

**Council Minutes
January 23, 2012**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on January 23, 2012 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Tim Delabruere, Denis Chenette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, James LeClair, J. Paul Duquette, Jennifer Black and 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 January 9, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Appointment to Planning Commission

Mr. Delabruere moved to appoint Jennifer Black to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Police Chief Replacement Procedure

Mr. Baraw noted that the memo from Chief Duquette outlining the proposed procedure was very well done. The council will proceed with the procedure outlined in the chief's memo.

Niles Fund Request

Withdrawn

New Business

Pam Ladd from Citizens United the 99% asked the council to put an article on the ballot asking the voters of Newport to give their opposition to the Supreme Courts decision giving corporations the same status as persons regarding campaign contributions. Mr. Baraw stated that it is the cities policy not to put any article on the ballot that is political in nature. However they are welcome to submit a petition to have the article on the ballot.

Mr. Baraw brought up the seminar on Employee Embezzlement and Fraud being held on February 1st and wondered if anyone planned to go. Mr. Baraw also felt a discussion on fraud and prevention policies should be on the agenda for next meeting.

Mayor Monette stated that the City Managers evaluation will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor Monette noted that Vermont Legislative Day is February 15th. He will be attending.

Mr. Chenette noted the one of the warrants was off by .42. It was later realized there was a previous balance.

Mr. Ward noted that a Public Hearing was needed on February 13th for Lago Trattoria's application for a VCDP Planning Grant.

Mr. Chenette moved to hold a Public Hearing on February 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM for Lago's application for a VCDP Planning Grant. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Monette stated there would be a council meeting on February 2, 2012 at 4:30 PM to approve the Annual Meeting Warning

Mr. Ward noted that he had received an estimate for traffic controls on Western and Sias Avenues. Mr. Bernier will get with an electrician and see if they are appropriate. Mr. Ward stated that if we decide to go ahead he will call the council.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Date

February 6, 2012

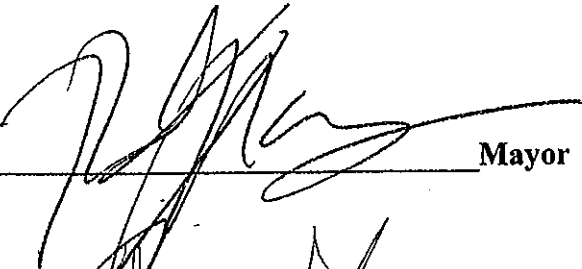
Executive Session – Consider Proposed Lease Fee with AT&T for Cell Tower Site

Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

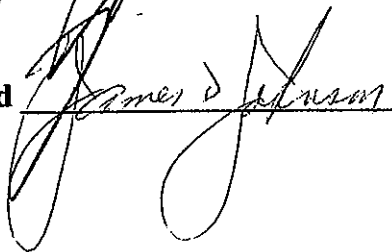
No Action.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 7:41 PM. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.



Mayor

Attested  This 6th Day of February 2012