

**Council Minutes**  
**September 12, 2011**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, September 12, 2011 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, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 8:22 PM following a Public Hearing.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of August 29<sup>th</sup> with the correction noted by Mr. Wilson. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

**Approve Grant Agreement #IG-III-2009-Newport City-00031 with Vermont Community Development Program (Gilman Housing, Sleeper Place Project, attached)**

Mr. Wilson stated that he hadn't received a copy of the agreement in his packet and hadn't been able to review the document.

Mr. Baraw moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the grant agreement. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried. Mr. Baraw and Mr. Chenette voted in favor, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Delabruere abstained. Mayor Monette voted in favor.

**Execute Grant Agreement Resolution Form PM-1 (attached)**

Mr. Baraw moved that the legislative body of this municipality accepts and agrees to the terms and conditions of said Grant Agreement and that John Ward Jr., City Manager is hereby designated as the person with overall administrative responsibility for the VCDP activities related to this Grant Agreement and John Ward Jr., City Manager who is either Chief Executive Officer as defined by 10 VSA sec. 683(8), or is the town Manager, City Manager, or town administrator, hereby designated as the authorizing official to execute the Grant Agreement and other such documents as may be necessary to secure these funds. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

### **Hotel 1910 Presentation**

Steve Mason representing Frank and Michelle Richardi presented an overview of the planned conversion of 95 Main St. (Lago Trattoria) into a hotel, restaurant, and to inform the council that they would be applying for a CDBG grant in the amount of \$750,000.

### **Fall Foliage Festival – Phil White**

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce Phil White and Chris Johansen presented a plan for a Fall Foliage Festival. The festival would be in conjunction with the Chili Fest and the Rec Dept. Craft Show among other things happening that weekend. They would like to close Main St. from 10 AM until 4 PM on Sept 24, 2011.

Mr. Wilson moved to go ahead with the planned Fall foliage Festival on September 24, 2011 and close Main St. from 10 AM until 4 PM. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

### **Consider Pleasant Street Tree Replacement**

Mr. Ward stated that the trees on the north side of Pleasant St. from the Corner of third St. up are in rough shape. He would like to replace approximately 5 or 6 trees. He estimated the cost at \$350 to \$400 each. The money for the replacement is part of the road construction. Mr. Chenette moved to grant the request. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

### **Request to Close Main St. on October 31, 2011 for Annual Halloween Celebration (attached)**

Mr. Delabruere moved to grant the request. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

### **Proposed Newport Parks and Recreation Facility Rental Rates (attached)**

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the proposed rates. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

The council signed a liquor license application for Griffith Enterprises LLC.

Mr. Wilson noted the Quebec – Vermont Twinning Program in Quebec City on September 28<sup>th</sup>. They requested that an elected official attend. Mr. Wilson suggested that if Mayor's from other communities were attending that Newport's mayor should be the one to attend the meeting.

Mr. Ward noted that he would be taking vacation the week of October 16<sup>th</sup> and also April 14<sup>th</sup> thru April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### **Old Business**

Mr. Wilson noted nasty pot holes near the Mini Mart City Hall and Cumberland Farms. Mr. Ward stated the city crew would be doing the work this week.

Mr. Baraw thanked the crew for the good job at the bottom of East Main St. and Mr. Wilson also noted Railroad Sq.

Mayor Monette noted the grass cut along the river bank looks good.

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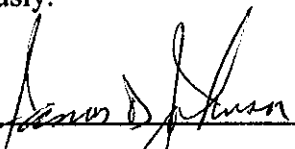
### **Executive Session, CJC Salary Review**

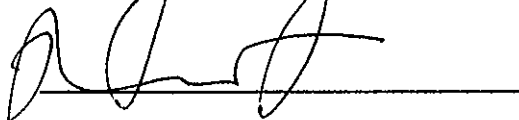
Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

No action.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 9:35 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 26<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2011

 Mayor

**The next meeting will be a Public Hearing and council meeting on September 26, 2011**