

## **Council Minutes**

**August 3, 2015**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, August 3, 2015 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Immediately following a Public Hearing. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Jack Roberge, Neil Morrissette, and Steve Vincent, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of July 20, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

### **Comments by the Public**

Mr. Baraw commented on the new look in the council room and chairs. The City Manager thanked the janitorial staff for their work on the project.

### **Cynthia Moore, Invitation to board to kick off Newport Jazz Festival; Friday, August 7, 2015 at 2:00 PM**

Cynthia Moore updated the council on the Jazz Festival and invited the Mayor and Council to kick off the festival on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

### **Lillian Bathalon, Walk Out of Darkness Request, September 12, 2015**

Mr. Roberge moved to approve the request and to close half of Main St. at 10:30 AM on September 12<sup>th</sup> for about a half hour. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

### **Todd Pronto, NEKTV**

Mr. Pronto was ill and could not attend. Mr. Roberge stated that NEKTV would film the council meetings for a donation of \$25.00 per meeting and can start at the next council meeting. Mr. Vincent wants to review the agreement renewed annually. Mr. Morrissette moved to have NEKTV film the council meetings for a donation of \$25.00 per meeting. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

### **LED Light Installation Status.**

Ms. Dolgin stated that she has received some concerns from people about the removal of street lights in certain areas. She noted that the police have reviewed the lights and presented a list of recommendations. Ms. Dolgin stated that lights could be changed from 20W to 40W if some lights were not bright enough. She is waiting to hear about the cost.

### **Notice of VELCO Newport Substation Upgrade**

Ms. Dolgin received a notice that VELCO has fulfilled all Requisite CPG conditions to do the project. The notice is on the cities web-site.

### **All Metals Price Trends**

Mayor Monette noted that the market is fluctuating. The price is only half what it was last month and we may even have to pay to have metals removed in the future.

### **Policy Regarding Elected Officials Reimbursement Hourly and Mileage**

Mayor Monette felt there needed to be a policy on reimbursement of Mileage and wages for officials who attend meetings during working hours.

### **New Business**

Mr. Wilson thanked the City Manager and Public works for fixing the sidewalk and trimming trees near the Gateway and fixing the signs on West Main St.

Mr. Morrisette moved to approve the Solid Waste Implementation Plan. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Monette thanked the City Manager for having the trash taken care of at the Gateway.

Mr. Morrisette thanked the City Manager for taking care of the issue on Fernwood Circle.

Mr. Morrisette stated he had a request for no parking sign on the west end of Elm St. People can't see to get out of their driveways

Mr. Morrisette advised the council of the Fire Depts. Annual Cookout on Saturday, August 8, at 6:00 PM

The organizers of the Jazz Festival still needed help with trash, Port-A-Potties, Folding Chairs and would also like to put up 12 x 4 banners. Mr. Vincent suggested the foot of East Main St. for the banner.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Wilson noted he had asked 3 weeks ago for a thin coat of asphalt on West Main St. it hasn't happened yet. He would at least like to have the holes filled. It is becoming a safety hazard.

Mr. Wilson noted that there are no trash cans on Main St. Ms. Dolgin will look into it.

Mr. Wilson stated that crosswalk signs needed to be replaced near Governor Prouty Inn and Peoples Bank.

Mr. Roberge felt the no left turn sign out of the municipal lot should be on the street side of the sidewalk.

Mr. Roberge asked what is taking so long on the basement project. Ms. Dolgin stated that there were some special items that are on order. She stated that the budget for the project is on target.

Mayor Monette noted that Beth Barnes is concerned about speeding on Prospect St. Ms. Dolgin will have Chief DiSanto look into it.

Mr. Chenette noted that the light on Mt. View Dr. is shaded by tree branches. He also stated that he had seen someone turn left out of the parking lot. He did not mention the person's name.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

August 17, 2015

#### **Executive Session**

Mr. Roberge moved to enter executive session for personnel and contracts. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

In open session Mr. Roberge moved to ratify the July 1, 2015 stipulation signed by three members of the Derby Village Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Vincent, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vincent moved to enter executive session for personnel. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

In open session Mr. Vincent moved to increase Mr. Elliott's (Zoning Admin) hours not to exceed 28 hours. Seconded by Mr. Roberge, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

Mr. Vincent moved to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D. Johnson This 17<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2015

[Signature]  
Mayor