

**Revised
Council Minutes
April 16, 2012**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, April 16, 2012 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw and Denis Chenette, Tom Bernier, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, J Paul Duquette, Andy Cappello, Jamie LeClair, Jim Campbell, Joe Warrants, Deb Morgan, Brooke Dingleline and Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Griffith. City Manager John Ward Jr. and Alderman Tim Delabruere were absent.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of April 2, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Consider Liquor License for Griff's Pub

Mayor Monette stepped down on this issue, Mr. Wilson presided.

Mr. & Mrs. Griffith the owners of the pub and their attorney Brooke Dingleline discussed with the council and Chief Duquette the renewal of their First Class license. Because of recent allegations involving the pub the council is considering whether or not to issue a new license. Mr. Chenette moved to hold off until we hear from the City Attorney based on what was discussed this evening and decide after that. And decide by April 27th as to signing the 1st and 2nd class license. There was no second to the motion. The council will wait for an opinion from the City attorney.

Request by NCSU Early Childhood Programs to hold Parade on Thursday, May 3, 2012 (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the parade request for May 3, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

**Request by NCSU Early Childhood Programs for Reduced Fee for Tent Rental
(attached)**

Mr. Baraw moved to grant NCSU the use of the tent free of charge. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Request by Boy Scouts of America to Use City Council Room (attached)

Mr. Wilson moved to grant the request and check with Laurel to pick times that do not interfere with other times the room is used. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

**Request for Special Camping Rate at Prouty Beach for Awesome Gymnastics
(attached)**

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the request per the memo from Andy dated April 2, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Discuss 9 Month Income/Expense Report

The council had no comments or questions.

New Business

Mr. Johnson had the council sign liquor licenses.

Mr. Baraw asked when the Asphalt Plant was opening. Mr. Bernier stated it opened today and his crew would start filling pot hole tomorrow.

Mr. Chenette noted that there where large hole in the parking lot behind Woodknot Book Store.

Mr. Chenette asked Andy if there had been any request from an Eagle Scout regarding the Pump Track. Andy stated the track is still in the planning stage.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson stated that we need to slow people down in the City there is a lot of speeding.

Mr. Chenette asked about the guardrails on the Bluff Rd. Mr. Bernier stated they would be installed this summer.

Mr. Chenette asked about the WWTF sludge press. Mr. Bernier stated the concerns about the press were never satisfied.

Mr. Chenette asked about the camera system at the traffic lights near Vista Market. Mr. Bernier stated they should be done in June and are part of the bridge construction.

Mr. Chenette noted a letter from the Health Officer concerning a property on West Main St. Mr. LeClair stated the issue had been taken care of.

Chief Duquette stated that the City had received 67 applications for the position of police chief. He had narrowed it to ten, out of them the committee chose three finalists and two have responded so far.

Mayor Monette noted that he had attended the Main St. Conference. The people were impressed with what the City has done.

Next Meeting Dates

May 2nd with the Village of Derby
May 7th regular council meeting

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Attested  This 7th Day of May, 2012

 Mayor