

Council Minutes
December 16, 2013

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday December 16, 2013 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Denis Chenette and Tim Delabruere, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Chief Disanto, Chief LeClair and members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Request Approval for Letter of Support for Rural Community Transportation, Inc. Grant application (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the letter of support Rural Community Transportation, Inc. grant application. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider RF1-150 Newport City, Repayment Schedule Amendment #1 (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the RF1-150 repayment schedule amendment. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Heavy Rescue Truck Purchase (attached)

The council discussed the purchase for a net cost of \$369,916. Chief LeClair noted that there could be additional cost to install the Jaws of Life. The amount could run as high as \$5,000. Mr. Ward felt the installation of the jaws should be included in the net cost if they wanted to sell the truck. Mr. LeClair will contact the company to see if they would agree to this. Mr. Wilson moved to table the issue until the January 20th meeting. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Municipal Building Mezzanine-Design (attached)

The council discussed a proposal from Engineering Ventures to evaluate the municipal building mezzanine. Mr. Delabruere moved to support phase #1 of the proposal. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously. Phase #2 will be considered upon completion of phase #1.

Review Budget Status Report

The council reviewed the current budget status. There were no questions.

Continued Review of FY 14-15 Budget

The council continued to review the proposed FY 14-15 budget. There was a lengthy discussion about whether to bring back the officer from the High school or leave the officer their and hire a new police officer. The High School is paying for 70% of the Resource Officers salary.

New Business

Chief LeClair stated he had just spoken to the sales rep from New England Fire Equipment and they agreed that the jaws would be installed and include in the net cost of \$369,916. Mr. Chenette moved to approve the purchase of the Heavy Rescue Truck from New England Fire Equipment for a net cost of \$369,916 pending an E-mail from Mr. Peck. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson thanked the Recreation Dept. for the good job done on the Santa Run and the Pomerleau Party. He also thanked the PW Dept. for a job well done during the last storm.

Discussion as to whether organizations requesting appropriations should be required to get petitions every year. Mayor Monette stated that the policy is that except for the Library and the Ambulance Service all requests need a petition every year.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Date

January 6, 2014

Executive Session -- Real Estate Issue

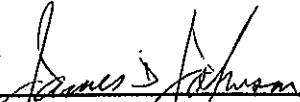
Mr. Chenette moved to enter into executive session for a real estate issue. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

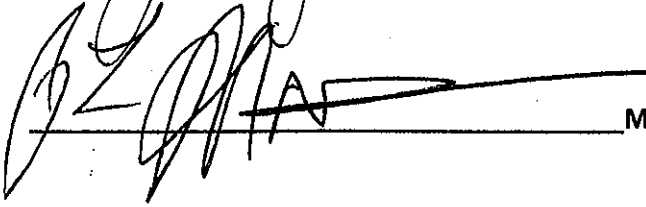
Attested



This

6th

Day of January, 2014



Mayor