

Council Minutes

July 1, 2013

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday July 1, 2013 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 Tom Bernier, Eleanor Leger, Tracey Clemens and members of the Press and Public. Mr. Delabruere was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson noted the wrong date of the minutes that were accepted. Mr. Baraw would like the fact that the council discussed the possibility of advertising for donations for the Niles Fund printed in the minutes. Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of June 24, 2013 with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Discussion on Parking for Aqua fest

Tracey Clemens from North Country Chamber of Commerce requested that parking be closed on both sides of Main St. from Coventry St. to Second St. from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM on July 6th for Chowder Fest. They had originally asked that Main St. be closed. Mr. Baraw moved to allow North Country Chamber of Commerce to block off parking on both sides of Main St. from Coventry St. to Second St. on July 6, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Discussion for Parking for NEK Tasting Center

Mrs. Leger state that she expected some buses by appointment only and would like to block of some parking to accommodate them close to the center. Mayor Monette suggested the loading zone in front of the furniture store and coordinate times with the merchants. Mrs. Leger would also like truck access for eighteen wheelers to deliver and pickup product in the back of the store on Seymour Lane. She noted that larger trucks can't make the corner on Seymour Lane. Some suggestions were to back down Seymour Lane from Field Ave. or drive down Seymour Lane from Field Ave. and back into the space behind the store. The council suggested talking with the drivers to see which would be easier for them.

Mrs. Leger also requested a sewer allocation of 3,275 gals per day. Mr. Baraw moved to approve the sewer allocation request. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Consider Tax Stabilization request from NEK Tasting Center, LLC

Mr. Chenette moved to grant tax stabilization to the Tasting Center, LLC. Effective April 1, 2014 based on Section 5B of the stabilization policy. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Consider VTEL Proposed Concept for Water Tower Wireless Site (attached)

The council agreed to keep negotiating with VTEL for use of the Water Tower for a wireless site.

Consider Fuel Oil & Propane Bids

Mr. Ward stated he only received two bids as follows.

Fred's, oil at 3.389 per gal and propane at 1.60 per gal.

Blue Flame, propane only at 1.62 per gal.

Mr. Baraw moved to accept the bid from Fred's for propane at 1.60 per gallon and oil at 3.389 per gallon. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Execute Loan Agreement of RF-098

The loan is for the Prive Pump Station in the amount of \$13,677.92 with annual payments of \$3,419.48 for four years. Mr. Baraw moved to approve the loan agreement. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

New Business

The council signed a Municipal Line of Credit in the amount of \$1,000,000. Mr. Johnson noted that the city only pays interest on the amount borrowed and that the city hasn't borrowed on a line of credit for the last two years.

Mr. Baraw moved to approve as request from Champlain College to hold a community awareness 5K run from the Reed Road to Gardner Park and coordinate the event with the Police Dept. and the Recreation Dept. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson noted business signs popping up on the corners of Union St. and East Main St. and Main St. and Coventry St. He would like the signs taken down.

Mr. Baraw noted a widening pot hole at the corner of Winter St. and Blake St.

Mr. Chenette noted the sign violation on East Main St. Mr. Ward stated the issue was going before the Zoning Board.

Mr. Chenette noted the proposed deck at the Chamber was to be city owned. He wondered if there was any cost to the city. Mr. Ward stated there was not.

Next Meeting Date

July 15, 2013

Executive Session

Mr. Chenette moved to enter Executive Session for Union Negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Baraw moved to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Attested James D. Johnson This 15th Day of July, 2013

[Signature]
Mayor