

Council Minutes

April 16, 2018

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, April 16, 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, Jessica Booth, Tom Bernier, 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 April 2, 2018 as printed. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried.

Comments by the Public

None

Events Policy Review

Recreation Director, Jessica Booth reviewed the proposed Events Policy with the council. Mr. Charboneau moved to approve the proposed Events Policy for one year after which time the policy will be reviewed again. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried. Mr. Chenette and Mr. Charboneau in favor Mr. Ross and Ms. Raboin opposed. Mayor Monette voted in favor.

Authorization to Sign Warrants

Mr. Ross moved that the council appoint the Mayor to approve and sign warrant(s) for the disbursement of operating expenses. Seconded by Mr. Chenette. Discussion: Mr. Johnson stated there should be a second person authorized incase the Mayor was unavailable. Mr. Chenette withdrew the second. Mr. Ross amended the motion to say I move that we appoint the Mayor and /or Mr. Chenette to approve and sign warrant(s) for the disbursement of operating expenses. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Water Request at Fresh Start Community Garden, Lake Road

Jennifer Bernier requested that the City supply water at the Lake Road Site at no charge. Ms. Dolgin noted that although water had been installed at the Lake Road Site it is not in compliance with the ordinance and there is no record that the council ever granted permission for free water or a free installation in 2013. Ms. Dolgin gave an allocation request to Ms. Bernier and asked that they fill out the allocation request. Mr. Chenette moved that the city install a meter on the water line at the Lake Road Community Garden site and allow them to use water free for the 2018 gardening season with the fee waived and revisit the issue next year once we know their water consumption rate. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously. Ms. Raboin noted that she voted yes because this council can not bind a future council to the request.

Town Roads & Bridge Standards Annual compliance

Mr. Chenette moved to approve and sign the Town Roads & Bridge Standards. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

VT. ACCD Newport Feasibility Planning Grant Award Resolution

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the Grant Agreement and Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau motion carried unanimously.

HRA Annual Contract Resolution.

Mr. Chenette approved execution of the HRA agreement effective January 1, 2018. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Early Childhood Parade Request, Week of the Young Child Celebration

Ms. Raboin moved to approve the parade request and waive the fee. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Johnson had the council sign 2018 liquor license renewals

Mayor Monette noted that he had attended the ICS Emergency Operations Plan meeting.

Old Business

Ms. Raboin asked about the E-mail addresses for the Planning Commission. Mayor Monette noted we can only get so many thru Google. It would cost a few hundred to add more.

Next Meeting Dates

Council Meeting: May 7, 2018. Centennial Planning Committee: April 26, 2018.

Executive Session, Pending Litigation/Contracts, 1 VSA 313 (a)(1)(A) & (a)(1) (E)

Mr. Ross moved 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 and I further move to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation 1 VSA 313(a)(1). Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

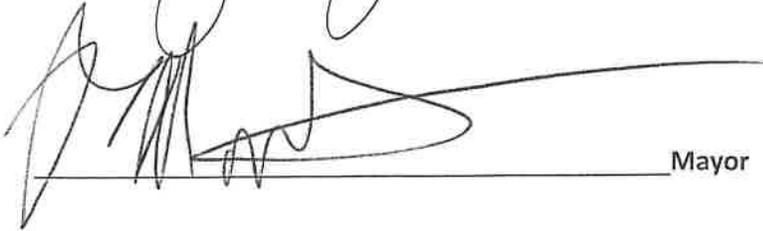
No action.

Mr. Ross moved to settle the Roberge tax appeal on the terms specified in the settlement agreement presented tonight and further authorized City attorney Robert Fletcher to sign the agreement on our behalf. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 9:30 PM. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Attested:  This 7th Day of May 2018



Mayor