

## **Council Minutes**

**September 26, 2016**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, September 26, 2016 in the council room in the Newport Municipal building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Councilmen John Wilson, Jacques Roberge, Neil Morrissette, Steve Vincent, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Chief Jamie LeClair, Chief Seth DiSanto, members of the Press and Public.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the minutes of September 12, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

### **Comments by the Public**

Ann Chiarello stated she witnessed two police officers chasing a youth. She felt that in light of what is happening around the country it is important that our officers have as much training as possible. Chief DiSanto stated that his officers are very well trained. They have many more hours of training than the state mandates. Mr. Morrissette stated he witnessed the event and our officers were very professional during the situation.

Janice Ploof complained about the junk cars on East Main St. She stated she talked to the owner about moving the cars he stated that he had not heard from Mr. Elliott. She stated that some of the cars have been moved up to her property line. Mr. Vincent wondered if the owner had a permit for a salvage yard. Mayor Monette noted that notice of zoning violation went to the property owner not the owner of the business. Mr. Vincent suggested that Zoning Administrator Charles Elliott and the owner Mr. Perry be at the next council meeting.

Mary Francis Trow was present to make the council aware of a meeting with Water Resources on October 17<sup>th</sup> regarding the Milfoil and Weed Problem around the lake.

### **Part time Officer and Dispatcher Pay Adjustment Request (attached)**

Chief DiSanto noted that it is getting hard to find part time officers. He is requesting an increase in pay for part time officers and the dispatchers. Mr. Vincent moved to approve the request (per memo dated September 23, 2016). Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

**Centennial Update**

Ms. Dolgin presented the council with a draft schedule of events and update the council on the progress of the Centennial Committee.

**New Business**

None

**Old Business**

Mr. Morrissette thanked the City Manager and PW Director for taking care of the drainage problem on Hill St.

Ms. Dolgin noted that 78 people had signed up for a water meter and that she would be away tomorrow for training on delinquent taxes.

Mayor Monette noted that the Fall Festival and the meeting with USDA officials went very well.

Mr. Vincent and Mr. Roberge noted that they had seen the United Christian Academy Bell ringers perform at the Big "E".

**Next Meeting Date**

October 3, 2016

**Adjournment**

Mr. Roberge moved to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Attested *James D. Dolan* This *3<sup>rd</sup>* Day of October, 2016

*[Signature]*  
Mayor