

Council Minutes
May 7, 2012

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, May 7, 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, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Jamie LeClair and members of the Press and Public. Alderman Delabruere was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of April 16, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of April 25, 2012 and May 2, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Consider Ballot Item for 2013 town Meeting re: Citizens United Supreme Court decision (attached)

Mr. Baraw stated that he personally agreed with Citizens United that the Supreme Court made a bad decision but he felt the issue is political thing and didn't relate to municipal business or authority. Mr. Baraw stated that he personally would vote against having it on the ballot for town Meeting. Mayor Monette noted that the state legislature has already voted on the issue and putting it on the ballot in 2013 would be after the fact. The council felt that a petition should be presented then they would vote on the request.

Consider Proposal to Operate Mobile Hot Dog Cart (attached)

Paul LeGrande was present to get some direction from the council as far as places in the City to operate a hot dog cart. The council stated he should not interfere with other business. They suggested Pomerleau Park and Andy Cappello had recommended down at the Gateway.

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the request by Sonny's Hot Dog's for the Gateway and Pomerleau Park as well as other locations recommended by the Recreation Director and approved by the City Council. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Request for Reduced Fee for Use of Gateway Center by Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Mr. Ward stated that it is policy not to reduce rental fees but he recommended waiving the security deposit. Mr. Baraw moved not to reduce the rental fees but waive the security deposit. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Consider Parade request for May 28, 2012 Memorial Day by American Legion Post 21

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the request by the American Legion for a Memorial Day parade on May 28, 2012 at 10:00 AM. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Request approval of AT&T Cell tower Lease

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the amended AT&T Cell Tower Lease. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Request Approval of New Water Ordinance

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the new Water Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

New Business

Mr. Johnson presented two Niles Funds requests. Mr. Wilson moved to approve both Niles fund requests. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Council approved a 2012 liquor license application for Junior's Restaurant.

Mr. Wilson noted a large number of pot-holes between East Main St. and the Town of Derby on Route 5. He noted he had mentioned them a couple of weeks ago and their still there. They need to be filled.

Mayor Monette asked about the issue with Cart-a-Graphic. Mr. Ward stated he has asked the Zoning Administrator to get them the needed info so they can finish the contract.

Old Business

Mayor Monette asked about the funds from Coventry for the new fire truck. Mr. Johnson stated later that funds have been received.

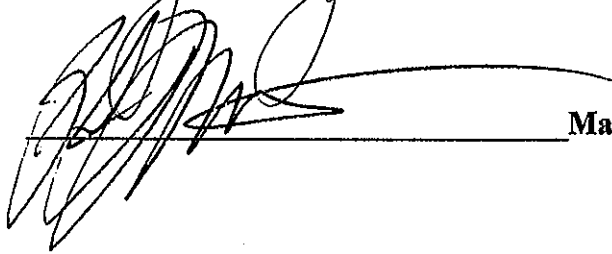
Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 7:43 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Attested



This 21ST Day of May 2012



Mayor