

Council Minutes

August 5, 2013

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, August 5, 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, James LeClair, Chief Seth DiSanto, Corey Therrien 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 15, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Phil White – Aqua Fest Wrap Up

Mr. Baraw moved to table until next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Dirty40 Race Request for Saturday, August 31, 2013

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Chenette. Mr. Chenette suggested that the organizers get in touch with the police dept. since the racers would be coming thru Newport. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Proposed Agreement on Providing a School Resource Officer for North Country Union High School

The council discussed a Memorandum of Understanding with North Country Union High School of a Resource Officer. Some changes were made in the proposed agreement it will be sent back to the school for their approval and to the City Attorney for review. Two city officers are interested in being the Resource Officer.

Consider Proposal for Permitting Services for Dredging Operations at City Dock (attached)

Mr. Ward stated he would like to hire Michael Wonson to provide the permitting services for dredging at the City dock. Mr. Delabruere moved to approve permitting services by Michael Wonson per the memo dated July 26, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider VTEL Communications Site Lease Agreement

Mr. Ward stated that the City Attorney had addressed all the council's concerns with the agreement. Mayor Monette stated he felt the city would have to vote on any lease over one year. Mr. Ward felt that was correct but will check to make sure. Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the wording of the agreement. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Siphon Feasibility Study (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the study with Aldrich & Elliott in the amount of \$9,400. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider St. Laurent Street Sewer Extension Feasibility Study (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the study with Aldrich & Elliott in the amount of \$5,900. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Review 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the 5-Year Capital Plan. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Proposed Update to Fixed Asset Policy (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the updates to the Fixed Asset Policy. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Donation of Property for City Museum (attached)

Mr. Ward stated that Dr. Guerrette would like to donate his property and art collection to the city. Mr. Ward suggested that the council visit the property before making a decision. Mr. Ward will arrange a meeting.

New Business

Mr. Chenette asked if there had been any discussion on the Boardwalk. Mr. Ward stated he had made it clear that the City didn't want the Boardwalk.

Request from NCCC Adult Services to place a banner at the foot of East Main St. (attached). Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the banner. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Delabruere noted the traffic lights on the Causeway are not synchronized.

Mr. Ward noted that Public Works negotiations be on August 8th at 11:00 AM.

Mr. Ward noted the team from Canada would like the Cribbage Tournament to be on either August 17th or 24th.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson noted that after two years West Main St. is finally going to be line striped. He also asked Chief DiSanto to slow traffic down on West Main St.

Mr. Baraw asked that Public Works consider putting new sidewalk in on West Main St going up the hill it's really bad.

Mayor Monette asked if there was an update on the light poles. Mr. Ward will ask Mr. Bernier to get with Gate's Electric.

Next Meeting Date

August 19, 2013

Executive Session – Legal Issue with Village of Derby Center

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

In open session Mr. Chenette moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the legal services agreement with Wilson & White. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Baraw moved to adjourn at 8:53 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James Johnson This 19th of August, 2013

[Signature] Mayor