

Council Minutes
July 2, 2012

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, July 2, 2012 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Denis Chenette and Tim Delabruere, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, City Attorney William B. Davies, Kristy Tetreault, Carlton Bowen, James LeClair, Tom Bernier, Trish Sears, Chris Rehberge, members of the Press and Public. Alderman Baraw was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2012

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2012 with one correction. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried.

Discussion with City Attorney on Right to Know Law

City Attorney William B. Davies was present to give his advice on and discuss the Right to Know Law with the council. He cited Title 1 Sections 310, 312 and 314A and gave examples. He stated that public perception is very important.

Consider East Main St. /Western Ave. /Sias Ave. Traffic Signal Replacement Bid (attached)

Mr. Ward recommended that the council reject the bid of \$394,740. Mr. Wilson moved to formally reject the bid from Don Weston Excavating Inc. Seconded by Mr. Chenette. Mr. Chenette asked what is plan B. Mr. Ward stated that plan B was the next item on the agenda. Motion carried.

Consider Additional Transportation Improvement Request (attached)

Mr. Ward felt the City could do the traffic signal project for \$270,640. Mr. Ward also had an initial quote of \$51,797 to replace the sidewalk and pavers on Main St. from the Hebard Building to Seymour Lane. He the city could do it for around \$32,603 but he would like to go out to bid on the sidewalk and pavers incase we had to hire someone. Mr. Chenette moved to ahead with the traffic signal replacement and go out to bid on the sidewalk and pavers replacement on Main St. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Consider Monument Request for Pomerleau Park (attached)

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the request for the monument at Pomerleau Park after all the verbiage has been decided. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried.

Recommendation on Cement Work at Fire Station (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to accept the bid from Richard McAllister for \$7,600. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Consider Request by Bernard Carrier Concerning Property of the Bluff Road (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved that the council go ahead and support Mr. Carrier's proposal for the Bluff Road Property. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Consider Sinking Fund Adjustments for Wastewater Fund (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the sinking fund adjustments. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Consider Niles Fund Requests

Mr. Wilson moved to approve all three Niles Fund requests. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

New Business

Jasper's Tavern, Mr. Delabruere moved to approve an outside consumption permit for Jasper's Tavern on July 7th from 11:00 AM until Midnight. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Carlton Bowen, Mr. Delabruere moved to approve a vendor's permit for Mr. Bowen to sell Hamburger's, Hot Dogs and Chicken at his property on Pleasant St. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Line of Credit with Passumpsic Bank. Mr. Wilson moved to approve a Line of Credit Note with Passumpsic Bank for \$1,000,000. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Mr. Wilson thanked the City Manager for filling the pot hole coming off Coventry St.

Mr. Chenette commended the Fire Dept. for helping the Town of Potten, Quebec.

Prouty Beach Agreement with City Employee (attached). Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the request from Mr. Cappello concerning the city employee. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Mr. Ward stated that he had heard from someone that know is the time to contract for fuel oil as it is at a very good price. Mr. Ward would like to move early and get quotes and take the low bid.

Mr. Chris Rehberge was present to request more signage for his business (Wendy's). He stated that since the wall along the causeway went up people don't know his business is there because they can't see it. His business is hurting because of it. The council advised him to see the Zoning Administrator and work something out that the Planning Commission will approve then come back to the council on July 16th.

Old Business

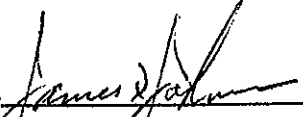
Mr. Chenette asked if we had heard from the Town of Derby on the water agreement. Mr. Ward stated he is still waiting.

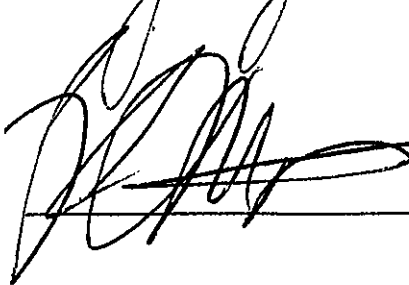
Next Meeting Date

July 16, 2012

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Attested  This 16th Day of July, 2012

 Mayor