

Council Minutes

April 7, 2014

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, April 7, 2014 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Denis Chenette and Neil Morrisette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Fire Chief James LeClair, Police Chief Seth DiSanto, 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 17, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Request to Hold Parade on May 8, 2014 for Celebration of the Week of the young Child (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the request for a parade on May 8, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Request for Temporary Signs by United Christian Academy (attached)

Mr. Morrisette moved to approve the request for signs. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Zoning By-Law Changes (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to approve all changes. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously. Pam Ladd felt that prohibiting Marijuana Dispensaries was disrespectful to the Planning Commission and the public that attended their meetings since in her opinion most of the Planning Commission didn't agree with the change but felt pressured to make the change.

Consider Discontinuance of the Newport City Public highway Known as Bogner Drive (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the discontinuance of the Newport City public highway known as Bogner Drive. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Agreement between Newport City Fire Dept. and Newport Ambulance Service (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Fire dept. and the Ambulance service. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Request to Adopt Local Emergency Operations Plan

Mr. Chenette noted that on page 5 Sonya Brasseur's name was spelled wrong and should be corrected. Mr. Chenette moved to adopt the Local Emergency Operations Plan. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on Act 250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire for Jay Peak Biomedical Research Park (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the Act 250 questionnaire per the memo dated March 21, 2014 and swallow the \$19,600. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Coaticook 150th Anniversary

Mr. Ward stated that they are having a parade on August 9th and wondered if the city council would like to participate. Mr. Wilson stated that we should respond that the council is interested in attending. The council agreed.

Review Budget Status Report

The council reviewed the current budget status.

Discussion on Personnel Policies and Practices For Employees not Under Any Contract or Union Agreement (attached)

Mr. Morrisette volunteered to be the alderman on the non-union advisory committee.

Next Meeting Date

April 21, 2014

New Business

The council signed 2014 Liquor License renewals.

Mr. Johnson presented two requests for Niles funds. Mr. Wilson moved to approve both requests for Niles funds. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Alzheimer's Association request for use of the Municipal Building Gym. (attached) Mr. Chenette moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Mayor Monette received an E-mail asking to extend the Rasputitsa Bike race by two hours from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The council was OK with the request.

Mr. Wilson stated that the council had won \$50 at the Fireman's Raffle. He gave the check to Mr. Ward to make sure it got properly spent.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:17 PM. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D. Johnson This 21st Day of April 2014

[Signature]
Mayor