

Council Minutes

September 18, 2017

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, September 18, 2017 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Council Members Julie Raboin, and Denis Chenette, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/treasurer James D. Johnson, Tom Bernier, Seth DiSanto, Jamie LeClair, Phil Bickel, members of the Press and Public. Alderman James Merriam was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried. Councilperson Raboin abstained, Mayor Monette voted in favor.

Comments by the Public

Laurie Grimm gave a statement on the budget.

Ken Cartee made a statement about the press.

Efficiency Vermont Presentation

Phil Bickel, Account Manager with Efficiency Vermont, provided an overview of their programs and noted a Community Forum scheduled at the Gateway on October 3, 2017, 6:00 – 7:30 with refreshments provided by Newport Natural. Mr. Bickel is currently working with our WWTF on some efficiencies, and will be launching a plan for 'targeted community initiatives' coming to our area in November of 2018.

Police Department Update

Chief DiSanto gave an update on the Police Department, it's staffing, programs and incidences.

VACCD Vermont Community Development Program Planning Grant Expanded Scope

Denis Chenette moved to file for an expanded scope of the current VACCD VCDP planning grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 with an additional 25% cash or in-kind match, with Mr. Wilson seconding. Unanimous.

Water Tower Bond Documents

Ms. Raboin moved to adopt the Necessity Resolution and to approve the Warning for the Water Tower bond vote scheduled to occur on November 7, 2017, with Mr. Wilson seconding. Unanimous.

New Business

Ms. Raboin noted that NVDA generated new maps for the downtown designation renewal.

Mayor Monette noted that Rick Woodard will receive tax credits to install an elevator in his building on Main St. because of the city's downtown designation.

Ms. Dolgin noted the Police Department's ceremony on September 26, 2017 honoring Joseph Montague the only Newport police officer to be killed in the line of duty.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Dates

Centennial, September 20, 2017

Council Meeting, October 2, 2017

Adjournment

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

Attested *James J. Wilson* This 2nd Day of October 2017

[Signature]
Mayor