

**Council Minutes
May 21, 2012**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, May 21, 2012 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, Trish Sears, Phil White, Paul Dreher, Jamie LeClair, members of the Press and Public

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Aqua fest & Tour de Kingdom Discussion with Phil White

Mr. White gave an overview and proposed schedule of events for the Kingdom Aqua fest, June 30, 2012 thru July 8, 2012. He requested closing Main St. for Bed Races on Thursday, July 5th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Pet and Swimmers Parade on Friday, July 6th from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM and Street Fest on Saturday, July 7th from 10:30 AM to 10:00 PM.

Mr. Delabruere moved to close Main Street on the dates requested. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. White presented the schedule of events for the Tour de Kingdom May 30, 2012 thru June 3, 2012 (attached).

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the request by IROC for the Tour de Kingdom June 2nd and 3rd, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Funding Request for IROC Youth Initiative (attached)

Mr. White requested \$5,000 from the City to help support the Youth Initiative for youth in the City of Newport. Mayor Monette noted that the City has a very good Recreation Department which costs a lot of money. The council didn't know where the money would come from since funds are very tight at the end of the fiscal year. Mayor Monette requested more info as to the number of Newport youth use the IROC facility. Mr. White also stated that he intended to petition very town in Orleans County for funds in March 2013.

Newport Renaissance Corporation Quarterly Update

Trish Sears gave the quarterly update to the council.

Consider Bike Rack Request (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the locations for the bike racks. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Memorial for Newport Farmer's Market (attached)

Mr. Ward stated the City has no policy on placing memorials in the city. He suggested the City consider creating a policy. Mr. Baraw asked that the Recreation Director work with the City Manager on a policy. Mr. Cappello would then contact the Farmer's Market with a proposal. Council members suggested a bench, bush or tree would be appropriate.

Request Approval of East Main St. /Sias Ave. Traffic Light Replacement

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the concept for traffic light replacement at East Main St. and Sias Ave. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Purchase of 3 ton Paving Roller

Mr. Baraw moved to purchase a 3 ton paving Roller from Milton-Cat for ~~\$~~[#]33,500. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Request by Northeast Kingdom relay for Life for Exemption to Noise Ordinance on June 23, 2012

Mr. Delabruere moved to grant Northeast Kingdom Relay for Life an exemption to the Noise Ordinance on June 23, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Review Income/Expense Reports Dated May 7, 2012

No questions or comments.

New Business

Mr. Chenette moved to approve a vendor's permit for Sunny's Hot Dogs (Paul LeGrande)

Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve a 2012 liquor License for the Crew's Nest with conditions. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Monette asked when the grass would be mowed along the causeway and along the river at Gardner Park. He also asked that the stuff behind the Grandstand be cleaned up.

Mr. Wilson stated he had talked to Mrs. LeClair on West Main St. about the hole behind her house. She stated she was told the city would fix it temporarily and come back in the fall to fix the pipe. Mr. Wilson felt it didn't make sense to do the job twice when it could be done right the first time. Mr. Ward stated he had talked to Tom and it will be done once and done right. Mr. Wilson asked that Mr. Ward call Mrs. LeClair and let her know as soon as possible.

Mr. Wilson noted that the gully behind the next property looks like an old dump. He would like to have the Health Officer go and look at it and issue a report. Mr. Ward stated that Tom's plan is to fix the pipe behind both properties.

Mr. Wilson stated a house was removed on Clark St. and there is now a very dangerous cellar hole. The owner should put up a barrier of some kind.

Mr. Wilson thanked Public Works for fixing Pine St. but noted there are a lot of pot-holes on the west side of town.

Mr. Chenette stated that someone asked him to thank Tom for sweeping the streets early.

Mr. Delabruere noted the under workings of the underpass on Landing St. is falling apart. Mr. Ward will contact the railroad again.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Date

June 4, 2012

Executive Session – Non Union Staff Compensation

Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session for non-union staff compensation. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

In open session Mr. Baraw moved to approve non-union staff wage increases per the memo from Mr. Ward dated May 11, 2012 effective July 1, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 9:32 PM. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James Johnson This 4th Day of June 2012

[Signature] Mayor