

## **Council Minutes**

**July 8, 2019**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, July 8, 2019 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Julie Raboin, Council Members Kevin Charboneau, Melissa Pettersson and Dan Ross, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Lt. Travis Bingham, Jessica Booth, Tom Bernier, Jamie LeClair, Jen smith and members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Pettersson moved to approve the minutes of June 17, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried.

### **Comments by the Public**

Mayor Monette congratulated WOW for their first event of the season and the Recreation Dept. for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Ann Chiarello asked that the council consider testing the city's drinking water for PFAS.

Jen Smith updated the council on the Recreation Committee activities.

### **Zoning Violations**

Mr. Elliott brought up three long running zoning violations and suggested that the City begin the process of fining the violators.

Mr. Elliott asked permission to move forward on three zoning violations. Kincaid, Cogan and Jennison. Mr. Ross moved to authorize the Zoning Administrator to contact the City attorney for legal action on the three properties in violation of the Zoning by-laws. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, Motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

Mr. Johnson brought up a Niles Fund request. Discussion was held as to whether the request should be public information. Mr. Johnson felt they should be confidential because of financial information on the request. Ms. Pettersson moved to table the request until next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson brought two vendor permit requests. Ms. Raboin moved to approve both requests. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried.

Ms. Raboin moved to approve the 2019-20 Line of Credit with Passumpsic Bank. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried.

Ms. Dolgin updated the council on the Solid Waste Implementation Grants requirement for outreach on food scraps.

CSWD will attend the July 22nd council meeting.

### **Old Business**

Ms. Raboin noted that there needs to be some action on the use of Jake Breaks in town.

The council discussed the Large Event Permit policy.

### **Next Meeting Date**

July 22, 2019

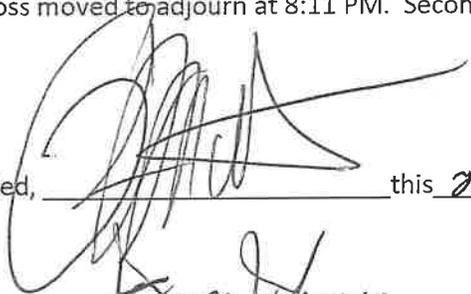
### **Executive Session for Personnel**

Ms. Raboin moved to enter executive session to discuss the appointment, employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, 1 VSA, sec 313(3)(a)(3). Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried.

In open session, Ms. Pettersson moved to authorize the City Manager to send a letter to the former City Assessor explaining that the City is disputing his bill. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Ross moved to adjourn at 8:11 PM. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried.

Attested,  this 22nd Day of July, 2019

