

## **Council Minutes**

**February 5, 2018**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, February 5, 2018 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Council Members Julie Raboin, Denis Chenette and James Merriam, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Tom Bernier, Jamie LeClair, Pedro Grondin, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM immediately following a Public Hearing.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of January 15, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of January 29, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Merriam, motion carried. Mr. Chenette and Ms. Raboin abstained.

### **Comments by the Public**

Anne Chiarello asked for a moment of silence for former mayor Richard Baraw. Mayor Monette also asked for a moment of silence for former mayor Reynold Choiniere.

Ken Cartee asked if anyone had spoken to Mr. Goldberg regarding EB5 creditors reinvesting funds in places other than Newport.

### **Coin Drop Review**

Mr. Wilson presented a list of organizations requesting coin drop dates. Mr. Wilson noted that the ~~DVA~~ DAV did not submit a request for a coin drop.

Mr. Chenette moved to accept the coin drop dates as proposed. Seconded by Mr. Merriam, motion carried unanimously.

### **State Revolving Loan Fund Documents**

Ms. Raboin moved to approve the State Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$76,300 for continued work on the proposed Eastside Water tower. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

### **Wastewater Treatment Facility Capital Investment Plan (attached)**

Mr. Merriam moved to proceed with the Wastewater Treatment Facility Investment Plan as presented by Mr. Bernier. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Mayor Monette presented a Certificate of Highway Mileage for council approval. Mr. Merriam moved to approve the Certificate of Highway Mileage. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Raboin asked about the request from the Old Stone House regarding a change in the Appropriations Policy. Mr. Johnson stated that for an organization not to have to get a petition they must have been on the ballot for five consecutive years at the same amount.

Mr. Chenette thanked the Public Works Dept. for their quick response to the Bluff Road for a sewer line break.

Mr. Merriam thanked the Recreation dept for a great Winterfest.

Mr. Chenette noted that next weekend there will be a Women's Pond Hockey Tournament.

Ms. Dolgin thanked the council for thanking the city employees.

**Old Business**

None

**Next Meeting Dates**

Centennial Meeting February 6, 2018

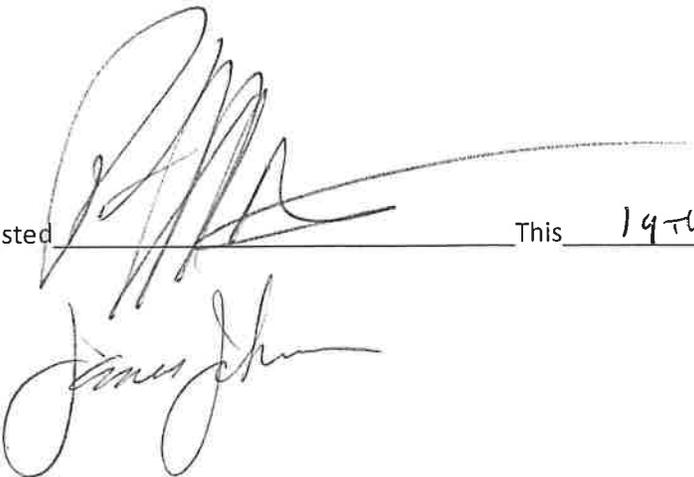
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**Adjournment**

Ms. Raboin moved to adjourn at 7:16 PM. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested

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This 19<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2018