

**Council Minutes
November 19, 2012**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held on Monday, November 19, 2012 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Alderman Denis Chenette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Chris Johansen, Trish Sears, James LeClair, Seth Desanto, Andy Cappello, Roger Cartee, Bill Prue and members of the Press and Public. Aldermen Baraw and Delabruere were absent.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. immediately following a Public hearing.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of November 5, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Request Approval to Submit \$400,000 VCDP Implementation Grant for Hotel 1910

Mr. Wilson moved to go ahead with the \$400,000 Implementation Grant for Hotel 1910. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Newport Rotary Club Concerns with Gateway Building and Banners

Mr. Cartee stated Newport Rotary would like to hang banners on the beams in the Gateway Building. The Rec. Dept and Mr. Ward have no problem with it as long as they can be taken down and stored easily when others rent the building. The council was Ok with the request.

Chris Johansen Tour Boat Update

Mr. Johansen updated the council on the tour boat status. He stated that the boat should arrive in Newport on November 27th. He would like to put the boat in at Pomerleau Park. This would mean removing a tree and trimming down some shrubs. They would also remove and replace the fence with permission from the state. They would also repair any damage done during the launching process.

Mr. Chenette moved to approve a permit for tree removal at Pomerleau Park. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

FY 13-14 Budget Review

The council reviewed the proposed FY 13-14 budget. Mr. Prue was present to request an additional \$400 for the City Band. There were no other requests. Mr. Chenette moved to add \$400 to the City Band line item. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Consider Budget Increase for Newport City Renaissance Corporation

Mr. Chenette moved that we do not increase the budget for NCRC leaving the budget at \$25,000. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Review FY12-13 Budget Status

There were no questions.

New Business

Mr. Wilson noted that Lyndonville was being proactive on keeping medical marijuana out of the town. He felt that Newport should do the same but wondered if it was a council issue or a Planning commission issue.

Trish noted the November 26th Designated Downtown meeting for renewal of Newport's designated downtown.

Mayor Monette issued a proclamation making November 24th Small Business Saturday in Newport.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting

December 3, 2012

Executive Session – Personnel Issue

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

No Action.

Executive Session- Police Dept. Contract Negotiations

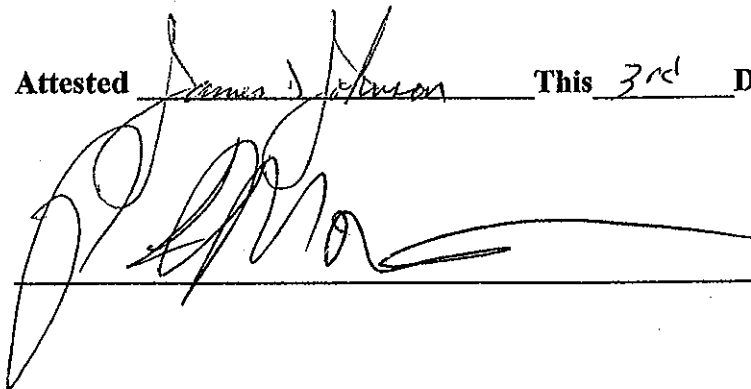
Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

No Action.

Adjournment

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn at 8:36 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Attested James J. Wilson This 3rd Day of December 2012



Mayor