

Council Minutes
August 6, 2012

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, August 6, 2012 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, Trish Sears, Paul Dreher, James LeClair, Debbie Mead, Kathy McQuillen, Paul Curtis, Roxanna Bly, Pat Kilday, Richard White, 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 16, 2012 as printed. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Concerns Regarding Dogs in Downtown Newport

Three of the merchants on the South side of Main St. between Second St and Central St. discussed with the council the problem of tenants who live above their business letting their dogs defecate on the sidewalk in front of their business. They stated it was a bad reflection on Newport and bad for their businesses. Mrs. Mead stated they had spoken to Mr. Spates who owns the properties and his response is always we'll speak to our tenants. They have also spoken directly to the tenants and the police dept. They asked the council to do whatever they can to correct the problem. Mr. Ward stated there is an ordinance and it will be enforced if the police see it happening. Mr. Delabruere suggested a camera on Main St. Trish Sears felt it was important to economic development on Main St. and the problem is unacceptable.

Citizen Concerns Regarding Permit Number 12-045 (Pleasant St.)

Diana Henry was concerned that she did not have the opportunity to question or comment on the permit for a Day Care in the former K of C Hall. The building is fronted on two streets and the "P" was placed only on one side hence she didn't see it and missed the time frame. Further discussion on the process ensued.

Request for Kingdom Thunder Fund Raising Sign for IROC (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Amending Previous Motion to Support Lago & Hotel 1910 Expansion Application to VCDP Program in the Amount of \$500,000 (previously approved for \$400,000)

Mr. Delabruere moved to Support the project at the \$500,000 as requested by the Richardi's for Lago & Hotel 1910 expansion. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Request Sign Approval for Newport Farmer's Market (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to support the sign for the Farmer's Market. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Request Sign Approval for Pine Grove Cemetery (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Request Approval of Employment Agreement with Chief DiSanto

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the agreement with Chief DiSanto. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of NEK Byways Program (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the request for Newport's participation in the NEK Scenic Byway Program. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Set Tax Rate

Mr. Chenette moved to table until Sept. 2012. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Baraw noted a pot hole on Short Bluff St.

Mr. Baraw noted that someone saw employees in one of our pickup trucks behaving badly on U-Tub. Mr. Ward stated the issue had already been taken care of.

Mayor Monette noted a letter from Ken Stocker concerning drainage on East Main St. Mr. Ward stated that the state would lower or raise storm drains as part of the paving project.

Mr. Chenette asked if it were possible to put a Stop Sign at the end of the Eastside Restaurant's drive way.

Mr. Delabruere asked that the request from Gary Atchinson be on the next agenda.

Mr. Wilson noted that the storm drain in front of 305 West Main St. has sunk.

There has been discussion about removing the stop sign at the intersection of Third and Pleasant St. Mr. Ward has talked with Chief DiSanto and they feel the sign should be left where it is.

Jennifer Hopkins wished to complement the construction people for the job they are doing on the streets

Old Business

Mr. Wilson thanked the City Manager for addressing the grass on West Main St. and the weeds on the Causeway

Mr. Chenette asked if the Island on the Causeway at the intersection of I-191 could be cut back. Mr. Ward stated it had already been done.

Mr. Chenette asked to have the stop line in the north bound lane on the Causeway for the light at the intersection of I-191 be moved back so you can see the light.

Mr. Chenette asked if the City were removing the traffic lights on East Main St. Mr. Ward stated we are.

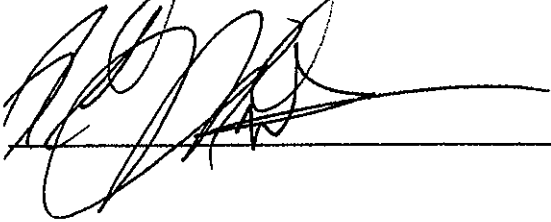
Next Meeting Date

August 20, 2012

Adjournment

Mr. Baraw moved to adjourn at 8:28 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D. Johnson This 20th Day of August 2012

 Mayor