

Council Minutes
February 6, 2012

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, February 6, 2012 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Tim Delabruere, Richard Baraw and Denis Chenette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Chris Flack and members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of January 23, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Fresh Start Community Compost Proposal (attached)

Chris Flack presented the proposed project. Mr. Baraw moved to approve the proposal as presented. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Bids on Surplus Equipment (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to accept the three highest bids. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Coin Drop Requests (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the request per Mr. Wilson's suggestions. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on Municipal Checklist for Internal Controls

The council discussed internal controls and policies. Mr. Ward and Mr. Johnson will work on policies.

Request Approval for Sias Ave. & East Main St. Traffic Light Replacement

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the replacement of the traffic lights at the intersection of Sias Ave. and East Main St. Seconded by Mr. Baraw.

Discussion: Mr. Wilson suggested that the light at Vista and Gardner Park be replaced at the same time. Motion carried unanimously.

Review FY 2012 Income/Expense Reports thru January 2012

The council reviewed the current budget status.

New Business

Mr. Wilson noted that there would be another vacancy on the Planning Commission in March. He asked that the Planning Commission give a recommendation for the next person to be appointed by the council to the commission.

Old Business

Mr. Baraw asked about the negotiations between the City Fire Department and the Town of Coventry. Mr. Ward stated that Coventry hadn't gotten back to us yet.

Next Meeting Dates

Public Hearing on February 13, 2012
Council Meeting on February 20, 2012

Executive Session

Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session for City Manager performance review. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

In open session Mr. Baraw moved to grant the city Manager a salary increase of 3% to be effective on April 1, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Attested *James D. Jackson* This *20th* Day of February, 2012

[Signature] Mayor