

Council Minutes
March 18, 2013

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, March 18, 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 De labruere, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Tom Bernier, Police Chief DiSanto, Fire Chief LeClair, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of March 4, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Election of City Council President

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

Appointments

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

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint John Ward Jr., Delinquent Tax Collector. Seconded by Mr. De labruere, motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint Seth DiSanto, Chief of Police. Seconded by Mr. De labruere, motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Andrew Cappello, Recreation Director. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

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

Br. Baraw moved to appoint Daniel Ross and Denise Bowen to the Development Review Board for three years. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Charles Elliott to the Planning Commission for three years. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint James Johnson and David Myers to the Harbor Commission for two years. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint Heidi Santaw, Andre Bussier, Aaron Carr, Aaron Larsen, Steve Mayo, Jessica Ward, Jackie Konkol and Michelle Lapiere to the Recreation Committee. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Frank Ormsbee, John Ward Sr. and Paul Curtis to the Cemetery Commission. Seconded by Mr. De labruere, motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. De labruere moved to appoint Royce Lancaster, Animal Control Officer. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Richard Baraw, Inspector of Wood and Shingles. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. Mr. Baraw abstained.

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

Consider Recommendation for Town Health Officer

Mayor Monette signed the certificate confirming James LeClair as Town Health Officer.

Set Annual Meeting Schedule for City Council (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to set the annual meeting schedule for the city council. Seconded by Mr. De labruere, motion carried unanimously.

Letter of Support for Newport City Renaissance Corporation's Rural Business Enterprise Grant Proposal

Mr. Baraw moved to give council support to the Newport City Renaissance Rural Business Enterprise Grant. Seconded by Mr. Chenette.

Discussion: Mr. De labruere wondered how long Trish had the info on the grant before the council got the info. He felt he needed the info in advance in order to digest it. He also felt that someone connected to the grant should be present and be able to answer any questions. Mr. Wilson felt the council should have had the info earlier than five minutes before the meeting. Mayor Monette noted the council has had a problem getting info from Trish in a timely manner several other times and felt the council should deny the request in order to make a point.

Mr. Baraw and Mr. Chenette voted in favor, Mr. De labruere and Mr. Wilson voted against. Mayor Monette voted against the request, motion failed.

Consider Western Avenue Waterline Replacement Design and Permitting Agreement (attached)

Mr. De labruere moved to approve agreement A&E #13027 in the amount of \$23,700. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Town Road and Bridge Standards (memo attached)

Mr. De labruere moved to approve the Road and Bridge Standards. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Medical Marijuana Dispensary Restrictions

Mr. De labruere moved to recommend to the Planning Commission that they change the Zoning By-laws to disallow medical marijuana dispensaries in all zoning districts within the City of Newport. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

The council signed two liquor licenses.

The Mayor noted that he and the City Manager had attended the Airport meeting.

Mr. Chenette noted that water was pooling on Bluff Road at the entrance to Columbia and at Cove Road.

Mr. Ward asked if there were questions on the income/expense statement. There were none.

Anne Chiarello asked if the public could vote on the budget by department or at least have more input during the budget process.

Old Business

Mayor Monette stated he was glad to see the recreation dept. using the NEKCA grant wisely.

Mayor Monette asked about the pump station at the City Dock. Mr. Ward stated that Mr. Robillard needed more info which will be sent. However Mr. Ward feels the City qualifies for an exemption and will let Mr. Robillard know.

Next Meeting Date

April 1, 2013

Executive Session, City Manager Evaluation

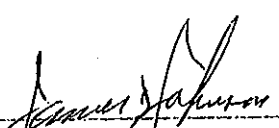
Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session for personnel. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Following executive session, Mr. Chenette moved to approve a 3% raise for the City Manager to be effective on April 1, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Baraw moved to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested

 This 15th Day of April, 2013



Mayor