

Special Council Meeting

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April 25, 2024

A duly warned Special Meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Linda Sullivan, Council President Chris Vachon, Council Members Kevin Charboneau, Rick Ufford-Chase and Clark Curtis, City Manager Jonathan DeLaBruere, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer Stacey Therrien, Interim Fire Chief Kevin LaCoss, Public Works Director Tom Bernier, Attorney Beriah Smith, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Additions, Deletions to the Agenda

None

Setting of Water/Sewer Rates

Mr. Vachon moved to increase the flat rates for Sewer 26% and metered rates 8% and increase the flat rates for Water 6% and metered rates 6% effective May 1, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried. Charboneau, Ufford-Chase, Vachon in favor, Curtis against.

Interview Potential Candidate(s) for Fire Chief – Potential Executive Session

Mr. Ufford-Chase moved to enter executive session to interview potential candidate(s) for the position of Fire Chief per 1 V.S.A. sec. 313(a)(3). Seconded by Mr. Curtis, motion carried.

No action

Comments by the Public

Jennifer Bjurling thanked the council for taking out depreciation when setting the new water/sewer rates.

New Business

Mr. Vachon mentioned Green Up Day May 4, 2024

Mr. Charboneau noted that the positions of Constable and Councilman are incompatible.

Mr. Vachon moved to approve a Liquor License for the American Legion Post #21. Seconded by Mr. Curtis, motion carried.

Mr. Vachon moved to authorize the City Clerk and City Manager to approve renewable Liquor Licenses until May 6, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Ufford-Chase, motion carried.

Mr. Delabruere noted that Public Works will pick up the Green-Up bags in Gardner Park.

Old Business

None

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 6:52 pm. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried.

Attested _____ This _____ Day of May 2024

_____ Mayor