

Council Minutes

July 15, 2024

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, July 15, 2024. Present were Mayor Linda Sullivan, Council President Chris Vachon, council members Clark Curtis, Rick Ufford-Chase, Kevin Charboneau, City Manager Jonathan DeLaBruere, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Francis Cheney, Carter Finegan, Beriah Smith, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Charboneau noted that his papers regarding the investigation were not included in the minutes of July 1st. Mr. Vachon moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Mr. Ufford-Chase, motion carried. Ufford-Chase, Curtis, Vachon in favor, Charboneau against.

Decorum of Alderman

Mr. Ufford-Chase moved that the City council formally censure council member Kevin Charboneau for his actions and his statement regarding fellow council member Clark Curtis's brief tenure as Constable. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried. Curtis, Vachon, Ufford-Chase in favor, Charboneau against.

Resolution to Designate a Public Agency

Mr. Vachon moved to approve the designation of a public agency. Seconded by Mr. Curtis, motion carried. Form PM-4 was signed.

Municipal Policies and Codes

Mr. Vachon moved to approve Form MP-1, Municipal Policies and Codes. Seconded by Mr. Ufford-Chase, motion carried.

Audio/Visual Recording Policy

City Attorney Beriah Smith presented the updated policy. Mr. Ufford-Chase moved to approve the Audio/Visual Recording Policy and amend Section 2- Definitions, "employee" to read serving as city volunteers. Seconded by Mr. Curtis, motion carried.

2024 Reappraisal Notice

Mr. Vachon moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2024 Notice of Reappraisal. Seconded by Mr. Ufford-Chase, motion carried.

Health Officer Appointment

Mr. Vachon moved to update the Health Officer appointment with the Department of Health. Seconded by Mr. Curtis, motion carried.

Evaluation of an Employee

Mr. Curtis moved to enter executive session for the evaluation of an employee 1 V.S.A. 313(a) (3). Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried.

No action.

Comments by the Public

Jennifer Bjurling commented on the mayor's alleged fixation with her.

Beth Barnes commented on Mr. Charboneau sleeping during council meetings

Laurie Grimm commented on the Treasurers response to her Facebook post.

Mayor Sullivan commented on attorney client privilege.

New Business

Mayor Sullivan issued Executive Order No. 2024-1, Civility and Professionalism

Old Business

The Treasurer commented on Ms. Grimm's comment.

Mr. Ufford-Chase does not want to lose site of the Personnel Policy.

Next Meeting Date

Mr. Vachon moved to set the next meeting for August 5, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Ufford-Chase, motion carried.

Adjourn

Mr. Curtis moved to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried.

Attested _____ This _____ Day of _____ 2024

Mayor