

Council Minutes
June 4, 2012

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, June 4, 2012 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Tim Delabruere, Denis Chenette and Richard Baraw, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, James Mulkin, Trish Sears, Gary Leavens, Chief Duquette, Chief LeClair, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Baraw moved to enter executive session for Police Chief Interviews. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

No Action.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of May 21, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Request to Close Bluff road on Sunday, June 24, 2012 for Soap Box Derby

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

Consider Funding Request for IROC Youth Initiative

Mr. Baraw moved to table until June 18th. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Request to Rent Dock Building Space (attached)

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

Request Approval of Bid Documents for East Main/Sias Ave. Traffic Light Replacement.

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the bid documents. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Request Increase in Permitting Fees (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the increase in permitting fees. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Tax Stabilization with JM & MM Properties, LLC (attached)

James Mulkin discussed tax stabilization for his property on Duchess St. Northeast Kingdom Human Services currently occupies the property. Mr. Delabruere moved to grant tax stabilization to Mr. Mulkin for the Duchess St. property per plan "B" of the tax stabilization policy. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Wilson noted several signs around the City that were put up with out a permit. Some are on public property and some are on private property. Mr. Ward will have the ones on City property removed and he will send letters to property owners who have signs.

Mr. Chenette asked about the fuel spill at Little "G's". Chief LeClair stated that he was not sure how the spill occurred. The Fire Dept. cleaned up the spill and billed Little G's for the depts. Hours. The state reimbursed the Fire Dept. for cleanup material used. Little G's still has to get rid of the cleanup material they used. As far as the chief knows that waste material is still there.

Old Business

Mayor Monette noted the council had to make a decision on the memorial request at Gardner Park (attached). Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Monette noted the vandalism of the flower boxes on the Gardner Park Bridge. It has happened several times. He asked about a camera system on the bridge. Chief Duquette stated he will look into setting up a motion camera on the bridge.

Mr. Wilson thanked Mr. Ward for the red danger tape around the open cellar hole on Clark St. Mr. Wilson also noted that things were happening on the LeClair property.

Mr. Baraw stated that at the risk of being accused of throwing his weight around, he asked that a pot hole be filled on Winter St.

Mr. Chenette also thanked Mr. Ward for the work being done on the Leclair property.

Mr. Delabruere asked about the removal of junk behind the Grandstand. Mr. Ward stated it was 95% done.

Mr. Delabruere asked about mowing the grass on the causeway. Mr. Ward stated he was waiting to mow the grass with summer help.

Trish Sears asked if there were any new info about paving Main St. Mr. Ward had no new info; he is waiting for the preconstruction meeting.

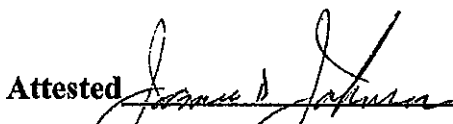
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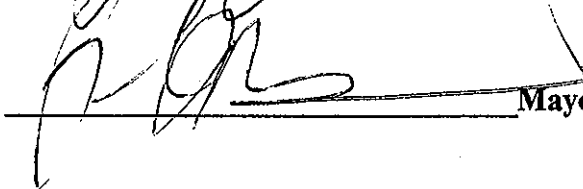
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Adjournment

Mr. Baraw moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested

 This 18th Day of June, 2012



Mayor