

Council Minutes

November 21, 2016

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, November 21, 2016 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Neil Morrisette, Councilmen John Wilson, Jacques Roberge and Steve Vincent, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Charlie Pronto, Michael Paradis, Tom Bernier, Andy Cappello, Seth DiSanto, Jamie LeClair, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Roberge moved to approve the minutes of November 7, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Vincent.

Discussion: Mr. Wilson noted a spelling mistake. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette.

Discussion: Mr. Wilson felt action had been taken after executive session. The other councilmen disagreed, motion carried. Roberge, Morrisette, Vincent in favor, Wilson against.

Comments by the Public

None

Ambulance Contract Renewal

A discussion was held on if the contract should be signed now or after the budget is approved since the ambulance is now a line item in the city budget. Mr. Vincent moved to approve the contract as presented. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Update on Brownfield Grant Application

The council had questioned if a Brownfield Assessment needed to be done on the Main St. and Bogner properties if assessments had been done as part of their Act 250 Permits. NVDA stated that Brownfield Assessments have nothing to do with Act 250 Permits. Phase 1 assessment was done but not phase 2. Mr. Morrisette moved to approve the Brownfield Grant Application. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session, Pending Litigation/ Contract, 1VSA 313 (a)(1)(A) ;(a) (1)(E)

None

FY 17-18 Budget Proposal; Anticipated Executive Sessions with Department Heads to Discuss Personnel

City Manager Laura Dolgin gave an overview of the proposed FY 17-18 budget. There was discussion on several items including, Administration, Dispatch Center, Capital Expense and Fire Dept. Vehicle. There will be in-depth budget meetings starting November 28th.

New Business

Mr. Wilson noted the front steps need to be kept clear of snow and ice.

Mr. Roberge stated that a citizen wanted to thank the Police Dept. for their work on the Break in on St. Laurent Street.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson thanked Mr. Cappello for setting up the Municipal Gym on Veterans Day.

Mr. Wilson asked if the complaint on Scottsdale Rd had been followed upon. Ms. Dolgin stated it had been.

Mayor Monette thanked the City Manager for the update on the East Main St. issue. Mayor Monette asked if there was an update on the Kincaid Property on West Main St. Ms. Dolgin stated nothing has changed since the last memo. Mr. Wilson asked if the building could be condemned. Mr. LeClair will talk to the Fire Marshall. Chief DiSanto suggested the Zoning Administrator consider an ordinance that would prevent buildings from deteriorating to that point.

Mr. Morrisette thanked Mr. Bernier for the work Public Works did on Hill St.

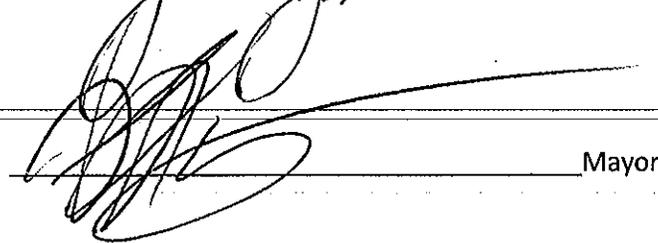
Next Meeting Dates

Centennial Committee Nov. 28th 6:00 PM, Budget session Nov. 28th, 7:00 PM, Council Meeting Dec. 5th, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment

Mr. Vincent moved to adjourn at 7:49 PM. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D Johnson This 5th Day of December 2016



Mayor