

Council Minutes

April 21, 2014

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on April 21, 2014 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Neil Morrisette, Richard Baraw and Denis Chenette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Tom Bernier, Chief James LeClair, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2014 as printed. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Memorial Day Parade Request from American Legion Post 21

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the request for the Memorial Day parade by the American Legion Newport Post 21. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Request for Use of Gateway Center by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (attached)

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

Consider Wood Storm Debris from Last Winter (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the storm debris cleanup per Mr. Ward's memo dated April 21, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Request Permission for Green Mountain Farm to School to Use Gardner Park on Thursdays from June 19th through August 21st (attached)

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

Consider Membership in Memphremagog Watershed Association

Mr. Baraw moved to purchase a membership in the Memphremagog Watershed Association for \$25.
Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Request Permission to Negotiate Upgrade of Street Lights with Efficiency Vermont.

Mr. Baraw moved to authorize the city manager to negotiate an upgrade street lights with efficiency Vermont. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on Traffic Considerations for Coventry Street/US 5 and Railroad Square Intersections (attached)

Mr. Ward brought this to the council's attention and for their input.

New Business

Mr. Johnson presented 2014 Liquor Licenses for the council to approve and sign.

Out of the Darkness Walk, September 6th, 2014. (attached) Mr. Baraw moved to approve the request.
Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward noted the memo from the Police Chief, it will be on the next council meeting agenda.
(attached)

Hugh McNeal was concerned about school buses stopped and waiting for passengers for an excessively long time. This holds up traffic during the morning rush hour.

Beth Barnes invited the council to an Open Air Mic Night on May 1st and the Bike Rodeo on May 3rd.

Mr. Therrien asked if sandwich board signs in downtown needed a permit. Mr. Ward stated that technically they do but the City has worked with the merchants in order to promote business.

Kristy Tetreault felt that more trash cans are needed on Main St.

Old Business

Brian McNeal asked why comments from the public was not on the agenda. Mr. Ward stated it was inadvertently left off ~~the~~ the agenda.

Next Meeting Date

May 5, 2014

Executive Session

Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session for a real estate issue. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

No action taken.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested

James S. Johnson This 28th Day of April 2014



Mayor