ms. Raboin. Discussion continued. Ms. Raboin withdrew her second to the motion. After discussion Mr. Chenette seconded the motion. The motion carried Chenette, Wilson, Merriam in favor. Raboin against.

### **Budget Status Report**

Mr. Chenette noted there were no sub-totals for the 0-00-29 and 0-30-31 accounts on the report. Mr. Johnson will make the corrections.

Mr. Wilson asked why there was no budgeted income for the Stone Garden program but there were expenses. Mr. Johnson stated the expenses would be reimbursed by the state. Income was not budgeted because Chief DiSanto could not tell what the income might be.

### **New Business**

Mr. Johnson presented a Vendor's Permit application from Bryan Schramm for year-round Taco sales from a camper at Gardner Park and the Lot across from Cumberland Farms. Mr. Chenette moved to authorize the City Clerk to sign the approved permit. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson noted the sneakers are still on the wires in front of the Prouty Inn.

Ms. Raboin noted the Kingdom Games last weekend were very successful.

Mr. Merriam thanked the volunteers at Green Mountain Farm to School.

Mr. Merriam moved to instruct the City Manager to have non-confidential council meeting materials available to the public in the Clerk's office and on line by 9:00 AM on the day of the council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Mayor Monette noted that Wednesday's on the Waterfront has been very successful.

Ms. Dolgin stated that the Annual Audit is complete and in the words of the auditors, it was flawless. Thanks to all those involved from her office and the City Clerk's office.

### **Next Meeting Dates**

Centennial Committee, August 17, 2017. Council Meeting August 21, 2017

**Executive session, Pending Litigation/Contract 1 VSA 313 (a)(1)(A); (a)(1)(E)**

Mr. Merriam moved that it's the board's specific finding that premature general public knowledge of the subjects of the anticipated executive session tonight would clearly place the board and/or persons involved at a substantial disadvantage. Further I move to enter executive session with counsel, for confidential attorney-client communications concerning contracts and pending litigation. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

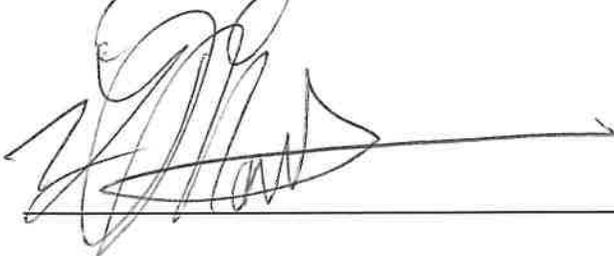
Ms. Raboin moved to enter executive session for personnel. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 9:45 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 21<sup>st</sup> Day of August 2017



Mayor