

## **Special City Council Meeting**

**March 20, 2025**

A duly warned special meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Thursday, March 20, 2025 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Rick Ufford-Chase, Council President Kevin Charboneau, council members Carter Finegan, Andrew Touchette, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, PW Director Tom Bernier, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Ufford-Chase called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

### **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

Add, possible addition to the Financial Reporting and Fiscal Practices Task Force. Motion by Ms. Finegan. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

Add, approval of Vendor Application. Motion by Mr. Touchette. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

Add, possible assignment to Water/Sewer Task force. Motion by Ms. Finegan. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried.

Add, Statement to explain tonight's process. Motion by Mr. Charboneau. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

### **Approval of Vendor Permit**

Mr. Touchette moved to approve a Vendor Permit for Richard Lansing. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

### **Statement of Process**

Mayor Ufford-Chase read a statement of the process in regards to the appoint to a vacant council seat.

### **Appointment to Fill a Vacant Council Seat**

Letters of interest in the vacant council seat were received from Karen Geraghty, Matt Kyle, Carl King, John Monette and Adam Ortiz. Mr. Charboneau moved to give each person five minutes to explain why they wish to serve on the City Council until the election for said seat on May 6, 2025. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

Mr. Charboneau moved to enter executive session to discuss the candidates per 1 V.S.A. 313(a)(3).  
Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

No action.

Mr. Touchette moved to appoint John Monette to the City council until the election for said seat on May 6, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau.

Mr. Monette responded to questions from the public.

Vote, motion carried.

Mr. Monette was sworn in by City Clerk James Johnson.

#### **Appointment to Water/Sewer Task force**

Mr. Charboneau moved to appoint Mr. Monette to the Water/Sewer Task force. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

#### **Appointment to Financial Reporting and fiscal Practices Task Force**

Ms. Finegan moved to appoint Travis Gaines to the Financial Reporting and Fiscal Practices Task force. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried.

#### **Comments by the Public**

Ann Chiarello commented on voting on the water/sewer budget

#### **New Business**

Petitions for council due March 31, 2025.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **Next Meeting Date**

Ms. Finegan moved to set the next meeting for March 31, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Touchette moved to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Seconded by Mr. Monette, motion carried.

Attested \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

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Mayor