

Council Minutes

November 16, 2015

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, November 16, 2015 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Jacques Roberge, Neil Morrissette and Steve Vincent, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk James D. Johnson, Chief Jamie LeClair, Chief Seth DiSanto, Gary Ward, Dave Smith, Doug Morton, Kathy Metras, Mike Paradis, Charlie Pronto, 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 November 2, 2015 with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

None

Clyde River Restoration Project Request for Letter of Support for Grant Application – Gary Ward (attached)

Mr. Morrissette moved to sign the letter of support for the Clyde River Restoration Project for Trout Unlimited. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Update on Warming Center

Kathy Metras updated the council on the warming Shelter. The United Church has agreed to provide space for the shelter from January thru March or April. The shelter will be open from 6:30 PM until 7:00 AM daily.

Further Discussion Regarding Long Bridge One-Way Proposal – Doug Morton, NVDA

Doug Morton from NVDA was present to further discuss the options for the Rail Road Square Intersection. The discussion focused mainly on impact fees, traffic lights or a rotary at Railroad Square and one-way across the Long Bridge.

Newport Ambulance Services, Contract Proposal

Charlie Pronto and Mike Paradis were present to advocate for a contract for services with the City instead of requesting an appropriation every year. Mr. Vincent moved that after the contract is reviewed by our attorney the City would enter into a contract with Newport Ambulance Service. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Request From Newport Live to Hang Santa Fest Banner on East Main St., I91 Access and Newport Recreation's Billboard.

Mr. Morrissette moved to authorize Newport Live to hang a banner for Santa Fest at the bottom of East Main St., on the Causeway at the end of I91 Access and Newport Recreation's Billboard. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Review Audit and Set Budget Schedule

The council members reviewed the audit and had no questions. There were no findings in the 2015 audit. The council set the proposed 2016-17 budget review with all departments for Monday, November 23, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

New Business

Mr. Roberge moved to authorize the City Manager to make decisions on banner requests and to notify the council. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Morrissette noted that the City Manager would be attending the Water Meter Committee meetings. He is unable to attend them.

Old Business

Mr. Roberge stated there needs to be a street light at the corner of Brooks St.

Municipal Building renovations are progressing slowly.

Mr. Wilson wondered who signed the thankyou letter for the donation to the flower program he couldn't read it. Julie Raboin stated it was Jen Leithead.

Next Meeting Date

November 23, 2015

Adjournment

Mr. Vincent moved to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested *James Johnson* This *7th* Day of *December* 2015

[Signature] Mayor