

Council Minutes

January 9, 2023

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, January 9, 2023 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Council Members Kevin Charboneau, Melissa Pettersson, and Christopher Vachon, City Manager Laura Dolgin by phone, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Public Works Director Tom Bernier, Police Chief Travis Bingham, Fire Chief John Harlamert, City Landscaper Robert Gosselin, Program Administrator Rebecca Therrien, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vachon moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

Carol Dowd, commented on the sewer backup at her house on Spruce St. this is a recurring problem. Mr. Bernier is planning to fix the problem.

Sue Watson, a neighbor of Ms. Dowd reiterated her neighbor's problem.

Anne Chiarello, commented on the Sewer/Water Budget

Pam Ladds, commented on transparency.

Jennifer Hopkins, commented on the school tax collection process.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

The council received the Hazard Mitigation Plan to review. The plan will be formally presented at the next council meeting for a vote to adopt.

Newport Ambulance Annual Contract

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve the Newport Ambulance Contract. Seconded by Mr. Vachon. During discussion it was noted that some dates and wording needed to be changed. Mr. Vachon withdrew his second and Mr. Charboneau withdrew the motion. Mr. Wilson moved to table the contract until next council meeting. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Conduct a Tax sale

Mr. Wilson moved to authorize the City Manager to start the tax sale process. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Land Conveyance with Mater Dei Parish Charitable Trust

Ms. Pettersson moved to approve the Quitclaim Deed from the City to Mater Dei Parish Charitable Trust conveying a 0.24 acre, more or less, parcel of land located westerly of Raymond Ave. with approximately 53 feet of frontage thereon that may have been known as "Tuck Lane", and to authorize the City Manager and/or the Mayor to execute any documents needed to close this transaction and complete the conveyance, including but not limited to the Quitclaim Deed and the Notice of Sale of Municipal Real Estate. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

None

Old Business

Mr. Charboneau asked about the Grandstand Grant, Mayor Monette noted the earmark had been approved and included in the federal budget.

Ms. Dolgin hoped for snow and cold weather so the sledding hill and skating rink can begin to operate.

Next Meeting Date

January 23, 2023

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 7:08 PM. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested *[Signature]* this 23rd day of January 2023

[Signature] Mayor