

## **Council Minutes**

**September 29, 2014**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, September 29, 2014 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Neil Morrissette, Denis Chenette and Richard Baraw, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Officer Royce Lancaster, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of September 22, 2014 as printed. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

### **Comments by the Public**

None

### **Dog Hearing on Niles Dog savanna**

Officer Lancaster stated the dog was a female Pit Bull owned by Shelby Niles on Indian Point St. There have been 3 or 4 incidences of very aggressive behavior in the last year. Some neighbors noted that they don't feel safe in their own yards. One person stated he had to keep the dog at bay with a walking stick to keep from being attacked. Officer Lancaster noted he had sent a letter in the past asking Mrs. Niles to chain the dog or keep it in a kennel. Mr. Baraw felt the dog should be put down before someone is seriously hurt. Mr. Chenette Moved to allow Mrs. Niles to purchase a kennel and have it up within the first seven days of October. In the meantime the dog should be chained whenever it's outside or kept inside. If the dog is found loose Officer Lancaster has permission to take the dog and relocate it to Oasis Kennels. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Discussion: Mr. Ward suggested a better option would be to hand deliver Mrs. Niles a certified letter stating that the dog must be restrained or it will be impounded for five days that be put down. Mr. Wilson withdrew the second, Mr. Chenette withdrew the motion. Mr. Chenette moved that a certified letter be hand delivered to Mrs. Niles stating that the dog must be restrained. If the dog is found loose it will be impounded immediately. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Chenette, Mr. Morrissette in favor, Mr. Baraw against.

**United Way Banner Request for Railroad Square from October 6 to October 20 (attached)**

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the request from October 6 to October 20. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

**UCA Sign Request for Open House (attached)**

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the request at the six locations designated. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Mr. Ward asked the council to review the draft audit.

**Old Business**

None

**Adjourn**

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Seconded by Mr. Morrissette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D. Johnson This 6<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2014

[Signature]  
Mayor