

**Council Minutes  
October 24, 2011**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held on Monday, October 24, 2011 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, council president John Wilson, Aldermen Tim Delabruere and Denis Chenette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Phil White, Trish Sears, Andy Cappello, members of the Press and Public. Alderman Baraw was absent.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of October 3, 2011 as corrected/amended. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried.

**Request to Sponsor IROC's Fifth Annual New Years Eve Bash \$1,500 (attached)**

Mr. Ward stated that IROC owes the City \$880 and recommended that the city waive the invoice and pay them the difference of \$620. Mr. Chenette moved to waive the outstanding invoice and sponsor the event in the amount of \$620. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

**Request for Tree Removal at Gardner Memorial Park (attached)**

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the tree removal request. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

**Request Approval of Recreation Department Scholarship Fund Application Form (attached)**

Mr. Cappello stated that the scholarship is intended for those that don't have the financial means to participate in city programs. Eligibility will be based on finances and volunteerism. Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the scholarship application form. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

**Request for Free Use of Gateway Center by American Cancer Society Relay For Life (attached)**

Mr. Ward stated that the city policy is that non-profits don't use the Gateway center for free. There is a fee schedule for non-profits but it is not free. Mr. Wilson suggested that if they need a free place to meet they should contact the High School, Goodrich Library or other place in the area. There was no action, request denied.

**Green Mountain United Way Banner Request for Railroad Square.**

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve their request for a banner on the fence at Railroad Square. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

**Request Approval of VCDP Loan Agreement Between City of Newport and Newport Family Housing Limited Partnership**

Tabled

**Request Approval of Closing, Assumption and Priority Agreement Between City of Newport and Newport Family Housing Limited Partnership, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Housing Vermont, TD Bank, N.A., and Gilman Housing Trust Inc.**

Tabled

**Review Current Year Financial Statements**

No questions or comments.

**New Business**

Mr. Johnson presented a request for Niles Funds. Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the request for Niles Funds. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Mr. Wilson asked who was giving the Sexual Harassment Seminar on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Ward stated that VLCT would be giving it. Mr. Wilson noted that most of the Fire Dept would be working and unable to attend. Mr. Ward stated he had spoken to the Fire Chief and the Chief would arrange another date with VLCT.

Mr. Wilson noted the notice in the paper regarding illegal hunt at Pine Grove Cemetery. Mr. Ward noted that hunting is illegal in the City limits however duck hunting is allowed in Scott's Cove. The cemetery is privately owned and the notice was for there property.

Mayor Monette noted he was glad to see Indian Point St. and East Main St. paved. Mayor Monette and Mr. Chenette stated they had both received calls about East Main St. because it was very rough, an accident waiting to happen. They both stated they couldn't get hold any one from public works to fix it. Mr. Chenette asked if the police were patrolling why wasn't public works called. Mr. Chenette stated he had called state dispatch and sat on east Main St. for a couple hours and Newport PD never came by. He talked to an officer later and found that the state dispatcher never forwarded the message to our PD. Mr. Ward stated he got a call in Baltimore, he called dispatch and the road was fixed. Mr. Ward will ask why Newport PD officers hadn't reported it.

Mr. Delabruere noted he had been approached by coaches at the High School about signage to Prouty Beach, they would like to help include directions to the High school. Mr. Ward stated the Mr. Bernier is working on it and will come to the council with a signage package.

Mayor Monette sated he had been asked if something could be done to indicate a left turn only onto Coventry St. Mr. Delabruere suggested signs that hang from the traffic light cables.

Trish Sears invited the City council and City Manager to attend the 2011 annual Vermont Planner's Association meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Gateway.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Wilson noted that on October 3<sup>rd</sup> he asked about the status of the Safer Grant which was a condition of the Fire Chiefs employment. Mr. Ward had talked to the Fire Chief and he indicated that it was still in the works.

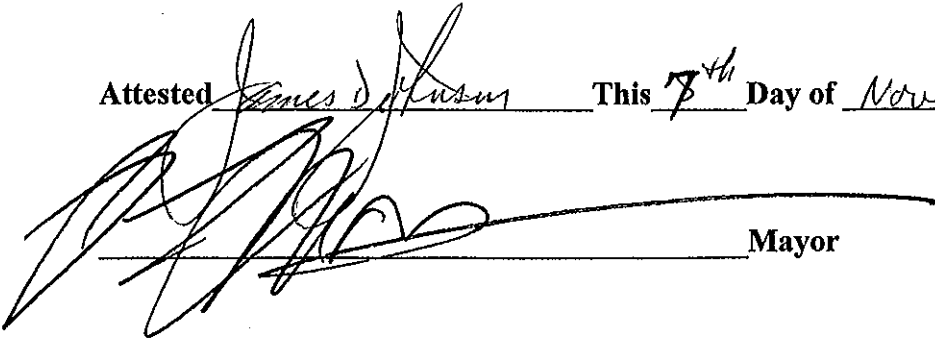
### **Next Meeting Date**

November 7, 2011

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Attested James D. Wilson This 7<sup>th</sup> Day of November 2011

  
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Mayor