

Council Minutes

December 3, 2018

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, December 3, 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, Jamie LeClair, Seth DiSanto, Jessica Booth, Tom Bernier, Roger Gosselin, Mike Welch and 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 November 19, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the minutes of November 26, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

Pam Ladds asked about public comment during the budget process.

Mayor Monette thanked all involved with the Santa Fest.

Mayor Monette thanked Public Works for clearing the streets.

VAST Trail Permission

Roger Gosselin asked permission to use Broadview Ave and Lake Street for the Newport Spur again this winter and to extend the trail across the RR Bridge to Pomerleau Park.

Mr. Ross moved to grant use of the RR Bridge to Pomerleau Park and use of the city Streets requested for the Newport Spur this winter. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Grant Requests

USDA Facilities Grant for police radio replacement the purchase amount is \$69,952. The grant amount is \$38,473 and the cities cash match will be \$31,479. Mr. Ross moved to approve a resolution to approve the USDA Facilities Grant application and authorize the City Manager to sign the documents. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

VOREC Pilot Community Grant to seek VOREC Pilot Community status by leveraging the Waterfront Recreation Path and Lake Access Project to connect the Bike Path to the planned Bluffside Farm Trails.

Mr. Charboneau moved to authorize the City Manager to submit the VOREC Grant application. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant to update and redesign the Gardner Park playground and bathroom facility. The grant amount is \$365,020 and the Cities share will be approximately \$182,510. Mr. Ross moved a resolution to apply for the Land and Water Conservation Grant with a minimum community commitment of \$182,510 and authorize the City Manager to sign the application. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

City Council Meeting Schedule

Mr. Chenette moved to adopt the City Council meeting schedule. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

None

Old Business

Mr. Charboneau asked if the water had been turned off at the Community Garden site on Lake Road. Mr. Bernier will check into it.

Ms. Raboin Noted that Main St. and East Main St. look great thankyou to Public Works, Recreation Dept. and Robert Gosselin.

Mayor Monette noted that the City has been granted Friend of the Commission status by the Act 250 Board. They want and copy of the councils concerns regarding the land fill expansion for their hearing on January 22, 2019.

Next Meeting Dates

Special Budget meeting December 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Regular Council meeting December 17, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Executive Session for Personnel Issue

Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session for a personnel issue. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Seconded by Mr. charboneau, motion carried unanimously.


attested James J. Chenette December 7, 2018