

Council Minutes
June 20, 2011
(revised)

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held on Monday, June 20, 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, Alderman Delabruere was absent. Also present were Brad Aldrich, Phil White, Trish Sears, Jamie Leclair and members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of June 6, 2011 as printed. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Verizon Presentation on Changes at St. Mary's

Verizon representatives were present to make the council aware of minor changes to the antennas at St. Mary's. The changes do not require a permit.

Prive Pump Station Considerations

Brad Aldrich stated that the bids came in \$30,000 over the bond amount (250,000). He suggested two options, take \$30,000 out of the capital budget or the state allows an increase of up to \$75,000 on the SRF loan if approved at a duly warned public meeting. He also noted that the state allows a 15% forgiveness on the total SRF loan amount. The council agreed to increase the bond amount and warn it for the next council meeting.

Mr. Baraw moved to award contract #5 for the Prive Pump Station to NECCO Inc. of Waitsfield Vt. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Phil white on Aquafest

Mr. White was present to brief the council on the final programs and event for Aquafest.

Request approval of Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the 2011 Capital Improvement Plan. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Request Approval of Job Description for Assistant Director of Recreation

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the job description for Assistant Recreation Director. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Consider Adoption of Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Request Approval of Tree Planting Grant from the Preservation Trust of Vermont

The grant is for planting 30 trees at Gardner Park. The grant has been approved for \$10,000 the council needs to accept the grant. Mr. Baraw moved to accept the grant for \$10,000 from Preservation Trust for planting trees at Gardner Park. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

New Business

The council signed liquor licenses.

Mayor Monette asked if the cruiser that was damaged was inside the city limits. Mr. Ward will check.

Mayor Monette asked about the painting of the crosswalks. Mr. Ward stated that painting would resume tomorrow.

Mayor Monette noted dead trees on the Bike Path and Pomerleau Park. Mr. Ward stated the one at Pomerleau Park would be removed but he would have to look at the ones on the bike path to determine the best solution.

Old Business

Mr. Baraw moved to approve a Niles Fund request. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Mr. Wilson asked didn't we hire the Public Works working foreman last week before the job description was approved. Mr. Ward stated that we had hired the Asst. Rec. Director.

Mr. Baraw noted another hole on Severans Dr. and a crack in the road on Union St. between the lights.

Mr. Chenette wanted to commend the street dept. for attacking Mr. Wilson's list of problem areas.

Trish Sears from Newport Renaissance gave the council a list of key recommendations and accomplishments and invited the council to the Premier of the website and new marketing DVD.

Mr. Chenette asked where we stand on the welcome signs. They are ready for installation. Mr. Ward will have them installed near the Water Tower, near NEVTEC and on Sias Ave. near the City line.

Next Meeting Date

July 11, 2011

Executive Session, Payroll considerations for Non-Union Personnel

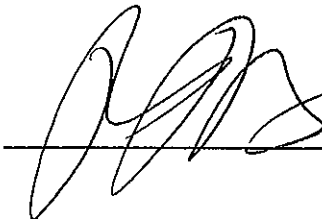
Mr. Chenette moved to enter into executive session. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

In open session Mr. Baraw moved to approve the wage increases for non-union and part time employees as recommended. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:15 PM Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Attested _____ This _____ Day of _____ 2011

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Mayor