

Council Minutes

August 20, 2018

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building on August 20, 2018. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Denis Chenette, Council Members Kevin Charboneau, Julie Raboin and Daniel Ross, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Tom Bernier, Jessica Booth, Seth DiSanto, Jamie LeClair, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the minutes of August 6, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Ross motion carried.

Retirement Ceremony for Roland Maurais

Mayor Monette presented Roland Maurais with a plaque upon his retirement from the Recycling Center after 22 years of service.

Comments by the Public

Sue Watson commented on the Library book Sale not being put on the Electronic Marquee.

Fire Station Facility Maintenance Priority (attached)

Mr. Ross moved to approve using the fire station floor Capital Reserve funds for the roof repair. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Fuel Pre-buy (attached)

Mr. Ross moved to accept the pre-buy price for heating fuel and propane from Fred's energy. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Appoint VLCT Delegate to annual Meeting

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Mayor Monette as the delegate to the VLCT Annual Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

2019 Recreation Rates and Fees

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the 2019 Recreation Rates and Fees except for Storage fees, Boat Rental fees and B.I.G. Dock Hours. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Public Records Request Policy Review

Mr. Ross moved to table the Public Records Request Policy pending further investigation. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Electronic Marquee Policy Discussion

Mayor Monette presented a draft policy that included using the marquee for community events. The City Manager and dept. heads felt the marquee should be used for city information and events only. After much discussion both pro and con, Ms. Raboin moved to adopt the policy as presented. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion failed. Ms. Raboin voting yes, Mr. Charboneau and Mr. Ross voting no and Mr. Chenette abstaining.

New Business

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve a liquor License application for Lago Trattoria d/b/a Teddy's Tap House & Grill located at the Tasting Center. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Ms. Raboin moved to ratify that the Mayor's signature on two tax appeal settlement agreements between the City of Newport, the Jean Condon Trust and Spates Family, LLC. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

September 9, 2018

Adjourn

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D Johnson City Clerk

This 10th Day of September 2018

[Signature] Mayor

August 14, 2018

To: Newport City Council, City Manager, City Clerk & Treasurer

Re: Fire Department Roof Update

Good Morning Laura,

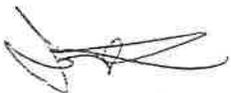
I received correspondence from our insurance company regarding the claim on the fire station roof stemming from the spring windstorm that caused unexpected damage to the roof. Because of the age of the roof they are only able to cover the side facing the car wash. We are responsible for the remainder of the roof. The amount they have committed to this project is \$14,068.34, minus our \$1000.00 deductible. All the shingles need replacing due to the storm damage and the age of the shingles being in excess of 20 years.

Due to the windstorm and the current condition of the roof, this facility maintenance issue has become a priority over the station floor. I propose to use the money that's been set aside in a sinking fund for the station floor to now be used to replace the whole roof with a standing seam roof that will last a lifetime.

The amount we'd use from the \$50,000.00 sinking fund balance is expected to be approximately \$44,000.00. The bid estimate submitted for the standing seam was \$55,360.00 - \$13,068.34 = \$42,291.66. As much as I'd like to replace the floor as planned, I think the condition of the roof is a priority before we start having leaks and risking the structure.

Any remaining funds will continue to be assigned for the floor project. I am asking the City Council to approve the use of these capital expenditure funds originally designated to the fire station floor, to now be assigned to the roof due to this unanticipated facility priority.

Respectfully,



Jamie LeClair

Newport City Fire Chief

To: Newport City Council

From: Laura Dolgin, City Manager

Date: August 17, 2018



Re: 2018-2019 Heating Season Pre-Buy Recommendation

The City normally receives heating season pre-buy prices during the month of February. This year due to the price volatility, we received our price from Fred's for the 2018-2019 heating season as follows:

Fuel Oil: \$2.599 per gallon plus .01 cent Petroleum Distributors Licensing Fee for 24,000 gallons = \$62,616.00.

Propane: \$1.45 per gallon for 11,000 gallons = \$15,950.00

Total: \$78,566.00

Last winter (2017-2018) the city paid \$2.199 fuel for a total pre buy fuel amount of \$52,776, and \$1.35 propane pre buy amount of \$14,692.34.00.

I recommend we proceed with this pre-buy purchase.