

Council Minutes
June 6, 2011

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on June 6, 2011 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, Allen Akin, Trish Sears, Jim Greenwood, Dave Snediker, Steve Patterson, 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 May 16, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

NVDA Presentation on Current Development Projects

Dave Snediker, Jim Greenwood and Steve Patterson briefed the council on current projects.

Baart Behavioral Health Services request for Office Dispensing (1 day) (attached)

Mr. Wilson moved to authorize Baart to dispense from their office at 475 Union St. for one day only on June 14, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Request to Close Part of Bluff Road on June 26, 2011 for Soap Box Derby (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to close Part of Bluff Road on June 26, 2011 from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM for the Soap Box Derby. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Request for Gateway Use by Vermont Council of the Blind (attached)

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the request for Vermont Council of the Blind to use the Gateway on September 10, 2011 for an Ice Cream Social from 12 noon to 5:00 PM at no charge. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Request for Abatement of Water/Sewer Fees (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to abate the Sewer and Water fees for the last six months. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Consider Liberty Tree Memorial (attached)

The council agreed to move ahead with the Liberty Tree Memorial that was approved last year.

Consider Parking Restrictions on Seymour Lane (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to set aside 3 parking spaces on Seymour Lane from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM weekdays to accommodate the delivery of merchandize to the building occupied by the Landing Clothing Co. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Consider Job Descriptions for Non-Union Personnel

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the job descriptions for non-union personnel with changes. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Discussion on Capital Improvement Program

The council reviewed the Capital Plan. Mr. Ward will make several changes requested by the council.

Request for Suspension of Parking Restrictions on Municipal Lot Adjacent to Post Office. (attached)

The council was OK with suspending the temporary parking restrictions in the Municipal Parking Lot adjacent to the Post Office.

Niles Fund Requests

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the request by applicant #1. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Mr. Chenette moved to deny the request by applicant #2. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

New Business

Rosemary Mayhew from Bel-Aire Center discussed with the council a problem they had with water for their sprinkler system (attached). The City will reimburse the cost related to the problem.

Discussion of Real Estate Taxes billing procedures.

Mr. Wilson gave the City Manager and the Council a list of street problems that need to be fixed.

Mr. Baraw reported a large pot hole on Severans Dr.

Mayor Monette asked if the City would be fined for the VOSHA violation. Mr., ward didn't know yet.

Mr. Chenette asked if the Assistant Recreation Dir. met all requirements. Mr. Ward stated the committee that recommended him felt he did.

Mr. Chenette noted a sewer cover caved in on East Main St.

Mr. Chenette noted a water leak on Spring St. that was reported six months ago. Mr. Ward stated that they were waiting for the leak to surface.

Mayor note d a possible water leak at bottom of Mount Vernon.

Fire Chief Jamie Leclair asked the council to accept an offer of \$6,500 from Mr. Santostefano for the 1977 American LaFrance Pumper. Chief Leclair felt it was a very good offer. Mr. Chenette moved to authorize the sale of the 1977 American LaFrance Pumper for \$6,500. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson noted that stop sign on Outlook St. is leaning over again.

Mr. Wilson was very disappointed that the flag at Gardner Park was not at half staff on Memorial Day. He felt there was no excuse for it.

Mayor Monette asked about the TIF audit. Mr. Ward stated there would be an exit audit tomorrow at 3:00 PM. Mr. Ward noted we will still need \$40,000 for this year and we will try to negotiate prior years with the Education Dept.

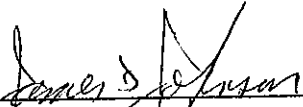
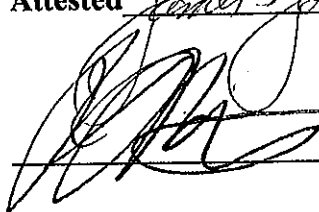
Mr. Chenette asked Chief Leclair if he had heard anything from the Safer Grant. He has not heard anything yet.

Next Meeting Date

June 20, 2011

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:56 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Attested  This 20th Day of June, 2011
 Mayor