

Council Minutes
November 6, 2017

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A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, November 6, 2017 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Council Members Julie Raboin, Denis Chenette, James Merriam, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Police Chief Seth DiSanto, Fire Chief Jamie LeClair, PW Director Tom Bernier, Jacques Roberge, Mary Butler, Kelly Stoddard Poor, Doug Morton, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Merriam, motion carried unanimously.

Comments

Mayor Monette stated he was in Montpelier and received a Grant check for NCRC in the amount of \$25,000 to enhance the seasonal walking path.

Comment by the Public

Anne Chiarello commented on Jim Condos Transparency Tour meeting held at the library.

AARP Walk Audit Results and NVDA Intersection Study Presentation

Kelly Stoddard Poor and Mary Butler updated the council on the AARP Walk Audit final results.

Doug Morton gave the council an update on the NVDA Intersection Study and its recommendations.

Monument Bench Placement.

Mr. Wilson noted that an anonymous donation had been received for two granite benches, one at Pomerleau Park and one at Gardner Park. Mr. Wilson moved to accept the two benches. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

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Proposal for Brokerage Services for Benefits

Jacques Roberge presented a proposal for brokerage services to the City at a cost of \$20.00 per employee per month.

USDA Grant Application Authorization

Chief LeClair stated that this grant for \$30,000 would be to replace old Fire Dept. gear. Ms. Raboin moved to authorize the USDA grant application. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Budget Schedule

The council will meet on off Monday's starting with November 13th & 27th.

New Business

The council signed a liquor license for Walgreens Eastern Co.

Mr. Merriam thanked Pedro for the tour of the Sewer Plant.

Mr. Wilson asked if there was a firm date for the Veterans Day ceremony. The GYM will be set up and ready for Friday.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting dates

Special budget meeting November 13, 2017, Regular Council meeting November 20, 2017, Centennial meeting November 21, 2017.

Executive Session Real Estate Purchase or Lease Options 1 VSA 313 (A)(2)

Mr. Merriam moved to enter executive session for real estate purchase or lease options and that for the board's specific finding that premature public knowledge of the subject of the anticipated executive session tonight would clearly place the board and /or persons involved at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

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Executive Session to Discuss Contracts and Confidential Attorney Client Communications Made for Providing Legal Service to the Council.

Mr. Merriam moved a motion for the board's specific finding that premature public knowledge of the subject of the anticipated executive session tonight would clearly place the board and/or persons involved at a substantial disadvantage and moved to enter executive session with counsel, for confidential attorney client communications concerning contracts and pending litigation. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Seconded by Mr. Merriam, motion carried unanimously.

Attested: _____ This _____ Day of November, 2017

_____ Mayor