

**Council Minutes
October 3, 2011**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, October 3, 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, Ken Stocker, Nancy Moore, Marc Guyette and members of the Press

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of September 26, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

**Request to approve U.S. Route 5 Resurfacing Agreement with State of Vermont
(attached)**

Mr. Wilson moved to approve Route 5 Resurfacing Agreement #FM0065. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

**Request to Authorize City Manager to sign State of Vermont Grant Agreement
#03520-1250 (attached)**

Mr. Baraw moved to authorize the City Manager to sign State of Vermont Grant Agreement #03520-1250 in the amount of \$12,500. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Review Audited Financial Statements

There were no questions; Mr. Ward will have them printed up.

**Request Approval of Warning for November 8th Vote on Water Meter Installation
(attached)**

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the Warning for the November 8, 2011 vote on the installation of water meters. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Nancy Moore, Ken Stocker and Marc Guyette were present to voice their complaint about not being notified of the closing of East Main St. last week. They found it very disturbing to wakeup Monday morning and find the street closed and business interrupted. They felt that they should have been notified in advance and signs should have been put up indicating that businesses were open. Mr. Ward stated that the ball was dropped and that this would not happen again.

Mr. Wilson asked if the City needed to ask the state if they were still doing the Long Bridge. He noted that there were a number of new bridges needed in Southern Vermont and wondered if the priorities had changed. Mr. Ward stated he had not been notified of any schedule changes.

Mr. Delaburere noted a large pot hole on Duchess St.

Mr. Ward noted that Harriett Hall had given him some yellow tape to put on the edges of the Municipal Building front steps to help the visually impaired. He didn't know how it would hold up in the winter but felt it was worth a try.

Mr. Ward noted that the sidewalk plow will not fit between the new info sign and the sidewalk curb on Third St. He would like to remove the sign for the winter and find another suitable location for it on Third St. next spring. The council had no objections.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson noted that the employment of the Fire Chief in the summer of 2010 was dependent on getting a Safer Grant. He would like an answer on the grant.

Mr. Baraw noted a pot hole by Vista Market, and that the catch basin on upper Severans Dr. was being undercut by water and needed repair.

Mr. Baraw would like to know what the progress was on the Sweeney house.

Mr. Baraw stated he was almost hit by a vehicle on Main St. that didn't stop for him in the crosswalk. Mr. Ward stated he would ask the Police Dept to do more enforcement on stopping for pedestrians.

Mr. Chenette asked about the time table for paving Union St. in front of the Fitness Club.
Mr. Ward stated it's on the list for this fall.

Next Meeting Date

October 24, 2011

Executive Session

Mr. Baraw moved to enter executive session for a legal issue. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Baraw moved to adjourn at 8:11 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D. Johnson This 24th Day of October 2011

[Signature] Mayor