

Council Minutes

February 1, 2021

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held remotely on February 1, 2021. Participating in the meeting were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Daniel Ross, Council Members Melissa Pettersson, John Wilson, and Kevin Charboneau, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Public Works Director Tom Bernier, Police Chief Travis Bingham, Fire Chief John Harlamert, Recreation Director Jessica Booth, Rebecca Therrien, Wayne Elliott, Elaine Collins, Lynette Claudon, members of the Press and Public.

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

Public Hearing on the CSO Long Term Control Plan (power point attached)

Wayne Elliott from A&E Engineering gave an overview of the proposed plan.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

Anne Chiarello commented on the budget.

Annual Newport City Elementary School Presentation (attached)

Principal Elaine Collins gave a presentation on the proposed Elementary School budget.

Sewer Allocation Request

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the Wastewater Allocation request from Bradley Reservoir for the property located at 511 Sias Ave. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Truck Body & Plow Bid (attached)

Ms. Pettersson moved to accept the bid from Viking Cives for a truck body and plow in the amount of \$32,700. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution for Better Places Grant Application (attached)

The grant if awarded will be used to enhance the parklet proposed for the municipal parking lot.

Mr. Charboneau moved that the City of Newport is the owner of property located at 222 Main St. Newport, VT. and that the City Council authorizes the use of a portion of this lot for the construction of a Downtown Pocket Parklet. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson.

Discussion: Mr. Wilson asked how many parking spaces will be lost in the municipal lot? Ms. Dolgin stated that seven spaces would go away however two spaces were added during the revamping of the parking lot last spring. The Parklet will enhance Main St. and add a green space with a view of the lake.

Ms. Pettersson, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Charboneau voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Wilson voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Bond Resolution Certificate

Ms. Pettersson moved to approve the Water Tower Bond Resolution Certificate. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Coin Drops (attached)

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the 2021 Coin Drop schedule. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Parades

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve the parade requests submitted and two requests need to submit permit applications. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

The parades requested are Memorial Day Parade May 31st, Light up the Night Parade December 4th, and a Parade by Kingdom Games, Memphremagog Water Shed, and Kingdom Games July 23rd, 2021.

New Business

Mayor Monette noted that the 2020 Annual Report is on the city's website and is at the printers.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held remotely on February 8, 2021 and will include a Public Hearing on the Water Tower.

Adjourn

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 8:18 PM. Seconded by Ms. Petterson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested: _____ this _____ day of _____ 2021



Mayor