

Council Minutes

August 18, 2014

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, August 18, 2014 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present Were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Denis Chenette and Neil Morrissette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approve Minutes of August 4, 2014

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Comments from Public

None

Request Approval of City-Wide Reappraisal Proposal – Previously Tabled

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the reappraisal proposal as presented. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, Motion carried unanimously.

Set Real Estate Tax Rate (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the 2014-2015 Real Estate Tax Rate. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Use of \$186,000 remaining from the \$500,000 Bridge Bond (attached)

The council agreed that remodeling the Municipal Building would be the best use of the funds. Mr. Johnson will check with the Bond Bank Attorney to see if it is feasible and get the wording for the warning.

Budget Status Report

The council reviewed the current budget status. Mr. Wilson asked why we had winter maintenance overtime this soon. Mr. Ward thought they were hauling gravel.

New Business

Mayor Monette noted that Broadview Ave. near OENSU needed a dead end sign.

Mr. Chenette thanked Trish Sears and NCRC for initiating the Twin Sister program with Coaticook, Que. and John Ward for coordinating the participation of the City in the parade. The Mayor and City Manager of Coaticook for being great hosts, the people of Coaticook and Eastern townships for making the parade a success. Thirteen year old Meghan St. Pierre for translating the proclamation into French and Mayor Monette for providing finished copies of the proclamation. Mr. Chenette also thanked the Newport Rotary Club for the invitation to their 90th Anniversary celebration.

Mr. Morrissette thanked Knowlton, Que. For their hospitality at the Cribbage Tournament.

Mr. Ward asked Mayor Monette to makeup an Extra Mile Day proclamation.

Mr. Ward noted that the City Attorney had OK'd the Great Bay Hydro agreement for Net Metering.

Mr. Ward noted the NVDA Annual Meeting is on September 25th at Jay Peak.

Mr. Chenette noted that Eastern townships Day is on September 13, 2014.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson asked about the leaking valves on Prouty Dr. and Main St. Mr. Ward stated they will fix the one on Prouty Dr. next week and the one on Main St. after construction on the RR crossing is done.

Mayor Monette noted that the City Attorney agreed that executive session for non-union negotiations was ok.

Mr. Chenette noted that the sign at the pull-off near Alder brook Rd. is still hidden.

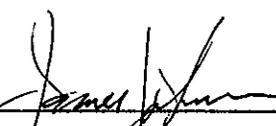
Next Meeting Date

September 8, 2014

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested



This 8th Day of September, 2014



Mayor