

**Council Minutes
Informational Hearing
March 5, 2012**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, March 5, 2012 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building immediately following the Informational Hearing on Town Meeting articles. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Denis Chenette and Tim Delabruere, city Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/treasurer James D. Johnson, Police Chief J. Paul Duquette, Fire Chief Jamie Leclair, Leo Willey, Stephen Earley, Mike Paradis, Andy Cappello, Trish Sears, Phil Laramie, Vinetta Darby, Keith Darby, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette opened the informational hearing on articles to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting at 7:00 PM. There were no comments or questions on the articles.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of February 20, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on City Web Site

Keith and Venetta Darby were present to discuss updating and consolidating the city web site. Mayor Monette will work with them on the project.

Review Procedure for Liquor License Renewal (attached)

It was the consensus of the council to run the applications through the Police Dept. first.

Discuss Criminal Record Requests for new Hires (attached)

The council agreed to run the records checks through VCIC at a cost of \$20 to \$25 per check.

Consider Leasing of the Gateway (attached)

The council agreed to allow the Rec. Dept. to move forward on leasing the Gateway Center.

Consider request for Darkness Walk (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the Darkness walk request. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Choose Luminary Style for Long Bridge (attached)

The council chose style # DOS-DBA on the first page.

Commercial/Industrial Water Meter Installation (attached)

The council gave the City Manager the OK to proceed per his memo dated 2/23/12

Discussion on TIF Payment (attached)

The council agreed to pay down the T I F bond in June of 2012.

New Business

Diane Peel discussed with the council the process for getting articles on the ballot at town Meeting.

Mr. Baraw noted a broken window in the old Downtown Discount Store on Main St.

Mr. Delabruere asked if the fire chief should check into building permits similar to what the police dept. will be doing for liquor licenses.

Next Meeting Date

March 19, 2012

Adjournment

Mr. Baraw moved to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously

Attested James D. McLean This 19 Day of March 2012

[Signature]
Mayor