

Council Minutes
May 2, 2011

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held on Monday, May 2, 2011 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Denis Chenette and Tim Delabruere, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Andrew Cappello, Jamie LeClair. Alderman Baraw was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to the minutes of May 2, 2011 with correction. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Request to Have Reduced Rental Rates of Gateway Building for Newport City Residents

Mr. Ward recommended not reducing the rates for City residents he stated the rates are very affordable.
No action.

Request Street Name Change of Sleeper Place to Compass Drive (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Chenette.
Mr. Wilson felt it would create a lot of unnecessary work for the city. Motion carried.

Request Emergency use of Municipal Building During Hours of 8:30 Am to 12:30 PM for Newport head Start (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the emergency use of the municipal building by Head Start provided that the language on the form is changed. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Request to Have Outdoor Seating on Main St. for Big Joe's Pizza Parlor (attached)

Mayor Monette stated that he had no problem with it but Big Joe should have waited until the council approved the request before installing the tables. Mr. Chenette moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried.

Compensation Discussion for Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Position

Mr. Ward stated this was just info for the council to consider he suggested the wage might be between \$25,000 and \$30,000

Request Approval of Additional Wastewater and Water Allocation for Lot-3 City Center Industrial Park (attached)

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

Request Acceptance of Low Bid From Tenco for Dump Truck, Plow and Sander for the New 2011 Ford F700 Cab & Chassis (attached)

Mr. Wilson moved to accept the low bid from Tenco New England in the amount of \$34,930. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Confirm Receipt of Bridge Inspection Reports for Inspected Structures During 2010

Mayor Monette signed the receipt for the bridge inspection report.

Request Permission to Apply to Vermont Municipal Bond Bank's Summer Bond Pool for City's Share of Long Bridge Construction Costs (500K)

Mr. Ward stated that the interest rate would be 2.758% through the Bond Bank. Other financial institutions were around 4%. Mr. Wilson asked that if the bridge should come in at 4 million dollars can we send the extra \$100,000 back. Mr. Ward and Mr. Johnson didn't think so since the bonds are sold to investors.

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

Request Approval of Engineering Services Agreement for Bid and Construction Services for Prive Pump Station Upgrade (\$30,300)

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the Engineering Services Agreement with Aldrich & Elliott for Prive Pump Station. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Request Approval of Engineering Services Agreement for Reuse of Water at Waste Water Treatment Facility (\$7,500)

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the Engineering Services Agreement with Aldrich & Elliott for project #11022. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

New Business

Mayor Monette congratulated the WWTF for getting the highest possible rating from the Dept. of Environmental Conservation.

Mayor Monette asked Chief Leclair how many times notices of health violations are sent before some action is taken. Mr. Leclair stated that normally only once before corrective action is taken.

The council signed a Liquor license.

Mr. Ward let the council know that according to the state auditors the City owes the education fund \$179,000 in TIF funds.

Mr. Ward stated that the water leak on Union St. is due to a broken Sewer line repair work will begin tomorrow.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson thanked Mr. Ward for the new 30 min parking sign on the municipal building.

Mr. Wilson asked Chief Leclair about the status of the Safer Grant. Mr. Leclair stated that he had not received word one way or the other yet.

Mr. Chenette noted a very large pot hole on Pine St. that needs to be taken care of.

Mr. Chenette asked about the status of the municipal building front steps. Mr. Ward stated that when he tried to call the number he used was out of service. He will try to find a good number. Mr. Monette suggested trying on line.

Mr. Delabruere noted a large amount of stones from a washout are in the street at the underpass.

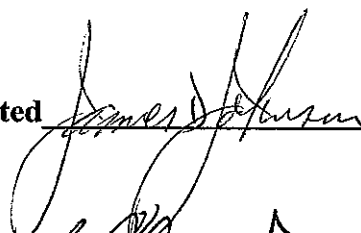
Mayor Monette noted the memo from the state about replacing all the signs in the city. Mr. Ward stated that the cost would be in future city budgets

Next Meeting Date

May 16, 2011

Adjournment

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

Attested  This 16th Day of May 2011

 Mayor