

Council Minutes

January 13, 2014

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, January 13, 2014 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Denis Chenette and Tim Delabruere, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Phil White, Andy Cappello, Chief LeClair, Chief DiSanto, Tom Bernier, Hugh McNeal, Brian McNeal, Bill Rivard, Robert Davio, members of the Press and Public.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Residents

The council further discussed with the public the School Resource Officer and the hiring of a new replacement police officer. Repairs at the City dock where also discussed.

Consider Kingdom Games Request (attached)

Phil White was present to make the request. There was some discussion about not for profit and for profit organizations and whether or not to grant the request for \$2,000. Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the request without the \$2,000 donation. Seconded by Mr. Baraw.

Discussion: Mr. Chenette stated he would like to see the funds included. Mr. Baraw felt it was a mistake to not approve the funds.

Mr. Baraw withdrew his second, Mr. Delabruere withdrew the motion. Mr. Baraw moved to approve the proposal by Phil White to promote the Kingdom Games with an appropriation of \$1,000 to come out of council special projects. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Recreation Department Winter Festival Request (attached)

Mr. Chenette suggested the use of something else besides Styrofoam. He felt Styrofoam wouldn't last. Mr. Wilson moved to approve the request dated January 9, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Approve Timeline for City Wide Real Estate Reappraisal (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the timeline for the next reappraisal and approve the hiring of Spencer Potter at \$40,000 payable in monthly installments. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Continue Review of FY14-15 Budget

Mr. Ward presented a proposed budget including the new police officer and an additional \$50,000 in cuts. Mr. Ward stated he realized he needed to add another \$4,000 to municipal retirement. Mr. Baraw moved to approve the proposed budget dated 1/10/14 with the addition of \$4,000 for municipal retirement. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried. Mr. Baraw, Mr. Chenette and Mr. Delabruere in favor; Mr. Wilson opposed. Mayor Monette did not vote but stated he was not in favor of the budget because he felt a \$50,000 cut was too much.

New Business

Mr. Johnson reminded everyone of the vote on Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Mr. Baraw noted a street light out at Blake & Winter Streets

The council signed the certificate of highway mileage.

Mr. McNeal felt that the stop bar at the bottom of Mt. Vernon St. was too far back. Cars can't be seen coming down Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Delabruere was concerned about the construction this spring disrupting District Court

Mr. Wilson stated he was embarrassed last week when two women fell in front of him on the sidewalk on Main St. Some people were walking in the street because the sidewalks were too slippery.

Mr. Baraw stated he was on Main St the same day around 9:20 AM he felt the sand on the sidewalk seemed a little late.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Date

February 3, 2014

Adjourn

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:46 PM. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James S. Johnson This 3rd Day of February, 2014

[Signature] Mayor