

Council Meeting

Minutes

March 17, 2014

A meeting of the Newport city council was held on Monday, March 17, 2014 in the council room in the Newport Municipal building immediately following a Public Hearing. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Aldermen Richard Baraw, John Wilson, Denis Chenette and Neil Morrisette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Paul Dreher, Chief LeClair, Chief DiSanto and members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2014 as printed. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Election of City Council President

Mr. Baraw moved to elect Councilman John Wilson as Council President. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Comments from the Public

The council heard comments and concerns from the public.

Appointments

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint John Ward Jr. City Manager. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint John Ward Jr., Delinquent Tax Collector. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint Tom Bernier, Director of Public works. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Morrisette moved to appoint Seth DiSanto, Chief of Police. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint James LeClair, Chief of the Fire Department. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Spencer Potter, Tax Assessor. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Andrew Cappello, Recreation director. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint William B. Davies, City Attorney. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Agathe Coburn, Harriet Hall and Patricia Vinson to the Development Review board. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint James LeClair, Health Officer. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Jennifer Black and Daniel Ross to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Norbert Blais, Harbor Master. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint Sandra Chaplin, Ronald Chaffee and Archie Lewis to the Harbor Commission. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Steve Mayo, Heidi Santaw, Jackie Konkol, Aaron Carr, Aaron Larsen, Michelle Lapierre, Andre Bussiere, Jessica Ward, Elizabeth Barnes, Jennifer Smith and Kristi Farrar to the Recreation Committee. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Paul Monette and John Ward Jr., to the NVDA Board. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Paul Monette and John Ward Jr., to the EDC Board. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint Frank Ormsbee and John Ward Sr., to the Cemetery Commission. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Morrisette moved to appoint Richard Baraw, Roxanna Bailey Bly and Donald Hendrich as Fence Viewers. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Royce Lancaster, Animal Control Officer. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Robert Gosselin, Tree Warden. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Richard Baraw, Weigher of Coal. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Richard Baraw, Surveyor of Wood/Inspector of Shingles. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Helena Hicks, Town Service Officer. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Paul Dreher, Building Safety Officer. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Set Annual Meeting Schedule for City Council (attached)

Mr. Morrisette moved to approve the annual city council meeting schedule. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Letter of Support for Newport City Renaissance Corp. Rural business Enterprise Grant Proposal

Mr. Chenette moved to table. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Johnson presented 2014 Liquor licenses for council approval.

Mr. McNeal stated his opposition to the proposed development on Main St.

Mrs. Peel asked that the council consider appointing a committee to update the City Charter.

Mayor Monette stated he will be writing a letter of support for NCIC.

Mayor Monette read a letter of thanks from the Area Agency on aging for the public's support on town Meeting Day.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Date

April 7, 2014

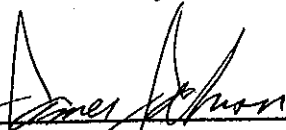
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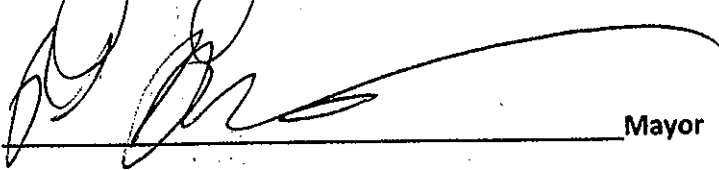
Mr. Baraw moved to enter executive session for labor negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Baraw moved to adjourn at 8:41 PM. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 7th Day of April 2014

 Mayor