

Council Minutes

September 21, 2015

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, September 21, 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, Julie Raboin, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the minutes of September 14, 2015 with one correction add lodging to the motion on the NVDA delegate. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

Mr. Baraw noted that the dedication of the Mel Carter Industrial Park Sign will be held on October 9, 2015 at 11:00 AM.

Presentation from Karen Geraghty on the Active by Nature Grant and Newport Renaissance Corporation Update

Karen Garraughty updated the council on NCRC's Active by Nature Grant. Rob Hodgkin updated the council on their Annual report.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Paul Luciano updated the council on the Hazard Mitigation Plan process.

Community Commons Request to use Gateway

Mr. Morrissette moved to rent the Gateway to Community commons for half price (\$55) per month, to be revisited in one year. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Request for Preliminary Sewer Allocation by NKHS Residential Care Facility

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

Elks Request to Place Halloween Party Banner at the Bottom of East Main St. for the Month of October

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the request to put a banner at the bottom of East Main St. for the month of October. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

United Christian Academy Update Request to use Municipal Building as a Student Safe Zone in the Event of Emergency

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the request from United Christian Academy. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

Rotary Meeting Space at the Gateway, Update Contract

Newport Rotary requested to pay \$1,500 per year for use of the Gateway payable in two yearly payments of \$750.00 each. The rest of the contract is the same as years passed. Mr. Roberge moved to approve the contract with Newport Rotary for use of the Gateway. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

LED Light Installation Status

Ms. Dolgin stated that 435 street lights were looked at and 32 were recommended to be removed of the 32 lights 9 have been replaced per resident requests. There are also two requests for installations on Taylor St. and Winter St.

Invitation to Council Members to Attend Various Trainings

Ms. Dolgin gave the council info on two trainings available in regards to Natural Disaster Awareness and Incident Command Systems

Yard Sale Signs and Other Signs are not allowed on regulatory Signs. All other Signs must be picked up immediately after the Event

Mr. Roberge suggested that the Planning Commission come up with something to put in the Zoning Bylaws to regulate the issue.

New Business

Mr. Roberge asked if the verbal agreement on the old rec barn had expired. Ms. Dolgin stated that the Police Chief and the fire Chief both feel it is a safety hazard and it should be taken down. Mr. Roberge

noted there are companies that will purchase the barn and sell it for the lumber. The agreement with Frank Knoll to move the barn will expire on April 1, 2016.

Mr. Roberge asked about the stencils for the bike path. He didn't see one on Lake St.

Mr. Roberge asked if Mr. Cappello had talked to anyone about harvesting the milfoil at Prouty Beach.

Mayor Monette stated he may have found a source for clean fill to raise Gardner Park.

Pam Ladd felt there should be trash cans on Main St.

Ms. Dolgin noted a thankyou note from Mr. & Mrs. Sheltra on Hoskins St. for the Street light.

Ms. Dolgin went over Mr. Cappello's de-brief report on the Fall Festival Event.

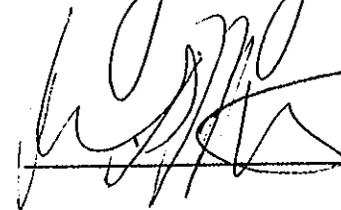
Next Meeting Date

October 5, 2015

Adjournment

Mr. Vincent moved to adjourn at 8:36 PM. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 5th Day of October, 2015

 Mayor