

Council Minutes

December 19, 2016

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, December 19, 2016 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Neil Morrissette, Aldermen John Wilson, Jacques Roberge, Steve Vincent, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Andy Cappello, Tom Bernier, Jamie LeClair, Seth DiSanto, Karen Geraghty, Erinie Pomerleau and members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2016 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Roberge moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2016 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

None

NCRC Annual Report Presentation and FY 17-18 Budget Request

Karen Geraghty presented an overview of the NCRC Annual Report and requested that the city continue to fund NCRC at the minimum of \$25,000. Karen also updated the council on NCRC's accomplishments and where they are headed in the future. Ernie Pomerleau spoke on the importance the NCRC and the Downtown Designation and the fact that he wants to be a player in the development of Newport.

Newport City Elementary School Presentation on ACT 46 and Introduction of Principal Elaine Collins

Kathy Nolan invited the council to two meeting on the ACT 46 legislation, January 25th and February 16th at 6:30 pm at the Elementary School. Elaine Collins introduced herself and gave an overview of her background and her goals as principal of Newport City Elementary School.

State Revolving Loan Fund Agreement for Water Tower Engineering (\$13,900)

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the agreement for preliminary engineering for the new water tower. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Confirm 2017 Council Meeting Dates

The council requested a corrected copy for next meeting.

Council Pay Policy

Mr. Vincent moved to rescind the 2009 policy. Seconded by Mr. Roberge motion carried. Roberge, Morrissette, Vincent in Favor, Wilson against.

New Business

Mr. Wilson thanked Mr. Cappello for the recreation departments good job on the Christmas Party.

Mr. Morrissette noted that Governor elect Scott was at the party.

MS. Dolgin noted that Public Works was out Saturday maintaining the roads and fixing a water main leak on Scottsdale Ave.

Old Business

Mr. Vincent was glad to see some progress on the East Main St, issue.

Mr. Wilson asked about the street light that is out on the corner of West Main and Longview St., Ms. Dolgin noted the light will be fixed within 7 days.

Pam Ladd noted an intentional mistake in the windows on Main St. and a prize for anyone who can find it.

FY 17-18 Budget Review

The council continued to review the FY 17-18 proposed budget with the department heads. The next meeting date will be December 29, 2016.

Executive Session for Personnel

Mr. Roberge moved to enter executive session for personnel. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously

In open session, Mr. Wilson moved to accept Mr. Elliott's resignation from the Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation commission. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

December 29, 2016

Adjournment

Mr. Vincent moved to adjourn at 9:35 PM. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

Attested *James J. Wilson* This 9th Day of January ~~2016~~ ²⁰¹⁷

[Signature] Mayor