

## **Council Minutes**

**December 18, 2017**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, December 18, 2017 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council president John Wilson, Alderperson Julie Raboin, Aldermen Denis Chenette and James Merriam, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Chief LeClair, Roger Gosselin, Tom Bernier, Chief Seth DiSanto, Stacey Therrien, Becky Therrien, Charlie Pronto and Mike Paradis.

Mayor Monette called the Meeting to order at 6:35 PM immediately following a Public Hearing on the Municipal Plan.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2017 with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comments**

Haylee Hock commented on the council meetings.

Brian McNeal asked if there was an opportunity for questions before a vote on any item.

### **Municipal Plan Amendment**

Ms. Raboin moved to approve the amendment to the Municipal Plan. Seconded by Mr. Merriam, motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of 2018 calendar Year City Council Meeting Dates**

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the council meeting dates as presented. Seconded by Mr. Merriam, motion carried unanimously.

### **Water/Sewer Utility Van Replacement**

Ms. Raboin moved to accept the bid from Delabruere's Auto for the utility van in the amount of \$37,242.63. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

### **VAST Proposal**

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the VAST proposal as submitted to allow snowmobiles to travel on Broadview Ave. and Landing St. on a trial basis. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Raboin moved to approve the VAST MOU with conditions that there will be a snowmobile curfew on Broadview Ave. from 10 PM to 8 AM and 11:00 PM to 8:00 AM on Landing St., the speed limit for snowmobiles on Broadview Ave. and Landing St. will be 10 MPH, effective immediately. Seconded by Mr. Merriam, motion carried.

Mr. Merriam, Ms. Raboin and Mr. Wilson in favor. Mr. Chenette voting no.

### **Newport Ambulance Service FY18-19 Budget Request**

Mr. Chenette moved to renew the contract for 2018 with Newport Ambulance Service in the amount of \$132,205. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

### **Proposed FY18-19 Budget Review**

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the FY18-19 budget as presented. Seconded by Mr. Merriam, motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

None

### **Old Business**

Mayor Monette noted that the Pomerleau Christmas Party was a big success.

Ms. Dolgin noted that the next community visit will be held on January 17, 2018.

Ms. Dolgin noted that the Centennial Committee Meeting scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. The next Centennial meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2018.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Council Meeting January 8, 2018.

**Adjournment**

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

Attested *James Johnson* This 8<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2018

*James Johnson* Mayor