

## **Council Minutes**

**October 6, 2014**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday October 6, 2014 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Denis Chenette, Neil Morrissette, and Richard Baraw, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Fire Chief James LeClair, members of the Public.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of September 29, 2014 as printed. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

### **Comments by the Public**

None

### **Consider Corrections to 2014 Grand List (attached)**

Mr. Baraw moved to accept the recommendation from the Assessor for the correction to the Grand List per the memo dated October 2, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

### **Review FY15 Draft Audit**

The council reviewed and discussed the FY15 draft audit.

### **Review Current Income/Expense Statements as of 10/3/14**

The council reviewed the current budget status and discussed various overtime items, Sick time and animal control and shelter.

### **New Business**

Mr. Wilson noted 7 or 8 potholes in the right turn yield section off Western Ave. onto the Access Road

Mr. Baraw asked about the Zoning Administrator's position. Mr. Ward noted he had received 3 applications. The Council will interview with the Planning Commission on October 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Monette noted street lights out near Brenda's Restaurant and the lower entrance to the state parking lot. Also the light across from Pick & Shovel goes on & off.

Mr. Baraw noted a light across from Phoenix Engineering goes on & off.

Mayor Monette noted a water leak to the left of the Welcome Center that has been leaking for a week.

Mr. Chenette noted that the drainage to the river on Hill St. is plugged again.

Mayor noted the pipes near the Bowen Residence. Mr. Ward stated it was on the Schedule.

Mr. Morrisette noted a light on Herrick St. goes on & off. Mr. Morrisette also noted an open house at the fire Station on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Mr. Ward asked permission to extend the reappraisal proposal date by one year until 2017. He had only received one bid.

Mayor Monette will speak to Spencer Potter and ask him to update Vision Appraisal and the Grand List more than once a year.

Mr. Wilson wanted to make sure the Assessor wouldn't need more money because the reappraisal is delayed a year.

Beth Barnes invited the council to the International Walk to School Day a Safe Routes to School project on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Johnson stated the alarm at the library went off around 2:00 AM Sunday morning. He stated he and his wife were very impressed with how officers Lillis and Marcoux cleared the building. It was very impressive to see the professionalism they displayed.

Mr. Baraw asked about the Niles vicious dog Savannah on Short Bluff Rd. Mr. Ward stated he hadn't heard a thing. Mayor Monette stated he had heard they now have two more Pit bulls. He will check with Officer Lancaster.

### **Next Meeting Date**

October 20, 2014

**Executive Session - Personnel Issue**

Mr. Morrissette moved to enter executive session for personnel issue. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn at 8:25 Pm. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously

Attested *James Jensen* This *20<sup>th</sup>* Day of October, 2014

*[Signature]* Mayor