

Council Meeting

April 2, 2018

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, April 2, 2018 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Denis Chenette, Council Members Julie Raboin, Kevin Charboneau and Daniel Ross, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Chief Seth DiSanto, Chief James LeClair, Zoning Administrator Charles Elliott, Recreation Director Jessica Booth, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

Anne Chiarello complained about the time allotted for public comment.

Sloan St. Drainage Issue

Joan Willard thanked Mr. Bernier the Mayor and Ms. Dolgin for meeting with her and coming up with a temporary fix to the drainage issue in her yard and she hoped that the city will come up with a permanent fix. Ms. Dolgin noted that Blake and Sloan streets were constructed without drainage. Ms. Dolgin noted that in order permanently fix the problem, the streets will have to be rebuilt. This could be added to the Capital Improvement Plan.

Fresh Start Community Garden

Jennifer Bernier gave a presentation on Fresh Start Community Gardens and announced that they will be closing the garden at Gardner Park on April 28, 2018. Concentration will be focused on the Lake Road garden and she asked that the City consider providing free water to the garden.

Adopt Annual Local Emergency Operations Plan

Mr. Ross moved to adopt the Local Emergency Operations Plan. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried.

Events Policy, Parks and Recreation

Jessica Booth presented a draft Events Policy and asked for council input. After some discussion the council agreed to have the policy on the next agenda.

Water & Sewer Allocation Request

The permit from Douglas Spates is for an 8 unit apartment building to be built at 102 West End Ave. Mr. Ross moved to approve requests number P18002 and W18002. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Town Road & Bridge Standards Forms

Public Works Director Tom Bernier was not in attendance. Ms. Raboin was not prepared to vote on this annual requirement without having been provided the opportunity to review the Town Road and Bridge Standards document. The item will be put on the next agenda.

Part Time Patrol & Dispatch Retention, .50 increase

Chief DiSanto stated that the city spends about \$20,000 training part time officers only to lose them to other agencies that have a higher rate of pay. He requested a .50 increase for Part Time Patrol Officers and Part Time Dispatchers to help with retention. Ms. Raboin moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Johnson presented a Niles fund request. Mr. Chenette moved to approve the request for Niles funds. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

The council signed Liquor license renewal applications.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Dates

Centennial meeting, April 5, 2018, Council meeting April 16, 2018.

Executive Session to Discuss A Pending Contract. 1 VSA 313 (a)(1)(A)

Mr. Chenette moved that the City council finds that premature disclosure and public knowledge of the advice of the City's legal counsel in general, and with respect to currently pending litigation to which the City is a party, would place the City at a substantial disadvantage. (i.e., make the advice of counsel public, thereby waiving the attorney client privilege as to that advice; possibly disclose to the other litigants in the suit the attorneys thought processes and legal analysis, thereby disadvantaging the City. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

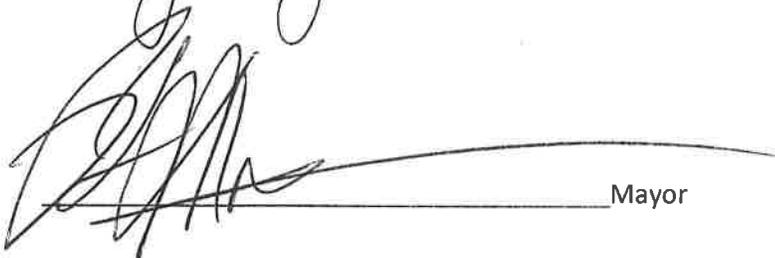
Mr. Chenette also moved that the City Council enter executive session to receive legal advice and counsel with respect to, and to discuss, currently pending litigation to which the city is a party, and that the Mayor, the City Manager, the City's legal counsel and persons required to provide technical support, if any, be included in the executive session. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 8:39 PM. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D Johnson This 16th Day of April 2018



Mayor