

Council Minutes

July 15, 2013

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, July 15, 2013 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Denis Chenette and Tim Delabruere, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Frank Knoll, Tom Bernier, Richard Cartee and 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 July 1, 2013 with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Request to Relocate Street Light at 328 Main St. (attached)

Mr. Knoll presented his request to have the light pole moved. It is too close to the driveway and has been hit several times. The council walked over to 328 Main St. to look at the situation. Mr. Baraw suggested removing the light pole. Mr. Delabruere felt the junction box needed to be moved also. Mr. Chenette moved that the City Manager look into the cost to remove the light pole and move the junction box in the direction recommended by the electrician. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Backhoe Bids (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to authorize the purchase of the Backhoe from C.R. Woods Inc. in the amount of \$59,725 as recommended by the Public Works Director. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Execute Niles Fund Accounting Order

The council signed the annual accounting of the Niles Fund to Probate Court.

New Business

Mr. Cartee gave the council the heads up that the High School may be requesting an agreement with the City for a Resource Office. Mr. Cartee was concerned about costs to the City. Mr. Ward stated he had not seen anything on the request yet but would not recommend anything that would increase cost to the City. He also felt the council should not discuss the issue until we get a proposal.

Mr. Baraw moved to approve an Outside Consumption Permit for the Inn at The Top of The Hill. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

The council signed a 2013 liquor license for Brown dog Enterprises, LLC.

Mr. Chenette noted that the sewer grate at the corner of Freeman St. and Bluff Rd. is depressed. Mr. Bernier will take a look at it.

Old Business

Mr. Chenette asked about donations to the Niles Fund. Mr. Johnson stated that he had spoken to the City Attorney and donation could be made to the fund. However for the donors tax purposes since the fund is not a 501c3 donations would have to be made to the City of Newport ear marked for the Niles Fund.

Next Meeting Date

August 5, 2013

Executive Session – Union Negotiations

Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session for union negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

No Action.

Adjourn

Mr. Baraw moved to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James J. Johnson This 5th Day of August 2013

[Signature]
Mayor