

Council Minutes

April 20, 2015

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, April 20, 2015 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Alderman Steve Vincent, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Brian Smith, Brad Shattuck, Grant Spates, Andy Cappello, James LeClair, Graham Rae, Jennifer Leithead, Pat Goulding, Chris Johansen, members of the Press and Public. Aldermen Roberge and Morrissette were absent.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried

Comments by the Public

Mayor Monette presented a plaque to Richard Baraw for his years of service to the City of Newport.

Brian McNeal was concerned about the possibility of the City building a new municipal building. Mr. Vincent stated that he was concerned about putting \$800,000 into an old building. But building a new building had not been discussed by the council at this point.

Proposed Pine Hill Development (attached)

Brian Smith, Brad Shattuck and Grant Spates were present to inform the council of the proposed plan and to request sewer and water allocation to the project. Mr. Ward and the Council felt the City would need the remaining allocation for future development needs and would not be willing to give part of it away. Mr. Ward felt the only way to increase allocation would be to upgrade the plant again which would be very expensive and wondered if Derby would be willing to pay for part of such an upgrade when the time came. Mr. Ward suggested moving the property boundaries to make the project part of Newport.

Newport Community Bike Share Plan (attached)

Graham Rae and Jennifer Leithead were present to present the plan to the council. They are looking for support from the City and permission to proceed with the project. Chris Johansen was present and was

opposed to the project for various reasons (attached). The council was particularly worried about liability if the project was under the cities insurance as proposed. Mr. Vincent moved to table the request until next meeting when the whole council is present. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Request Approval for Rain Garden at North Country Chamber of Commerce

Pat Goulding was present to present a revised plan for two Rain Gardens near the Chamber Booth which included a reduction in the number of trees and no White Birches but low growing shrubs so they won't block the view of the river. The proposal also included a comprehensive maintenance plan for the Rain Gardens. Mr. Vincent moved to approve the Rain Garden design near the Chamber Building as presented. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

NCC, NCUHS and Turning Points Proposal for Timber Frame Cabin at Prouty Beach (attached)

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

United Christian Academy Request for Temporary Banners (attached)

The banners are for open house on April 28th and May 12th. They would like the banners up one week prior to the dates. Mr. Wilson moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

Northeast Kingdom Relay for Life Waiver Request to Noise Ordinance for June 27, 2015 (attached)

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Request to Lease Veterans Memorial Long Bridge Parking Area by Miso Hungry

Mr. Ward recommended leasing the parking area to MISO HUNGRY for 5% of their gross receipts for product sold at the parking lot site. Mr. Vincent moved to approve leasing the parking area to MISO HUNGRY for 5% of Gross receipts. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Northern Star Cruises Temporary 8 x 10 Shelter (attached)

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the temporary shelter at the City Dock. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

Consider Request for Designated Parking Space for Taxi Service (attached)

Mr. Sargent is requesting one spot. Mr. Ward will work out the location with Mr. Sargent. Mr. Ward suggested down by NECKA near where Mr. Bowen used to have his Taxi Stand. Mr. Vincent moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Consider Vermont Electric Cooperative Street Light Billing

Mr. Wilson moved to table until next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried.

Request Approval for Preliminary Waste Water Allocation by State of Vermont (attached)

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the allocation request. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

New Business

Council signed 2015 liquor licenses.

Mr. Vincent received complaints from Glen Road residents about speeding on Glen Road during shift changes at the prison.

Mr. Ward noted a letter from the Village of Derby who would like to meet on May 19th about the water issue.

Mr. Ward stated that Taste of Newport would like to use the Gateway on July 22nd free of charge. Mr. Wilson wants paper work on the request for next meeting.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Date

May 4, 2015

Adjourn

Mr. Vincent moved to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Attested James D Johnson This 4th Day of May 2015

[Signature]
Mayor