

Council Minutes

November 18, 2024

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at the Gateway. Present were Mayor Linda Sullivan, Council President Chris Vachon, council members Kevin Charboneau, Rick Ufford-Chase, Clark Curtis, City clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Tom Bernier, Mike Brown, Travis Bingham, Frank Cheney, Mike Welsh, Dave LaForce, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Mayor Sullivan added AP Warrant for 11/13/24 to the consent agenda and added next meeting date to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Vachon moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the 11/13/24 AP Warrant. Seconded by Mr. Curtis, motion carried.

Appointment of Health Officer

Mr. Vachon moved to appoint Michael Brown Health Officer effective immediately. Seconded by Mr. Ufford-Chase, motion carried.

NBRC Authorized Official & General Resolution (attached)

Mike Welsh presented the NBRC General and Authorized Official Resolutions. Mr. Vachon moved to approve and have the Mayor or the mayor's designee sign the authorized official and general resolutions and other documents as needed for submission and required for completion and compliance of the grants. Seconded by Mr. Curtis, motion carried.

Ambulance Services Agreement (attached)

Charles Pronto and Jeff Johansen presented the agreement for ambulance service effective January 1, 2025. Mr. Vachon moved to approve the agreement with Newport Ambulance Services as presented. Seconded by Mr. Ufford-Chase, motion carried.

Presentation/discussion Regarding VHB Improved Master Plan

Dave LaForce from NDD, David Saladino, and Michael Willard from VHB presented the Master Plan for Newport City. It included plans for housing, infrastructure and funding. NDD will do a mass mailing of flyer and a survey to Newport residents, there will be a public forum at the library on November 25th, the Mayors hours on November 20 and 27th will be dedicated to the plan, public comment will end on November 27th, feedback will be submitted to VHB on December 2nd and the council will approve the plan on December 16, 2024. Mr. Vachon moved to approve distribution of the Master Plan to the public for continued discussion purposes with the community and stakeholders. Seconded by Mr. Curtis, motion carried.

Comments by the Public

John Wilson commented on the Water/Sewer Rates

Pamela Ladds commented on the November 8, 2024 council meeting.

Laurie Grimm commented on the termination of Jonathan DeLaBruere's contract with the city.

New Business

Mayor Sullivan is planning meetings with North Country Hospital Administration and the Green Mountain Care board.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Date

Mr. Curtis moved to set the next meeting date for December 2, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Seconded by Mr. Curtis, motion carried.

Attested _____ This _____ Day of _____ 2024

Mayor

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