

Council Minutes

September 16, 2024

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, September 16, 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, Clark Curtis, City Manager Jon DeLaBruere, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Michael Brown, Andrew Carbiine, Jamie Comtois, Tom Bernier, Police Chief Travis Bingham, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Tabled item number 7

Consent Agenda (minutes of September 9, 2024, Warrant for September 16, 2024, Vendor Permit)

Mr. Vachon moved to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Mr. Ufford-Chase, motion carried.

Quarterly Financial Update

Mr. DeLaBruere stated he would like to start a Quarterly Financial Report at the end of each quarter. Next October will begin the start of the next quarter.

Recreation Committee Member

Mr. Vachon moved to appoint Kyle Chadburn to the Recreation Committee as recommended. Seconded by Mr. Ufford-Chase, motion carried.

DPW Bluff Road Pump Station Project Award

Three bids were received on the project. MSI at \$125,993, Portland at \$193,500 and J. P. Sicard at 234,054. Mr. Vachon moved to approve the bid from MSI in the amount of \$125,993 for the Bluff Road Pump Station Project. Seconded by Mr. Curtis, motion carried.

DPW 3-Acre Stormwater Agreement for Consulting Services

Tabled

Designate Voting Delegate for VLCT, PACIF and VERB Annual Meeting

Mr. Vachon moved to appoint Mayor Sullivan Voting Delegate to the VLCT, PACIF, and VERB Annual Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ufford-Chase, motion carried.

Construction Line of Credit for Water Tower Project

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve the Construction Line of Credit for the Water Tower Project with Passumpsic Bank in the Amount of \$2,400,000 at 5.06 % interest. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried.

Fire chief Interviews

Mr. Vachon moved to enter executive session to conduct fire Chief Interviews and invite the candidates, Fire Dept. representatives and the Police Chief into executive session. Seconded by Mr. Curtis, motion carried.

No action.

Comments by the Public

Terry Hebert commented on paving the 2/10ths of a mile on Glen Road between the prison and the Coventry town line.

New business

Mr. Vachon commented on the Fall Fest September 28th and other events coming up in October.

Mr. DeLaBruere note that the Chile Fest is at risk for lack of participants.

Linda commented on the Human Trafficking meeting coming up.

Old Business

The council signed loan documents for the new police cruiser.

Mayor Sullivan commented on a notice from the state for comments on performance and evaluation to HUD.

Vendor Permit for Fred LeClair.

Set Next Meeting Date

Mr. Ufford-Chase moved to set the next meeting date for October 7, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried.

Adjourn

Mr. Ufford-Chase moved to adjourn at 10:15Pm. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried.

Attested _____ This _____ Day of _____ 2024

Mayor

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