

Council Minutes
August 29, 2011

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held on Monday, August 29, 2011 in the Gymnasium in the Newport Municipal Building immediately following a Public hearing on metering the city for water usage. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Tim Delabruere and Denis Chenette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Joe Duncan from Aldrich & Elliott, Tom Bernier and members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 9:15 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of August 23, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Request for Free Use of Gateway Center by the Vermont Association of the Blind

Mr. Wilson stated that they had already used the center free for an Ice Cream Social. Mr. Chenette wondered if the council should consider limiting the number of organizations that can use the center rent free like they limit the number of coin drops. Mr. Delabruere asked if there were rates for non-profit groups at the Gateway Center. Mr. Ward stated there were. No Action was taken on the request.

Request Free Use of the Gateway Center by Newport Renaissance Corporation

Mr. Baraw stated that since the Renaissance Corp. promotes the City he would move to approve the request. There was no second to the motion and no action taken.

Request approval for Committed and Assigned Items Relating to the fund Balance (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the request per the City Manager's memo dated August 23, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Request Approval to Redevelop Well #1 at Estimated Cost of \$25,000

Mr. Ward stated the well is below capacity and the redevelopment would bring it back somewhat. The work would be done by Layne Christenson. Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the redevelopment of well #1 for an estimated cost of \$25,000. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Field Ave. and Second Street Crosswalk Pavers (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to go ahead with what the Public Works Director proposes for the Field Ave. & Seconded St. crosswalks per his memo dated August 26, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Spring St. Siphon (River Crossing) (attached)

Mr. Bernier stated the cost would be for materials, the work will be done by the public works crew. Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the Spring St. Siphon per Mr. Bernier's memo dated August 26, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider New Vacuum Truck (attached)

Mr. Bernier will get quotes on a new Vacuum Truck and present them to the council for their approval. Mr. Delabruere moved to move ahead with the purchase by getting quotes and presenting them to the council for its approval. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve a request for Niles Funds. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

In anticipation of bonding with the Municipal Bond Bank, Mr. Baraw moved to approve a line of credit for \$500,000 with Passumpsic Bank for general road construction. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Baraw asked Mr. Bernier how our streets made out with all the rain. Mr. Bernier stated they were ok.

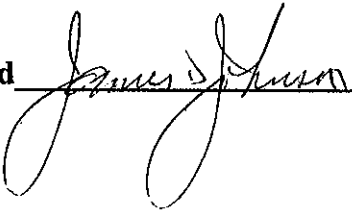
Mr. Delaburere asked Mr. Bernier if he had look into places for directional signs to Prouty Beach. Mr. Bernier stated that he and Mr. Cappello hadn't had a chance to do so yet.

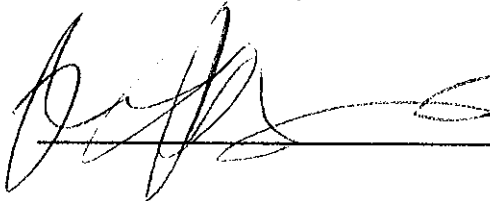
Next Meeting Date

September 12, 2011

Adjournment

Mr. Baraw moved to adjourn at 9:45 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 12 Day of September 2011

 Mayor