

Council Minutes

November 3, 2014

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, November 3, 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, Andy Cappello, Jamie LeClair, Charlie Pronto, Michael Paradis and members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette opened the meeting at 7:05 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of October 27, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by Members of the Public

None

Newport Ambulance Budget Considerations

Charlie Pronto and Mike Paradis from the Newport Ambulance Service were present to explain the increase in their appropriation request for the coming year and to ask the council to consider contracting with the ambulance service and including them in the city budget going forward. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Baraw moved to contract with Newport Ambulance Service. The motion died for lack of a second.

Consider Santa Festival Request

Andy Cappello requested permission to host the 2nd Annual Santa Festival on December 6, 2014. They would like to close the road to vehicle traffic from Gardner Park to the Gateway starting at 11:00 AM for approximately 30 minutes. Mr. Wilson moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider NEKCA Head Start Emergency Relocation Shelter Agreement

Head Start would relocate to the Municipal Building in case of an emergency. Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the relocation agreement. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Bids for Deck Replacement at City Dock

Mr. Baraw moved to accept the low bid from Wendell Provoncha in the amount of \$45,433.23. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary Water/Sewer Allocation Request from Northeast Pizza

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

Consider Amendment 1 to Utility Net Metering Credit Purchase Agreement with Great Bay Hydro Corporation

Mr. Chenette moved to approve amendment 1 of the Net Metering Agreement with Great Bay Hydro. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Water Fee Increases

Mr. Chenette moved to increase the water fees by 5% and a 2% increase in the meter charge. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Wastewater Fee Increases

Mr. Chenette moved to increase the wastewater fees by 5%. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider FY16 Budget Timeline

The budget will be considered in one session starting at 6:00 PM on November 17, 2014.

New Business

None

Old Business

Mayor Monette asked about the water leak near the Chamber Building. It has been leaking for a month and a vehicle had gotten stuck in the washout and had to be towed out.

Mayor Monette asked if the Rec. Director had look into the Comcast issue at Prouty Beach. Mr. Ward stated he had not seen a report yet.

Mayor Monette asked if the committee had reviewed the policy on renting city facilities. Mr. Chenette stated they had not met yet.

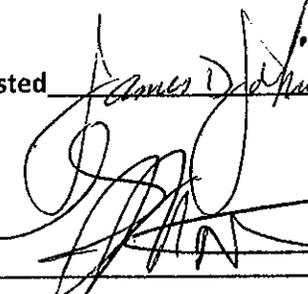
Set Next Meeting Date

November 17, 2014

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:45.PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D. Wilson This 17th Day of November, 2014



Mayor