

Council Minutes

August 4, 2014

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, August 4, 2014 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Neil Morrissette, Denis Chenette and Richard Baraw, City Manager John Wilson, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer Stacey Therrien, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer Rosemarie Hartley, Chief James LeClair, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2014 with one correction. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Dog Hearing on Peter's Dog Harley (attached)

Mr. Ward noted that the dog appeared to be abandon at Oasis Kennel. Mr. Baraw noted that he had been told that the dog could not be retrained. Mr. Ward gave an example of a dog being moved to another community and the new owner being mauled. Mr. Baraw moved to have the dog put down humanly. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. Mr. Chenette opposed the motion.

Comments by Members of the Public

Brian McNeal spoke about the School Resource Officer and the related costs to the City.

Request Approval of the City-Wide Reappraisal Proposal

Mr. Ward noted a section on page one that should be deleted. He will check with the Assessor. Mr. Morrissette moved to approve the reappraisal request. Seconded by Mr. Baraw. Discussion: Mr. Wilson wondered why they would approve the request now if Mr. Ward had to check with the Assessor about a deletion. Mr. Baraw withdrew the second. Mr. Morrissette withdrew the motion. Mr. Baraw moved to table until next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Use of Recreation Wagon at No cost for Events Held outside the City (attached)

Mr. Ward recommended that the City charge an appropriate fee for use outside the City. It was the consensus of the council that the recreation Dept. charge for use of the wagon outside the City.

New Business

Mr. Morrissette noted that two people asked him why the Fire Dept. responded to the accident in Derby. His answer was if the pagers go off they respond. Chief LeClair stated that the ESN dispatchers need to call out the correct dept.

Mr. Morrissette noted that the flagging on the Derby road was not done right. They need to be safe.

Mr. McNeal stated that cars crossing the Long Bridge are still not stopping for cars coming down Mt. Vernon St.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson thanked the City for getting the Pedestrian Yield signs out on Main St. and for the flowers for his sister's funeral.

Mr. Baraw asked when the work on the tracks at Railroad Square would be finished. Mr. Ward noted as soon as construction is done.

Mayor Monette noted had complaints about the bird feces at Prouty Beach

Mayor Monette stated he had attended the ACT 250 Hearing for ANC-BIO and felt it would help if the council made a motion stating that they support the project and did not feel there would be any safety issues. The committee has already received letters in that regard from the City Police Dept. and the Fire Dept. Mr. Chenette moved that based on the info from the Police Dept. and Fire Dept. the City supports the ANC-Bio Project. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

August 18, 2014

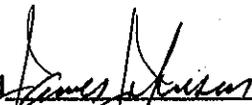
Executive Session- Negotiations on Personnel Policies and Practices for Non-union Employees

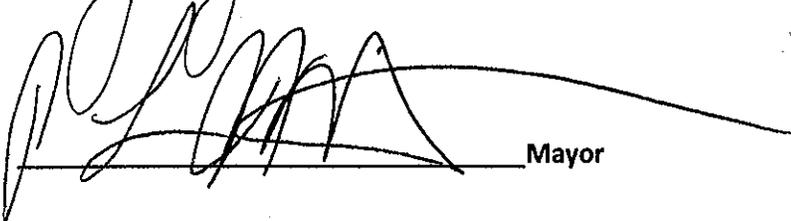
Mr. Morrissette stated there had been some disagreement on whether or not this should be discussed in open session. A lively discussion followed on a certain areas of the policy which some felt was not a contract or agreement and whether or not executive session is warranted.

Mr. Baraw moved to enter executive session for negotiations on Personnel policies and practices for non-union employees. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried. Mr. Morrissette opposed the motion. In open session Mr. Chenette moved to amend the non-union personnel policies and practices for accrual of sick leave to 6 hours per month, up to 9 days per year to be effective as of July 1, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 18th Day of August, 2014


Mayor