

**Council Minutes
September 26, 2011**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, September 26, 2011 in the Gymnasium in the Newport Municipal Building immediately following a public hearing. 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, members of the Press and Public. Alderman Delabruere was absent.

Mayor Monette called the Meeting to order at 8:51 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of September 12, 2011 with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

**Request to Approve Guardrail Installation Agreement With State of Vermont
(attached)**

Mr. Chenette moved to authorize the Mayor to sign contract #FM0063 in the amount of \$36,019.75. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Water Tower Considerations for Kingdomcome Project (memo attached)

Mr. John Stevens was present to explain Kingdomcome's proposed plan to erect a water tower near their proposed project adjacent to the Newport Country Club. They already have approval for a pump station that would move the water to the tower which would be approximately 175' higher in elevation. This would deliver water pressure along the Derby Road within the City limits and their project. Kingdomcome Corp. and the City would each have their own engineer look into the feasibility of the project. Mr. Chenette moved to go ahead with an inquiry with Kingdomcome Corp. for the feasibility of a water tower for their project. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

New Business

Council members signed a liquor license application

Mr. Wilson asked who approved the Wellness Center sign for Flu Shots at Railroad Square. Mr. Ward stated the council had approved the sign for the Causeway not Railroad Square.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Orchard St. sign is missing again for the third time. Residents would like a new sign.

Mr. Wilson stated that people are dumping old TV's, Sofas and other stuff behind the metal dumpster at the Recycling Center. The City has to pay the haul it away. He would like the Police Dept. to check out the area once in a while.

Mr. Wilson noted that the Recycling Center needs a bigger dumpster for cardboard.

Mr. Wilson stated the Recycling Center needs a bigger and better building with some kind of heat for the workers especially in the winter time. They also need 50 gal. barrels for sand and salt.

Mr. Baraw suggested we contact Building Trades at NCUHS for a insulated and heated building. Mr. Ward will check with Tom about the building.

Mr. Baraw wondered if the City Assessor should be at the next meeting to talk about the Common Level of Appraisal. Mr. Ward suggested waiting until the numbers come from the state.

Mayor Monette stated the council received a card of thanks from Judy Magoon

Mr. Ward stated he will send a letter to VLCT and get a bid from Poulus Insurance for the Property & Casualty Insurance.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson stated that two potholes have not been fixed for almost a month, one in particular near Cumberland Farms. Mr. Ward has asked for them to be fixed as soon as possible.

Mayor Monette stated he would not be able to attend the conference in Quebec City.

Mr. Baraw noted there are a lot of empty store fronts on Main St. He would like the City to contact Mr. Pomerleau and NCUHS about some art in the windows to make them look better.

Next Meeting Date

October 3, 2011

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 9:34 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Attested James D. Johnson This 3rd Day of October, 2011

[Signature] Mayor