Council Minutes

August 17, 2015

A duly warned meeting of the Newport city Council was held on Monday, August 17, 2015 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Jack Roberge, Neil Morrissette and Steve Vincent, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Jamie LeClair, Tom Bernier, Madison, Timothy and Tammy Simoneau Mark Hinton, Cynthia Moore, Gene McCormick, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of August 3, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

Mayor Monette thanked Cynthia Moore and Gene McCormick for their hard work on a very successful Jazz Festival.

Request from Make A Wish Foundation for Fire Department to Fill Residential Therapy Pool (attached)

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Great Bay Solar Development Project, Discussion and Possible Vote on request to Sign Net Metering Credit Purchase Agreement

Mark Hinton updated the council on the proposed 500kw solar project planned for the Crawford Road. This project is estimated to save the city \$8,000 per year at the Water Treatment Facility. They need approval from the City so they can apply for their Certificate of Public Good. Mr. Roberge moved to approve the Crawford Road project. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Statement of acknowledgement from Chief DiSanto (attached)

Mayor Monette read the statement.

LED Light Installation Status (attached)

The council discussed LED light modifications and citizen concerns. The light at 425 Pleasant St. will be turned back on. Mr. Vincent moved to re-install the lights on Hoskins St, Colfax St. and Bobbin Mill Road. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Morrissette moved to install two lights on Sias Ave. between Edgewood Dr. and Poutre St. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Update on Hill St. /East Main St. Waterline Project (attached)

Mr. Bernier gave the council an updated of the project.

Request/Proposal for Stop sign on Prospect St. and Follow up to Speed Concerns (attached)

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve a 4-Way Stop at the intersection of Third St. and Prospect St. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Johnson stated that he discovered that the council needed to past a motion authorizing council members to sign a warrant outside of the regularly scheduled council Meetings. Mr. Roberge moved to authorize Mayor Monette, Councilmen Wilson, Roberge, Morrissette and Vincent to sign orders/warrants for accounts payable when needed other than regular council meetings until the end of their respective terms. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Roberge moved to install a 4-way stop at the intersection of Main St., third St., School St. and West Main St. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Roberge felt that Joe Hinton should be recognized for getting the poles and lights donated for the ball field at Gardner Park.

Cynthia Moore noted an International tennis Tournament at Prouty Beach on Saturday, August 22nd

Mayor Monette noted that the annual U.S. vs Canada Cribbage tournament is at the Eastside Restaurant on Saturday, August 22nd.

Old Business

Mr. Morrissette thanked Public works for and good job on Fernwood circle.

The council approved a liquor license for Newport Car Wash and Mini Mart

Mr. Wilson asked when the Mel Carter Industrial Park sign would be put up. Mr. Baraw stated that a member of the Carter family is out of town until the end of September it would be put up when she returns.

Ms. Dolgin noted that the survey on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan is on the cities web site. The municipal building renovation is waiting for several specialty items. In regards to the Derby water allocation there was a meeting last Friday with little progress. The Solid Waste Program has been approved.

Next Meeting Date

September 14, 2015

Adjournment

Mr. Roberge moved to adjourn at 8:04 PM. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

This 14th Day of September

2015