

**Council Minutes****March 4, 2024**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on March 4, 2024, in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Linda Sullivan, Council President John Wilson, Council Members Kevin Charboneau, Clark Curtis, and Chris Vachon, City Clerk James Johnson, Comptroller Rebecca Therrien, Public Works Director tom Bernier, Police Chief Travis Bingham, Zoning Administrator Francis Cheney III, Rep. Woodman Page, Senator Russ Ingalls.

Mayor Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:48pm.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Vachon moved to approve the minutes of February 26, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

**Conflict of Interest**

Mr. Curtis moved to approve the Conflict-of-Interest Policy as presented. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried. Wilson, Curtis, Vachon in favor, Charboneau against.

**Water & Sewer Rates Discussion**

Mr. Johnson presented the council with an option to consider regarding increasing water & sewer rates.

Ms. Bjurling thought the increase would be \$10 per person.

Anne Chiarello requested a copy of what was presented.

Mr. Wilson felt the discussion should be put off until the next meeting.

Mr. Curtis moved to move the discussion to the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting Date**

Mr. Charboneau moved that the next meeting date be March 18, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

**New Business**

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve a Tobacco License for the Family Dollar Store. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sullivan announced she had contacted the state on the Casella issue.

Mayor Sullivan announced that she, Senator Ingalls and the City Manager will be having a community forum on May 13, 2024

**Old Business**

Mayor Sullivan thanked Mr. Wilson for his years of service on the City Council and read a letter from the Governor.

Mr. Vachon presented Mr. Wilson with a plaque for his years of service to the city.

Rep Page and Senator Ingalls presented Mr. Wilson with a Public Service Award and A House of Representatives Resolution for his years of service to the city.

**Comments by the Public**

Laurie Grimm stated for the record she is a candidate for City council and commented on the Candidates and the new council.

Reception for Mr. Wilson in the upstairs hallway.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn at 7:34pm. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Attested \_\_\_\_\_ This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

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Mayor