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## Council Minutes

December 14, 2015

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, December 14, 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 F. Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasure James D. Johnson, Tom Bernier, Andy Cappello, Chief Seth DiSanto, Jay Ancell, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### **Update on Gardner Park Project (Jay Ancell)**

Jay Ancell updated the council on the plans and Time line for the Gardner Park Improvement Project. The first phase is the playground improvements which is estimated to cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Mr. Roberge moved to budget \$37,500 as the cities 25% share and apply for a \$150,000 VCDP Grant for the playground. The city will also apply for REAP Funds for other improvements. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Ann Chiarello felt the public should be able to comment at any time during the budget discussions.

### **Executive Session – Contracts**

Mr. Morrissette moved to enter executive session for contract discussions. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

### **Review Proposed FY 16-17 Budget**

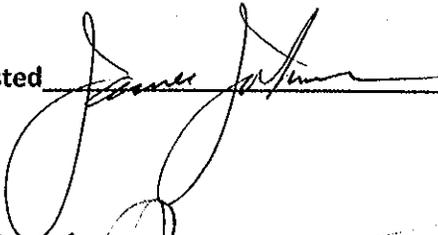
The council continued to review/discuss the proposed FY 16-17 budget. They are still waiting for costs on street light replacements and Ambulance Service contract.

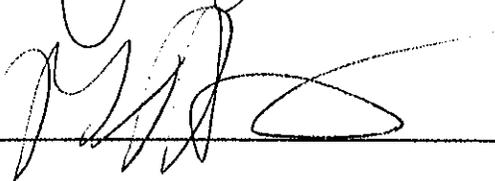
**Next Meeting Date**

December 21, 2015

**Adjournment**

Mr. Roberge moved to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 21<sup>ST</sup> Day of December 2015

 Mayor