

Council Minutes

November 5, 2018

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, November 5, 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 Dan Ross, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Jessica Booth, Charles Pronto, Jeff Johansen, Colleen Moore- de-Ortiz, Jeff Young, Gordon Brown, 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 October 15, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried. Ms. Raboin abstained.

Comments by the Public

None

Ambulance Budget Presentation (attached)

Charlie Pronto presented the proposed 2019-2020 budget. The Ambulance Service is asking for a 2.9% increase from \$132,205 to \$136,155. The new contract is basically the same except that instead of four payments from January -December there will be one payment in July.

Mr. Ross moved to include the Ambulance Service in the budget in the amount of \$136,155 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with the Newport Ambulance Service. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Veterans Day Request for Waived Fees

VFW Commander Jeff Young requested that the event fees be waived for the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 9, 2018 to be held at the Municipal Building. Jessica Booth suggested that the Recreation Dept. partner with the VFW and American Legion by including the two events in the Recreation Depts. schedule of events.

Ms. Raboin moved to waive the fees for Veterans Day and Memorial Day and include both events in the Recreation Depts schedule of events. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Newport City Promise Community Board of Directors Update

Colleen Moore de-Ortiz updated the council on the Promise Community Boards goals and activities. Ms. Ortiz also requested that the City appropriate \$20,000 annually to Promise Community Board for scholarships for families who can't afford quality child care. The Day Care facility is housed at the United Church of Newport. The council will consider the funds during their coming budget process.

Event Debrief

Savanah Williams debriefed the council on the PAWS for Cause walk held in October to raise funds for domestic violence and abuse.

Audit Fund Balance Assignments Discussion (attached)

The council discussed Restricted, Committed, Assigned and Unassigned fund balances. Mr. Ross moved to approve the audited fund balance as presented. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Bids for Truck Dump Body and Body Sander, Public Works

Two bids were received Viking Cives USA - \$43,500 and H.P. Fairfield, LLC - \$55,371.

Mr. Chenette moved to accept the low bid from Viking Cives in the amount of \$43,500. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

Bid for Ford F-550, Public Works

One bid was received. Hayes Ford Inc. in the amount of \$55,432.39. Mr. Chenette moved to accept the bid from Hayes Ford. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Johnson presented a request for Niles funds. Ms. Raboin moved to approve the request for Niles funds. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Charboneau stated the Dock Committee is done and the agreement is ready for review by the council.

Ms. Raboin would like to revisit the leachate decision.

Mr. Chenette had some questions about the dock in the committee's minutes. It was decided to wait until the agreement and contract are presented.

Ms. Dolgin noted that budget presentation will start on November 19th. She also thanked Pedro Grondin for doing a great job presenting the tours at the Treatment Plant.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Date

Monday, November 19, 2018

Adjourn

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

Attested  This 19th Day of November, 2018

 Mayor