

NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2013

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, April 1, 2013, in the Council Room in the Newport City Municipal Building. Present were: Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Alderman Denis Chenette and Timothy DeLaBruere, City Manager John Ward Jr. and Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer Stacey Therrien, members of the press and public. Absent was Alderman Richard Baraw.

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Newport City Red Barn

The City has no interest in the barn and stated that Frank Knoll may have the barn if it is moved. Mr. Knoll of GNK Projects Co. requested a three year timeframe to determine the best use of the barn. He will then move the barn to another location. Examples of uses were: convert to residential units, allow the Farm to School to use as a place of operations, restore and move barn to Gardner Park, or create a maple syrup center for this area. For safety reasons the City will lock the barn and give Mr. Knoll the key. Mr. Knoll will remove the current copula and cover up the opening with metal. The City has removed all items from the barn to prevent any fire hazards. Mr. Fred Webster spoke in support of setting the barn up as a historic site. No motion made.

Letter of support for Newport Renaissance Corp.'s "Rural Business Enterprise Grant Proposal"

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the letter of support. Seconded by Mr. DeLaBruere, motion carried unanimously.

NCSU Early Childhood Parade Request for Thursday, May 9, 2013

Half of Main Street will be closed for the parade. NCSU has insurance coverage. Mr. DeLaBruere moved to approve parade, but not reduce tent expense. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Four liquor licenses were signed by the council.

Old Business

Informal survey results from NEK 99% presented.

Mr. Monette asked about dock pump. Mr. Ward feels the City qualifies for the exemption and will not need a permit.

Mr. DeLaBruere asked about the Railroad Bridge and the dirt falling through. The City of Newport will clean up the dirt around the RR Bridge only. Tom Bernier, Public Works Director, called Mr. White and the Railroad doesn't see the bridge as a safety issue.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 7.51 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D. Johnson This 15th Day of April 2013.

[Signature]
Mayor