

Council Minutes
May 16, 2011

A duly warned meeting of Newport City Council was held on Monday, May 16, 2011 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Denis Chenette and Tim Delabruere, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Fire Chief James LeClair, Maggie & Jenna Catuogno, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of May 2, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried. Alderman Baraw abstained.

Memorial Day Parade Request

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the request by the American Legion for a parade on Memorial Day. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Disposal of Fire Engine Six

Chief Leclair and the council discussed replacing the water tank on engine #1 and the disposal of engine #6. Chief Leclair had two quotes (attached) for the replacement of the tank on engine #1. Chief Leclair recommended purchasing from New England Fire Equipment. Mr. Ward stated there should be no payments until after July 1, 2011 as the Fire Department is projected to be over budget this year. The council wanted to delay the sale of #6 until engine #1 is fixed. Mr. Baraw moved to table the sale of engine #6 and proceed with the tank on engine #1 per the bid from New England Fire Equipment and Apparatus Corp. in the amount of \$17,236.00. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Request Approval of Newport City STP 2720(1) – Contract #FM0051

The state will pave from the Water tower down Route 105 and Highland Ave. then down Pleasant St. Ext. to the City line.

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

Consider Amended Dog Ordinance (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the amended dog ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Job descriptions for Non-Union Personnel

Mr. Wilson wanted the description of the Public Works Director to show that the director enforces policy, rules and regulation of his department. The council wanted all job descriptions for all appointed officials to indicate the same. Mr. Ward will check with the City Attorney to see if a department head is let go for cause or without cause what would take precedence the job description or the city charter. Mr. Ward will make changes accordingly. Mr. Chenette moved to table until the next council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Request Permission to Dispose of 95 Audi and 96 Jeep

Mr. Delabruere moved to dispose of the Audi and Jeep by sealed bid with the proceeds going to the Drug Asset Forfeiture Fund. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

The council approved a Niles Fund request.

The council signed bond documents for the Long Bridge construction.

Mr. Wilson asked if Gardner Park was open to the public. Mr. Ward stated they had opened the bridge but was not sure if the park was open.

Mr. Chenette when the council would meet with the owners of the proposed Tasting Center. Mr. Ward didn't know when they would be meeting with the council.

Mr. Ward noted that his memo on the TIF would be worth while reading for the council.

The council had no questions on the current income/expense statement.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson noted that the piles of debris in the Teddy Bear Companies yard had been cleaned up after Mr. Ward had spoken with them.

Mr. Wilson asked if contact had been made with the company that installed the front steps. Mr. Ward stated that he had not been able to contact them.

Next Meeting Date

June 6, 2011

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D. Johnson This 6th Day of June 2011

[Signature] Mayor