

Council Minutes

January 15, 2018

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, January 15, 2018 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Alderpersons Julie Raboin, Denis Chenette, James Merriam, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Tom Bernier, Jamie LeClair, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018 with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

Pam Ladds announced a Candidate Forum on February 15th at the Goodrich Library.

2018 Winter Festival

The 2018 winter Festival will be held on February 3rd at Gardner Park. There will be Fire Works, Bon-fire and many events.

Elaine Collins on Act 46 Alternative Governance Structure & Budget Information

Newport City Elementary School Principal Elaine Collins updated the council on Act 46 and provided preliminary information on the proposed 2018-19 Elementary School budget.

New Business

None

Old Business

Mayor announced that the Water Tower Bond vote proposed to be held on Town Meeting Day will be delayed to give us time to get a fuller picture while we engage in real estate matters related to the project.

Mr. Merriam thanked volunteers from Passumpsic Bank who painted at the United Church.

Next Meeting Dates

Community Visit, January 17th, Centennial Committee, January 23rd and City council, February 5th

Executive Session for Real Estate

Mr. Merriam moved to enter executive session to discuss real estate matters, 1 VSA 313 (a)(2) and that for the board's specific finding that premature public knowledge of the subjects of the anticipated executive session tonight would clearly place the board and/or persons involved at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Seconded by Mr. Merriam, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James & Johnson This 5th Day of February 2018

[Signature]
Mayor