

Council Minutes
August 23, 2011

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, August 23, 2011 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw and Denis Chenette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Catherine Briggs, Maryellen Prairie, members of the Press and Public. Alderman Delabruere was absent.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2011 with a correction. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Consider Request to Abate Water/Sewer Fees

Catherine Briggs was present to request an abatement of water and sewer fees on the property at 19 Outlook Street. She stated that she had tenants that had let the water run and they hadn't paid any rent in years. She has not been able to evict them and she can't afford to pay the very large water bill. The council made no motion to abate the fees and no action was taken.

New Business

Mary Ellen Prairie asked for an explanation of the new water/sewer rates. Mr. Ward explained the new rates.

Mr. Chenette asked Mr. Ward to contact the railroad about fixing the crossing on Main St.

Old Business

Mr. Baraw thanked Mr. Ward for getting the bottom of East Main St. patched.

Next Meeting Date

August 29, 2011 (Public Hearing & Council Meeting)

Adjournment

Mr. Baraw moved to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Attested _____ **This** _____ **Day of August, 2011**

_____ **Mayor**