

Council Minutes

July 21, 2014

A meeting of the Newport city council was held on Monday, July 21, 2014 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Council President John Wilson presiding, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Denis Chenette and Neil Morrissette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Fire Chief James Leclair, Police Chief Seth DiSanto, John Castle, Anita Mayhew, Joe Petrissi, Kathy Metras, Officers Wells and Lancaster, Mayor Monette arrived during New Business.

Council President Wilson opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of July 7, 2014 with one correction. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried.

Comments by Members of the Public

Robert Davio noted that the road is being undermined at the stop sign near Gillette's Service Station and the Pearl Harbor near the Alderbrook Rd. is hidden by trees.

Consider Banner Request for Railroad Square (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the request for a banner at Railroad Square for Breast Feeding Awareness Month. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Execute Repayment Schedule Amendment for Prive Pump Station Loan

Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the amended payment schedule for the Prive Pump Station loan. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Authorize the City Manager to Sign MOU on NCUHS Resource Officer (attached)

Chief DiSanto briefed the council on how last year went for the Resource Officer. Mr. Baraw moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried.

Consider Great Bay Hydro Net Metering Proposal

It was the consensus of the council that the City proceed with the proposal.

Consider Welcome Sign Replacements

Mr. Ward stated that the cost would be \$266/sign from VCI whether they be metal or plywood. The signs would be the same as the current signs. Mr. Baraw moved to approve the signs at \$266 ea. And let Mr. Bernier decide if they will be metal or plywood. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Consider Appointment to Northeast Kingdom Community Action Board

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint Alderman Morrissette to the NEKCA Board of Directors. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Consider Additional Sewer Service Area for Village of Derby Center (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to approval the additional sewer service area for the Village of Derby Center. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried.

New Business

Chief LeClair noted that the new Heavy Rescue Vehicle has arrived and they have already been busy with it.

Old Business

Mr. Baraw asked about the dog issue. Mr. Ward stated that officer Lancaster has talked with the owner to see if they will pay the impound costs. If not the City will take other action. Regardless the City will pay the fees so we will have a place to impound dogs. Mr. Morrissette stated he has talked to the parents of the bitten child, he is doing well but is still afraid of dogs.

Mayor Monette and Ann Chiarello had a brief discussion on other communities stepping up the plate.

Next Meeting Date

August 4, 2014

Executive Session – Real Estate Issue

Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session for a real estate issue. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

In open session Mr. Morrisette moved to purchase from Peter J. Moore, a 1.44 acre lot (volume 216, pages 277-280 in the Town of Derby Land Records) in the Town of Derby for a price not to exceed \$96,000. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried.

Attested James Johnson This 4th Day of August 2014

[Signature]
Mayor