

**Council Minutes**  
**September 22, 2014**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, September 22, 2014 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Neil Morrissette and Denis Chenette, 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 7:00 PM

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

**Comments by Members of the Public**

Mrs. Loriot had some concerns about traffic on West Main St. In particular speeding around the corner at the junction of West Main St. and Cross St. It is dangerous for vehicles coming down Longview St. and there is a bus stop on the corner. She felt something needs to be done before there is a serious accident. Mr. Ward will have the police enforce the speed limit on West Main St.

**Consider request by Umbrella for support for VCDP Implementation Grant Application (attached)**

Lynn Rublee and Rene Kelly asked for the council support in applying for the grant. Mr. Morrissette moved to allow Umbrella to apply for the implementation grant. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Vermont Arts Council Application (attached)**

Mr. Baraw moved to authorize the application. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

**Adopt Capital Improvement Program**

Mr. Baraw moved to adopt the Capital Improvement Program as printed. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

The council signed a liquor license application for Trio Thai LLC.

Frank Knoll noted that the Rotary Club would be staining the deck at the Chamber Booth on October 4<sup>th</sup>. They would also like to do some repair work on the Bandstand including staining the steps and benches. They would like the City to pay for the stain needed for the Bandstand. The council agreed. Mr. Ward suggested they check with the Recreation Dept. they may have some stain.

Mayor Monette stated the welcome sign at the Gateway was taken down around three years ago and was never replaced. He would like to have it replaced.

Mr. Ward noted that the welcome signs are up at the Recycling Center and the welcome signs to the City are up.

Mayor Monette recommended using cones at the recycling Center to facilitate traffic flow.

Mayor Monette noted a memo of a vicious dog on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. The council will meet on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to hear the complaint.

Mr. Morrisette noted that the City should contact the R.R. and ask them to inspect the underpass on Union St. it is falling apart. Mr. Ward stated he had contacted the R.R. a couple of times but didn't know if they looked at it. Mr. Johnson stated he had seen two men inspecting the underpass about three weeks ago. Mr. Baraw wondered if there was a State Agency that could inspect the tressel.

Mr. Ward noted a request from Bernard Norman for free use of the Gateway for joint trainings of police and mental health professionals. Mr. Chenette moved to grant the request. Seconded by Mr. Morrisette, motion carried unanimously. (attached)

## **Old Business**

Mr. Wilson stated the Welcome Signs look good.

## **Next Meeting Date**

October 6, 2014

**Adjournment**

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested *James Johnson* This *29<sup>th</sup>* Day of *Sept.* ~~October~~, 2014

*[Signature]* Mayor