

Council Minutes
November 7, 2011

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, November 7, 2011 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Denis Chenette and Tim Delabruere, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk James D. Johnson, Les Wilder, John Little 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 24, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Discussion on Route 5 Traffic Flow Issues Relating to 2012 Paving Schedule

John Little from Stantec and Les Wilder from the State were present to discuss with the council and members of the public, traffic flow issues relating to the 2012 paving of route 5 from the Airport Road to the city line on the Derby Road. The project is estimated to take 118 days with 11 of those days being on Main St.

Consider Vector Purchase (attached)

Mr. Bernier received to quotes, New England Municipal Equipment for \$278,222 and C.N. Wood Company for \$291,000. Mr. Bernier recommended the truck from C.N. Wood Co. The council wanted to study and digest the quotes further. Mr. Delabruere moved to table the issue. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Consider Resolution for Municipal Planning Grant (attached)

The grant is for \$14,959 and will be matched in funds (\$3,499) by Newport Renaissance Corp. Mr. Wilson moved to approve the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried.

Request Approval of Historic Preservation Commission By-law

Mr. Dreher discussed the by-laws with the council. The council was concerned that there would be commission members who were not residents of the city and they were very concerned about Article 6 of the Rules of Procedure relating to Act 250 Hearing Related Rules. Mr. Dreher will relay the concerns to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Delabruere moved to table items 6 & 7. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Niles Fund Request

No action.

New Business

Mr. Chenette noted that the Eastside Restaurant did not have the zoning permit on display. Mr. Dreher stated they had gotten the permit over a year ago and the permit had been displayed for the required time after the permit was issued.

Mr. Chenette asked if the agenda items could be put in the paper. Mr. Ward stated that the notice of a council meeting is in the Community bulletin Board for free. If the agenda was included we would have to pay for the ad.

Mr. Ward asked how the council wanted to handle the tax stabilization request from NUMIA. It was determined it should be an agenda item.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson asked about the removal of the way finding sign on Third St before winter.

Chief Leclair discussed the status of the Safer Grant with the council.

Next Meeting Date

November 21, 2011

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Attested _____ This _____ Day of _____ 2011

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