

## **Council Minutes**

**January 6, 2020**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Julie Raboin, Council Members, Melissa Pettersson, Kevin Charboneau and Daniel Ross, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Chief Seth DiSanto, Chief Jamie LeClair, PW Director Thomas Bernier, Becky Therrien, Michael Welch, Conrad Bellavance, Dan Pellerin, Steve Wright, Woodman Page, Robert Currier, Charles Elliott, Robert Gosselin, Daniel Pickering, members of the Press and Public. Rec. Director Jessica Booth was absent.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Pettersson moved to approve the minutes of December 16, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve the minutes of December 23, 2019. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Raboin moved to approve the minutes of December 30, 2019. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

### **Comments by the Public**

Laurie Grimm read a letter about the ATV vote scheduled on January 14, 2020.

Anne Chiarello would like the City to adopt Martin Luther King Day as one of its holidays.

Robert Currier gave a statement in support of the City Landscaper position.

### **FY20-21 Budget Vote**

Ms. Pettersson moved to approve the FY 20-21 Budget as presented. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau.

Both Ms. Raboin and Mr. Ross stated they were against the proposed 3% increase for the non-union staff. Ms. Raboin requested an executive session to discuss a certain employees' salaries. Mr. Charboneau withdrew his second and Ms. Pettersson withdrew her motion. Ms. Raboin moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, Ms. Raboin and Mr. Ross voted in favor, Ms. Pettersson and Mr. Charboneau voted against the motion. Mayor Monette voted no to break

the tie, motion failed. Mayor Monette noted the council had not received a request from a Department Head or anyone else to discuss their salary.

Ms. Pettersson moved to approve the FY20-21 as presented, seconded by Mr. Charboneau. Ms. Raboin and Mr. Ross voted no on the motion, Ms. Pettersson and Mr. Charboneau voted in favor of the motion, Mayor Monette voted in favor, motion carried.

#### **Authorize the City Attorney to Conduct the next Tax Sale**

Ms. Pettersson moved to authorize the City Attorney to conduct the next Tax Sale. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Presentation of the City Plan**

Robert Currier presented the City Council with the proposed City Plan for their review. The first Public Hearing on the plan will be February 10, 2020. The potential date for the second hearing will be March 2, 2020.

#### **Planning Commission Appointment**

Mr. Ross moved to appoint Daniel Pickering to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Recreation Committee Appointment**

Ms. Pettersson moved to appoint Lori Wells to the Recreation Committee. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Bayview St. & Summer St. Parking Ordinance**

Some new ideas were brought up by Lynnette Johnson and Jennifer Bernier who are residents of these two streets respectively. The Ordinance was set aside for further review by the City Staff.

#### **New Business**

None.

#### **Old Business**

None.

**Next Meeting Date**

January 20, 2020

**Adjournment**

Ms. Raboin moved to adjourn at 8:06 PM. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Attested;  This 20<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2020

 Mayor