

1 TOWN OF NEWPORT

2 COUNCIL MEETING

3 JANUARY 10, 2019

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5 **Present:** Mayor Dennis Barber, Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Shinn, Councilman David Heath, Councilman Mark
6 Eadie, Councilman Danny Fornes, Councilman Bob Benedict, Town Manager Angela Christian, and
7 Maryellen Brown, Town Clerk

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9 Mayor Barber called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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11 The Invocation was delivered by the Newport Fire Chief, Benny Whitley.

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13 Mayor Barber requested Council review the agenda and make any necessary changes or additions. There
14 being no changes, **Mayor Pro Tem Shinn made the Motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The**
15 **Motion was seconded by Councilman Fornes. Vote: 5 to 0 Motion Carried**

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17 Council reviewed the minutes from the December 13th, 2019 Council Meeting, and the Workshop held on
18 December 20th, 2019. Following review, **Mayor Pro Tem Shinn made the Motion to adopt the minutes as**
19 **presented. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Benedict. Vote: 5 to 0 Motion Carried**

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21 All persons that signed to speak during Citizens Comments intended to speak during the Public Hearing
22 for the Storage Container Ordinance. Therefore there were no citizen's comments.

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24 Staff submitted revised ordinances related to storage containers in Newport. A public hearing is a part of
25 the process. Various ordinances will be impacted in Volume 2 of the Code of Ordinances dealing with Land
26 Usage. Town Planner and Zoning Administrator addressed Council with the update of the "draft" Storage
27 Container Ordinance from the Council workshop on December 20th, 2018, creating the "draft" version
28 dated January 3, 2019. **Mayor Pro Tem Shinn made the Motion to open the Public Hearing. The Motion**
29 **was seconded by Councilman Eadie. Vote: 5 to 0 Motion Carried** Several citizens requested time to
30 address Council. Among them were: Bob Chambers, Tim Turner, Joe Mitchell, Floyd Green, Dominick
31 Spadaro, Edward Hernandez, and Morgan Garner. Mr. Chambers stated his objections on the draft, and
32 recommended the use of the Nuisance Ordinance. Other comments were from business owners that use
33 the storage containers and feel like they are used for additional storage and are a vital part of the business.
34 Following Council discussion, **Mayor Pro Tem Shinn made the Motion to close the Public Hearing. The**

Motion was seconded by Councilman Benedict. Vote: 5 to 0 Motion Carried Council discussed the possibility of an additional workshop. No Motion at this time.

The Town of Newport is required to hold a public hearing related to system development fees after posting the study no less than 45 days according to North Carolina General Statute 162A-209. Council will receive the revisions to the Water/Sewer Ordinance within the next few months to incorporate the changes for implementation of system development fees. Todd Tripp from the East Group addressed Council reviewing the fact and results from the Fee Study conducted back in October of 2018. **Councilman Heath made the motion to open the Public Hearing. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Fornes. Vote: 5 to 0 Motion Carried** There was no public comment. **Council Heath made the Motion to close the Public Hearing. The Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shinn. Vote: 5 to 0 Motion Carried** Following discussion, **Councilman Hath made the Motion to adopt the Fee Schedule for system development Fees as recommended by the study. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Eadie. Vote: 5 to 0 Motion Carried**

The Police Department has requested the purchase of a police vehicle. After careful review and budgetary considerations, staff recommended the purchase of a Dodge Truck through the North Carolina Sheriff Association Automobile Procurement Program with Toler Dodge as the vendor. The Town has secured the financing. Following Discussion, **Councilman Eadie made the Motion to approve the purchase of the police vehicle with Toler Chrysler Dodge for a price not to exceed \$26,473 along with authority to secure the financing for the purchase, and to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$8,094 from Capital Reserves for the related equipment purchase for the vehicle as well as give signature authority to the Finance Director/Town Manager for all documents related to the transaction of the purchase. The Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shinn. Vote: 5 to 0 Motion Carried**

Staff requested Council consider a service contract with Groundwater Management Associates Inc. for hydrogeological testing related to the Well #6 project. The services include testing and consultation services to ensure that the Town of Newport gets the highest sustainable rate for pumping water into the system. The testing will provide performance data to confirm expected well production on 800 gallons per minute from the Castle Haynes acquirer. It will be the deepest well in the inventory of the Town, and staff desires to avoid additional well construction in the next 20 years if the Town can draw the maximum production for Well #6. The funds are available in the Water contract services budget. **Councilman Heath made the Motion to approve the agreement with Groundwater Management Associates in an amount not to exceed \$13,200, and give the Finance Officer/Town Manager signature authority to execute all documents. The Motion included the legal review from the Town Attorney and that the East Group will be 1st, and that GMA will be contracted by the East Group. The Motion was then modified to state the East Group contract would be increased by \$13,200 for testing instead of the Town contracting directly with GMA. All other provisions will remain the same. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Eadie. Vote: 5 to 0 Motion Carried**

Council reviewed the list of miscellaneous Surplus items supplied by Fire Chief Whitley. Following brief discussion, **Councilman Fornes made the Motion to approve the Surplus of the items and authorize the Finance Officer to dispose them in accordance with NC General Statute 166A-266. The Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shinn. Vote: 5 to 0 Motion Carried**

There were no inquiries to the Department Reports.

Mayor and Council mane their closing statements.

Mayor Pro Tem Shinn made the Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Fornes. Vote: 5 to 0 Motion Carried

Mayor Barber adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted



Maryellen V. Brown, Town Clerk


Mayor Dennis Barber