

Council Meeting

November 18, 2013

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, November 18, 2013 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Denis Chenette and Richard Baraw, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Police Chief Sean DiSanto, Fire Chief James LeClair, Trish Sears, Brian McNeal, members of the Press and Public. Alderman Delabruere was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Brian McNeal Letter (attached)

The council briefly discussed with Mr. McNeal his letter to the council. Mayor Monette stated that the council members had received the letter and read it. Mayor Monette noted that the letter appeared to be a repeat of the first two letters and had nothing to do with the city since people could buy and sell property as they wished. There were no questions from the council.

Review Budget Status Report as of November 8, 2013

The council discussed the current budget status.

Consider Water Fee Increase (attached)

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the proposed water fees increase effective February 1, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Review Possible Municipal Building Upgrade

Chief DiSanto discussed with the council his proposed plan to upgrade the Municipal Building to provide better security and enhance the Police Dept. Mr. Johnson noted that if the council decided to do the renovations it would be a good time to expand the vault in the Clerk's office. Mr. Baraw moved to move ahead with the proposed plans. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Review Proposed FY14-15 Budget

The council briefly discussed the proposed budget. The council wanted time to study the proposed budget. Dept. heads will attend the next council meeting to discuss the budget.

Consider Truck Policy for Public works Director

Mr. Baraw moved to table the policy until Alderman Delabruere was present. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

New Business

Mayor Monette noted the Small Business Day Proclamation he had signed and the letter of support for AARP for their Age Friendly Community study.

Mayor asked if the City should address the ANR concerns about the Carrier development. Mr. Ward suggested that the city wait to see what happens.

Mr. Baraw moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a 3 year contract with Fairpoint for the CENTREX System. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Mr. Ward noted the Liberty Tree was available and they would like it planted at the Elementary School. Mayor Monette will speak to Mr. Midi about it.

Mr. McNeal asked if the city had any interest in the businesses that were moving out of Newport. Mayor noted that businesses can move if want to.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson thanked city Personnel for setting up and attending the Veterans Day services.

Mayor asked about the E-mail from Anthony Moccia regarding the Dirty 40 Bike Race. Mr. Ward stated that the Recreation Director will meet with Mr. Moccia.

Mr. Chenette noted that the letter from Mr. Moccia stated in the beginning that Main St. would not have to be closed and at the end of the letter it stated that traffic would have to detour around Main St. Mr. Ward stated that would be clarified before the race.

Chief DiSanto noted that the traffic lights on the Causeway and at the Cumberland Farms intersection have been fixed.

Corey Therrien asked about the parking at the intersection of Eastern Ave. and Second St. Mr. Ward stated that it was being addressed.

Next Meeting Date

December 2, 2013

Executive Session for Possible Liability Issue

Mr. Chenette moved to enter into executive session. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

No action taken.

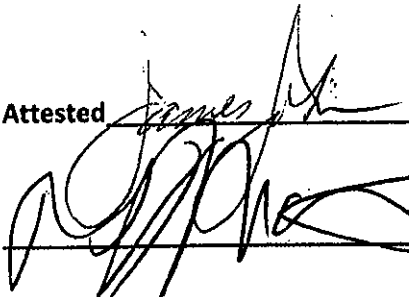
Mr. Baraw moved to enter executive session to discuss police union negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

No action taken.

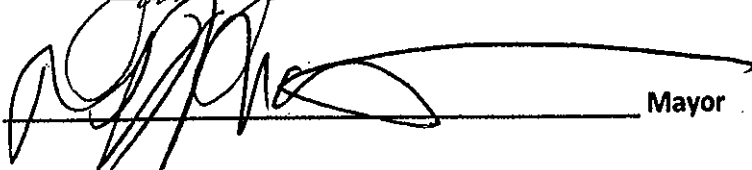
Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 9:07 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Attested



This 2nd Day of December 2013



Mayor