

**Council Minutes
March 4, 2013**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, March 4, 2013 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Denis Chenette and Tim Delabruere, all City Department Heads, Trish Sears and members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM immediately following the informational hearing at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Prouty Beach Reservation and Cancellation Policies (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the Prouty Beach Reservation and Cancellation Policy. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider AARP Project Establishing Newport as an Age-Friendly City (attached)

Trish Sears presented the program supported by AARP and WHO. The council discussed the pros and cons of being part of the program. Trish will setup a meeting between the council and an AARP representative.

New Business

The council signed 2013 liquor licenses.

Mr. Wilson asked that the sidewalk in front of the Municipal Building be salted and sanded before the election.

Mr. Baraw noted that the sidewalk in front of the Woodknot Book store was very slippery both Saturday and Sunday. He felt the sidewalks should be taken care of on weekends. He also stated that a City resident had fallen down on the same section Monday. Mr. Wilson noted that it had snowed a 1 ½ inches in the after noon and Longview St. still hadn't been plowed by 4:30 PM. He felt the city should plow the steep streets first before the flat ones. Mr. Ward will check with Mr. Bernier and report back.

Mr. Wilson asked about the Pump station upgrade at the dock (attached) and if they are needed should the tour boat pay for part of it. Mr. Ward stated the tour boat problem has been solved. He also noted that we have been pumping out boats since 1975. Mr. Ward stated it would cost some money but what ever we need we will get it.

Mr. Chenette asked why there was no check with the tobacco license for Family Dollar. Mr. Johnson explained that if you have a liquor license there is no fee for a tobacco license. However if you don't have a liquor license there is a \$10.00 fee for a tobacco license. In this case Mr. Johnson had already deposited the check.

Mr. Chenette asked who had purchased a new trailer. Mr. Johnson stated that Public Works had purchased it.

Mr. Chenette asked about kennel fees. Kennel fees are reimbursed by the animal owner.

Mr. Ward noted the 90% report from Mr. Bernier. Public works would like to do the water main from Mt. Vernon St. to the I-91 Bridge this spring while the Long Bridge is closed. The City would do the work and F&A the engineering estimated at \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Mr. Ward had received a letter from Gordie Matthews. They are not interested in a 15yr lease for the water tower. They would like to put up their own pole for the antenna. Mr. Ward will discuss the matter with Mr. Bernier.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson noted the memos from Chief DeSanto about the Marijuana dispensaries. He wondered if the council was opposed or do we just let it ride and hope we don't get one. Mr. Ward will contact the City Attorney to see what an ordinance would look like.

Mr. Chenette asked about last election when a Canadian resident voted absentee. Mr. Johnson stated that a U. S. citizen living abroad can vote in the U. S. But it should be his place of birth or the last place he resided in the U. S. Mr. Johnson noted that he sends ballots to Thailand, Japan and France if requested.

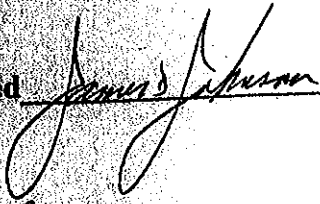
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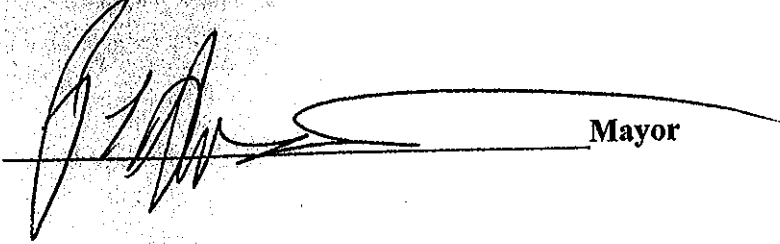
Adjourn

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

Attested



This 18th Day of March, 2013



Mayor