

Council Minutes

October 15, 2018

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held on Monday, October 15, 2018 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Denis Chenette, council members Kevin Charboneau, and Daniel Ross, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Charles Pronto, Robert Benoit, Sam Carlson, members of the Press and Public. Council Member Julie Raboin was absent.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the minutes of October 1, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried.

Comments by Members of the Public

None

Green Lantern Solar Presentation

Sam Carlson from Green Lantern Solar made a presentation to the council hoping to enter into a net metering agreement with the City. The project will be in Lemington, VT. The city could see a savings of \$18,000 per year for 20 years. The project is permitted and will take 10 to 15 weeks to construct.

Mr. Chenette moved to authorize the City Manager to have the City attorney review the agreement. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried.

Presentation by Robert Benoit of Memphremagog Conservation and Charlie Pronto from D.U.M.P.

Mr. Benoit and Mr. Pronto gave a presentation on hazardous chemicals leaking from the landfill. They are concerned about PFOS & PFOA's. Mr. Pronto stated that the state has no plan and no idea what the safe level is for these chemicals. They don't blame Casella, they are doing what they are told to do by the state. It's the state that doesn't know what they're doing. Mr. Pronto wants the City to take a stance in opposition to the plan expansion of the landfill and to stop taking leachate until it is proven to be safe.

Mr. Chenette moved that the council take a stance against the landfill expansion and to stop taking leachate until it is proven to be safe. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried. Mr. Ross, Mr. Chenette, Mr. Charboneau in Favor. Mayor Monette also voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

Ms. Dolgin stated that The Audit will be discussed at the November 5th meeting and that the FY19-20 budget meetings will begin shortly.

Old Business

Mr. Johnson had the council sign loan documents for the new 2018 Police Vehicle.

Mr. Charboneau noted that the Dock Committee will meet on October 22nd from 3 to 5 PM

Ms. Dolgin noted the Downtown Development Summit at North country Union high School on October 22nd from 6 to 8 PM.

Executive Session, Labor Relations

Mr. Chenette moved 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 move that we enter executive session to discuss labor relations 1 VSA 313 (a)(2). Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried.

No action.

Executive Session to Discuss a Lease Negotiation

Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session to discuss a lease negotiation 1 VSA 313 (a)(1). Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried.

In open session, Mr. Ross moved to lease the City Dock at a commercial rate of \$1,175 based on \$108 per foot, from month to month not to exceed three months. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

November 5, 2018

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 10:13 PM. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried.

Attested  This 5th Day of November 2018



Mayor