

Council Minutes
July 11, 2011

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held on Monday, July 11, 2011 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, Fire Chief James Leclair, Trish Sears, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of June 20, 2011 with noted corrections. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Newport City Renaissance Corp. Update (attached)

Trish Sears updated the council on the Renaissance Corp. activities. Mr. Wilson noted again as he had 3 weeks ago that the other three welcome sign still hadn't been put up.

Request Acceptance of Community Justice Grant

Mr. Delabruere moved to accept the Community Justice Grant and authorize the City Manager to sign the grant. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Consider Prive Pump Station Options (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to increase the bonding authority to an amount not to exceed \$32,109. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Water Meter Considerations (attached)

Mr. Ward presented his recommendations for new water and sewer rates. No action was taken.

Niles fund Requests

Mr. Wilson moved to approve two requests for Niles Funds. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the line of credit with Passumpsic Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson noted the following, the estimated cost of the Long Bridge had gone up from \$5,200,000 \$6,750,000 and that the city had only bonded for \$500,000 (10%) and that whoever did the scope of service report should learn to spell.

That the City of Magog was not happy with us for not offering help with the pollution of the lake and why should the public read about it in the press. They should have come to us on the issue.

Had the issue with the Moto Cross Track had been taken care of. Mr. Ward stated it had.

That police vehicles had been sold without the council accepting the bids. Mr. Ward stated that the Police chief handled the sale and the money was returned to the Drug Forfeiture Fund.

Water was over the Glen Road 8/10 of a mile from Mt. Vernon St. near the house with the orange roof. Public works had been called a week ago and had not responded yet.

Cars on Main St. between Central and Second St had to backup to Second St. to get out during the Pet Parade. He felt there should have been two officers one in back to direct traffic, not just the one in front leading the parade.

Central St. was still closed off until 10:00 AM Sunday morning. The council had only authorized the closing until midnight.

Mayor Monette felt Aqua Fest was very successful.

Mr. Delabruere felt there should have been a brochure listing the time and place of events.

Mr. Chenette asked about the funding of the Rec. Dept. E-Vermont request. Mr. Ward it was 100% funding from the state.

Mr. Ward stated that the RT 105 Wetland agreement with the Dept of the Army needed to be signed. (attached) Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the agreement. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Trish Sears asked about the closing dates of the Long Bridge. Mr. Ward believed it would be over the winter.

Old Business

Mayor Monette asked if the TIF payment had been sent. Mr. Ward stated it had.

Mr. Delabruere asked if the Watershed Committee had agreed to plant wildflowers in the buffer zone along the Clyde River.

Mr. Chenette asked about the Sweeney house. Mr. Ward stated it had been sold to John Cote and felt he would be tearing it down.

Mr. Wilson noted that the wall on Highland Ave. is very close to the road. He felt there should be a warning sign.

Trish Sears noted that cars are parking in the travel lane on Coventry St outside the Lago's. Mr. Ward will see what can be done to remedy the situation.

Next Meeting Date

July 25, 2011

Executive Session, Tax Stabilization Request

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

No Action.

Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session for a personnel issue. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

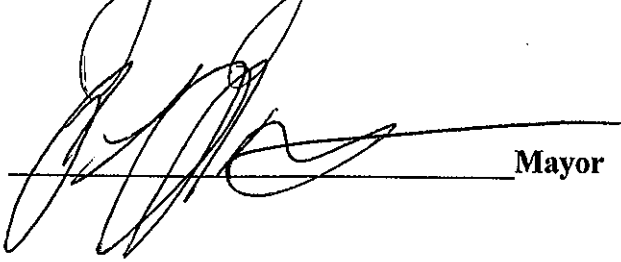
Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Attested

James H. Hays

This 25th Day of July, 2011



Mayor