

## **Council Minutes**

**September 10, 2018**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held on Monday, September 10, 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, Thomas Bernier, Seth DiSanto, Jamie LeClair, members of the Press and Public.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Raboin moved to approve the minutes of August 20, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

### **Comments by the Public**

Ken Cartee stated that he felt the electronic sign should be used for community events.

Mr. Ross stated that people wishing to speak must be recognized by the mayor before speaking. He noted that one person at the last meeting seemed to hijack the meeting, that is not proper procedure. Mr. Ross stated that he knew of two students willing to run the electronic marquee. These students needed to preform 30 hours of non-paid time, this would free up the dept. heads and a VSAC student could be hired in the summer time.

### **Kingdom Swim Event Debrief (attached)**

Phil White was not able to attend the meeting. Mayor Monette read a letter from Mr. White.

### **Parks and Recreation 2019 Rates Follow Up (attached)**

City Dock day use will go from 2 hours to 3 hours of free use. Non-motorized boat rentals will be \$10/hour, \$25/four hours and \$40/day.

Canoe/Kayak seasonal storage will be \$75/ season.

Mr. Chenette moved to accept the changes to the proposed 2019 fees. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

### **Recreation Committee Bylaws**

The council discussed the proposed Recreation committee Bylaws. Changes will be incorporated, and the bylaws will be on the next agenda.

### **DRB Alternate Appointment**

Mr. Elliott introduced Dan Pickering. Mr. Pickering works at NCUHS as the Director of Maintenance, he is interested in serving on the DRB Board and was unanimously approved by the DRB Board.

Mr. Ross moved to appoint Dan Pickering as an alternate to the DRB Board for 3 years. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

### **Set 2018-2019 Tax Rates (attached)**

Ms. Raboin moved to set the 2018-2019 tax rates at \$2.7081 for residents and \$2.8904 for non-residents. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Records Policy**

City Manager Laura Dolgin presented a Public Records Policy for the staff except for the Clerk/Treasurers office which follows state statues. Ms. Dolgin stated she is trying to give guidance and protection to the consumer and staff. Mr. Ross stated he didn't see the need for the policy if state statues are followed. Ms. Raboin saw the policy as more of a hindrance. Kevin Charboneau felt the policy would give a level playing field to everyone. Mayor Monette stated it seemed like a duplicate of the statues.

Mr. Chenette moved to accept the Public Records Policy as presented. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau. Mr. Chenette and Mr. Charboneau in favor, Mr. Ross and Ms. Raboin voted against the motion. Mayor Monette voted against the motion, motion failed.

### **New Business**

Ms. Raboin stated a lot of people have been questioning the Centennial Budget. Ms. Dolgin stated they could have an accounting ready by the October Meeting.

Mr. Ross stated that when he was on the council he voted against the police boat. He would like the hours of usage broken out vs the repair costs.

### **Old Business**

Ms. Raboin stated there was still the issue of Planning Commission E-mails. She would like all members of the Planning Commission to have city E-mail addresses. Ms. Dolgin stated there will be a cost to establish the E-mail addresses. Ms. Dolgin stated the council can decide it at budget time.

Mayor Monette noted that Mr. Chenette and Mr. Charboneau were assigned to the negotiation team in executive session. They should have been appointed in open session. Mr. Ross noted that Ms. Raboin had also expressed an interest in serving.

Mr. Ross moved to appoint Mr. Chenette, Mr. Charboneau and Ms. Raboin to the negotiation team. Seconded by Ms. Raboin. Mr. Ross and Ms. Raboin voted in favor, Mr. Charboneau and Mr. Chenette voted against, Mayor Monette voted against, motion failed.

Ms. Raboin noted that state statues says that appointments be made in open session. She stated that she is interested and has experience negotiating contracts. Mayor Monette stated that if three people are appointed every meeting would have to be warned and a motion would be needed to go into executive session.

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Mr. Charboneau and Mr. Chenette to represent the City on the negotiation team. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau. Mr. Charboneau and Mr. Chenette voted in favor, Mr. Ross and Ms. Raboin voted against the motion, Mayor Monette voted against the motion, motion failed.

Ms. Raboin asked that each council member stated why they wanted to be on the negotiation team. Ms. Raboin stated she has the experience dealing with unions. Mr. Charboneau stated he has 12 years' experience as a supervisor in the State Police dealing with union contracts. Mr. Ross stated he did not want to be on the team, he doesn't have time. Mayor Monette doesn't have time. Mr. Chenette had no comment.

Ms. Raboin moved to appoint Mr. Charboneau and Ms. Raboin to the bargaining team. Seconded by Mr. Ross. Mr. Ross and Ms. Raboin voted in favor, Mr. Charboneau and Mr. Chenette voted against the motion. Mayor Monette voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

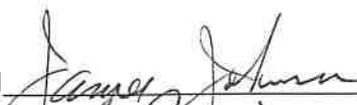
Mr. Ross noted that he could find no reference in the minutes of December 21, 2015 or January 23, 2017 for the approval of the Guidelines and Rules of Procedure for council meetings. Ms. Dolgin stated that the Rules of Procedure were approved on August 7, 2017 and that the guidelines are at the discretion of the Mayor.

**Next Meeting Date**

September 17, 2018

**Adjournment**

Ms. Raboin moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 17<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2018

  
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Mayor