

Council Minutes

June 18, 2018

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, June 18, 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, Daniel Ross, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Chief Seth DiSanto, Karen Geraghty, Mike Welch, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Chenette moved to accept the minutes of June 4, 2018 as printed. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

None

Authorization to Receive a USDA Rural Community Development Initiative (attached)

Karen Geraghty and Mike Welch gave a presentation on the Community Initiative Development Grant. The grant is for \$250,000 over three years and is a one for one match. Funds already committed to projects can count towards the match. Ms. Raboin moved to authorize the USDA Assurance Agreement for the Rural Community Development Initiative Grant. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

Part time Patrol and Dispatch Retention (attached)

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve the pay increases for part time patrol and dispatch. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Marijuana Ordinance

Chief DiSanto presented a local ordinance prohibiting the commercialized sale and dispensing of Marijuana in the City of Newport. Chief DiSanto stated that the substance and misuse problem in the City of Newport is an ongoing problem. The City of Newport continues to collaborate with local, state and federal partners in the disciplines of Prevention Intervention, treatment and Recovery to move forward on curbing the substance use/misuse problems in the community. Chief DiSanto sees this ordinance as an opportunity to get out in front of the proposed legalization of commercial marijuana in Vermont, while not interfering with current Vermont legislation. He emphasized that this ordinance will have no effect on the new marijuana law taking effect July 1, 2018.

Mr. Chenette moved to accept ordinance 118 the sale and Distribution of Marijuana. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau. Discussion: There many comments from the public on the issue. Ms. Raboin stated that she didn't want to be listed as an enforcement officer. The council felt that the Mayor City Manager and Council members should be removed from section 3. Mr. Charboneau withdrew his second and Mr. Chenette withdrew the motion. Mr. Chenette moved to accept ordinance #118 with changes. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau. Motion carried. Ms. Raboin abstained stating that she was not opposed to the ordinance but was opposed to the process.

New Business

None

Old Business

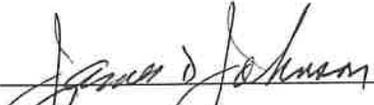
None

Next Meeting Dates

Centennial Meeting, June 21, 2018, Council Meeting, July 9, 2018

Adjourn

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  this 16th Day of July, 2018



MAYOR