

Council Minutes

February 3, 2014

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held on Monday, February 3, 2014 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw and Denis Chenette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Marcella Miller School Board Chair, Philip Laramie, Corinna Lancaster, Vikki Langtagne, Jessica Ward, and Robert Midi Principle, Roger Cartee, Sherri Sullivan, Tracy Clemens, James LaClair, Andy Cappello, members of the Press and Public. Alderman Delabruere was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of January 29, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Comments from Residents

The council took comments from the public.

Gardner Park Project (attached)

Mr. Cappello and Mr. Cartee reviewed the project with the council. The recreation Dept. and the Newport rotary club are partnering on the project. They would like to apply for a planning grant up to \$30,000 to assist with planning of a number of proposed improvements to Gardner Park. Mr. Cartee stated that the Rotary Club has already approved the project. Mr. Cartee also stated that the playground would be the #1 project. Mr. Baraw moved to apply for the planning grant. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Discussion: Mr. McNeal was concerned about the foul language used at the park. We had the same problem on Main St. and the benches were taken out. We will need policies and policing at the park. Motion carried.

City School Board Budget Presentation

The Newport City School board was present and presented their proposed budget for FY 14-15. The budget is \$5,289,878 and an increase of 2.56%.

Consider Coin Drop Requests (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to approve coin drops for 2014 as proposed by Mr. Wilson. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

North Country Chamber of Commerce Request to Use Gateway for Aquafest & Chilifest

Tracy Clemens requested free use of the Gateway for Aquafest on July 12, 2014. The council asked no questions and made no motion. Mayor Monette reminded the council that at the last meeting the council had given a for profit organization free use of the Gateway and Prouty Beach, and on top of that had given \$1,000. Mayor Monette was it as disgusting that no motion had been made on this request. After considerable silence aldermen Baraw and Wilson stated that if the council received a request in writing they would reconsider the request at the next meeting. Mr. Baraw moved to table items 8 and 9 until next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Sewer/Water allocation request for Maplefield Project

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the sewer/water allocation request for the Maplefield Project. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Temporary Sign Request for Wright's Fishing Derby

Mr. Wilson moved to allow Wright's to put up a banner at the bottom of East Main St. from February 1 to February 17, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

New Business

None

Old Business

Mr. Wilson asked if there was an update on the water issue with the Village of Derby. Mr. Ward stated there was not.

Mayor stated he still needed evaluations from Mr. Wilson and Mr. Delabruere.

Next Meeting Date

February 17, 2014

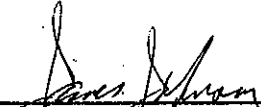
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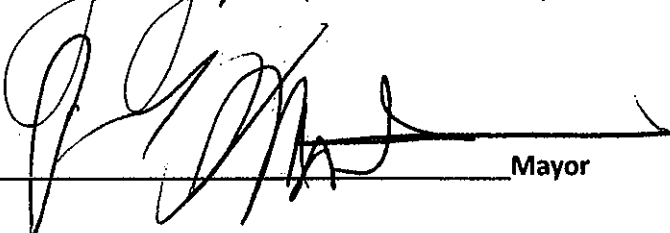
Mr. Baraw moved to enter executive session for a personnel matter. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. In open session, Mr. Chenette moved to accept the City Managers recommendation on a personnel matter within the Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session for Public Works negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried. Following executive session no action was taken.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Attested  This 17th Day of February, 2014

 Mayor