

Council Minutes

February 17, 2014

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, February 17, 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, Newport members of the NCUJHS Board, Christina Nadeau, Tracey Clemens, Lynn Bertrand, 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 February 3, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Comments from Residents

None

Discussion on NCUJHS Bond Vote with School Directors (attached)

Mr. Richard Cartee discussed the proposed bond vote with the council.

North Country Chamber of Commerce Request to Use Gateway for Aquafest & Chillfest (attached)

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the use of the Gateway by the Chamber of Commerce for Aqua fest on July 17, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

North Country Chamber of Commerce Banner Request (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve all three requests for banners two weeks prior to each event. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Request for Gateway Bathroom Use and to close Main St. on April 19, 2014 from 11am to 2pm for Rasputitsa Race (Dirty forty) (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the closing of Main St. on April 19, 2014 from Second St. to Coventry St. from 10am to 3pm. with the right of first refusal to the organizers for the use of the Gateway and allow live music on Main St. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Discussion of Potential Land Sale to City from Charles Nadeau (attached)

The council had no interest in purchasing the land.

Discussion on Road Discontinuance for Bogner Drive (attached)

Mr. Ward noted this issue has come up in previous discussions but was not a formal request at this time. He wanted to see how the council felt about it. He stated that he could see no downside to the City. The council had no problem with turning the road over to CN Bio.

Water/Sewer Allocation Request for 35 Spring St.

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the request for 35 Spring St. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

New Business

Mr. Baraw noticed a large truck dumping snow on the shoreline behind Waterfront Plaza. Mr. Ward stated there is no ordinance against it. The snow has to go somewhere and they must have gotten permission to dump on private property. Mr. Ward stated he would report it to the state if the council wished.

Mayor Monette asked if Mr. Ward had spoken to Casella about the odor. Mr. Stated they told him a pipe had broken and has been fixed.

Mr. Chenette stated he had been called about snow removal on Pleasant St. Mr. Ward stated they would be out early tomorrow morning and all sidewalks should be cleared by Friday morning.

Old Business

Brian McNeal noted that the paper stated that the children were swearing at Gardner Park he wanted the council to know the adults are swearing also.

Next Meeting Date

March 3, 2014

Executive Session

Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session for City Manager Job evaluation. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:53 PM. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Attested James J. Johnson This 3rd Day of March 2014

[Signature]
Mayor