Council Minutes
January 7, 2013

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, January 7, 2013 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Tim Delabruere and Denis Chenette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Jamie LeClair, Trish Sears, Frank Knoll, Merten Bangmann Johnson, Charles Elliott, Clark Curtis, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Concerns of costs Related to water Usage by Rural Edge, Doug Spates and Frank Knoll

Merten Bangmann Johnson and Frank Knoll were present to discuss the unit charge (fixed cost) to metered apartment buildings. This issue has been discussed several times in the last eighteen months. No action was taken, the current rate structure remains in effect.

Impact Fees Discussion with Planning Commission

Mr. Elliott chair of the Planning Commission was present to discuss weather or not impact fees would be needed due to the coming development in Newport. The council asked that the Planning Commission come up with some kind of fee structure for the council to consider.

Consider Water & Sewer Allocation Request – R.E.M. Development Company, LLC

R.E.M. is requesting an additional 1,400 gals per day in addition to the 14,000 gals previously approved. Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Baraw. Discussion: Mr. Wilson noted that Mr. Bernier had not signed the application. Mr. Ward felt that Mr. Bernier's signature wasn't required. There was some concern that other than the front page the number of gallons requested was left blank. Mr. Ward will come up with a new form so the gallons requested doesn't have to be entered three or four times. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Issues for VTel Communications Site Lease Agreement (attached)

The council agreed with Mr. Ward's concerns and suggestions. The agreement will be reviewed by the City Attorney before council approval.

Review Six Month Income/Expense Status

No questions.

Review Ordinance Regulating Parking of Motor Vehicles (attached)

This was presented to the council for discussion. Mr. Ward will bring the ordinance back for approval after review by the City Attorney.

New Business

Mr. Johnson presented two requests for Niles Funds. Mr. Baraw moved to approve both requests. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Baraw noted that Columbia Forest Products gave the Fire Dept. $1,500 in appreciation of there prompt response to a call at the plant.

Mr. Baraw noted that Mr. Miller had donated $10,000 to Newport Renaissance Corp.

Mr. Baraw asked about the possible grant to take over the boardwalk. Trish sears noted that it would only happen if the City were to lease the boardwalk. Mr. Ward and some council members felt the City should be able to use the boardwalk for events since the tax payers paid for the facility. They also felt the state should maintain the boardwalk since they built it. Mr. Ward felt the City should not enter into any agreement with the state on the boardwalk.

Mr. Ward and Mayor Monette had talked to someone from Cities of Distinction and thought it was a good idea until they wanted $19,800. Mr. Ward then felt it was a marketing ploy. The council decided to past on the offer.

Old Business

Mr. Johnson stated he had forgotten to mention that Chief DeSanto had requested that conditions be added to the liquor license for The Pub & Grub. Mr. Johnson has spoken to the owner so he is aware of the conditions. Mr. Johnson would like the conditions part of the record. Mr. Delabruere moved to apply the attached conditions to the liquor license for The Pub & Grub. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Delabruere would like to have an estimated cost to run sewer lines down the Bluff Rd. Mr. Ward will put it in the next 5 year plan.

Next Meeting Date

January 21, 2013

Adjournment

Mr. Baraw moved to adjourn at 9:03 PM. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D Johnson **This** 21st **Day of January, 2013**

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Note: The recorder malfunctioned and the meeting did not tape.