

**Council Minutes
February 21, 2011**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, February 21, 2011 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building immediately following a Public Hearing. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Denis Chenette and Tim Delabruere, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, members of the Newport City School Board, Board Chair Leo Willey, Principle Steve Early, Vice Principle Eric Grims, Joe Duncan, Trish Sears, Phil White, members of the Press and Public. Alderman Baraw was absent.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

School Board Budget Presentation (attached)

Board Chairman Leo Willey and Principal Stephen Early presented the proposed 2011-2012 Elementary School budget to the council.

Discuss Progress on Water/Sewer Rate Determination

Joe Duncan continued to discuss with the council the proposed water/sewer rate structures. There are two rate structures to choose from. One is an Equivalent User structure and the other is a Living Unit structure. Mr. Duncan will present both structures again at the March 7, 2011 meeting. The proposals will include the cost of installing meters either by borrowing the full amount or spreading the cost over a period of years.

Aquafest Discussion with Phil White (attached)

Mr. White presented updated Aquafest plans to the council for discussion. Mr. White will be back for approval at a future meeting.

WiFi Request

Mr. Chenette moved to allow GAW to install WiFi repeaters at the city dock and have the installation coordinated thru the City Manager. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Coin Drop Requests

Mr. Delabruere moved to table the requests. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Support for city of Newport Inclusion with Service Area of foreign trade Zone (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the document including Newport in the Foreign Trade Zone Area. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Building Ordinance (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the Building Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Dangerous Building Ordinance (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the Dangerous Building Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Allocation Request From Northern Views, LLC

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the sewer allocation for Northern Views, LLC. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Sewer/Water Allocation Request From Big Joe's Inc.

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the sewer/water allocation for Big Joe's Inc. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Sewer/Water Allocation Request From Newport Housing Limited Partnership

It wasn't clear to Mr. Chenette if the request was for an additional allocation or a new allocation for 21 units. Mr. Wilson moved to table until the February 28th meeting. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Review Year to Date Income and Expense

The council reviewed the current budget status.

New Business

None

Old Business

Mr. Wilson had one word "potholes"

Next Meeting Date

February 28, 2011

Executive Session - Personnel Issue

Mr. Delabruere moved to enter executive session for personnel. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette moved to approve a requested raise of 3% and an increase of \$10.00 per month to the vehicle allowance for the City Manager, John Ward Jr. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 9:21 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James Johnson This 28th Day of February 2011

[Signature] Mayor