

Council Minutes

April 7, 2025

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, April 7, 2025 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Rick Ufford-chase (remote), Council President Kevin Charboneau, council members Carter Finegan (remote), Andrew Touchette, John Monette, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Zoning Admin. Frank Cheney, Chris Vachon, Brian Gray, members of the Press and Public.

Council President Charboneau called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

AP Warrants, PR Warrants, Licenses, Permits. Mr. Touchette moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Mr. Monette, motion carried.

Request to Establish Two Restricted Bank Accounts for USDA Grant Funds and Other Grant Funds

Mr. Monette moved to establish restricted bank accounts for USDA Grant Funds and other Grant Funds. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

Orleans County Housing Presentation by Brian Gray, Economic Development Coordinator, Newport Downtown Development

Mr. Gray gave a presentation on the need for affordable housing in Newport and Orleans County.

Special Task Forces Verbal Updates/Reports

Mr. Monette gave the update from the Water/Sewer Task Force, Ms. Finegan gave an update on the Financial Reporting and Fiscal Practices Task force.

Comments by the Public

None

New Business

Mayor Ufford-Chase talked about the cash flow concerns and the Line of Credit. Mayor Ufford-Chase noted meeting on Wednesday with the Auditors and Vermont Bond Bank.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Date

Mr. Touchette moved to set the next meeting for April 21, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Monette, motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Touchette moved to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Seconded by Mr. Monette, motion carried.

Attested _____ THIS _____ Day of April 2025

_____ Mayor