

Council Minutes
November 21, 2011

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, November 21, 2011 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Tim Delabruere and Denis Chenette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Dave Snediker, Caroline Carlson, Eric Flachbart, Tom Bernier, Tim Dagesse, Trish Sears and members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of November 7, 2011 with a correction to the second on the adjournment motion. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried. Alderman Baraw abstained.

Discussion on Traffic Considerations for the Closing of the Long Bridge

Caroline Carlson was present to discuss traffic considerations with the council for the closing and construction of the Long Bridge. This will be a two season project beginning in April or May, 2012 and ending late in 2013. The estimated cost of the project is 6.5 million dollars.

Consider Waiving Noise Ordinance for Main Street Paving Project to Allow Night Paving

Mr. Baraw moved to waive the noise ordinance for night paving on Main St. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider VCDP Planning Grant Application for Tasting Center (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved that the City apply for a VCDP Planning Grant for the Tasting Center. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Tax Stabilization Request from Numia Medical Technology, LLC
(attached)

Eric Flachbart, President of Numia Medical Technology, LLC was present to request tax stabilization for his company. Mr. Baraw moved to approve tax stabilization for Numia Medical Technology, LLC for a period of four years per the cities Industrial and Commercial Tax Stabilization Policy. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

The tax in year one will be 25%, year two 50%, year three 75% and year four 100% of the assessed value.

Request to close Main St. on December 3, 2011 from 3 PM to 7 PM for Holiday Event

Mr. Chenette moved to approve the closing of Main St. from 3 PM to 7 PM on December 3, 2011 for a holiday event. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Signage and Location for Prouty Beach and NCUHS & Career Center
(attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the signage and locations for directions to NCUHS & Career Center and Prouty Beach. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Vactor Purchase

Mr. Chenette moved to purchase the Vactor from C.N. Wood Company based on the November 4, 2011 memo from Tom Bernier for \$299,953. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Review Four Month Financials

The council reviewed the four month financials. Mr. Ward noted that water bill for the sewer plant was not \$133,000 but approximately \$6,500 and street resurfacing should be \$140,000 not \$27,000.

Consider Schedule for FY 2013 Budget

7:00 PM on December 5, 2011

New Business

Mayor Monette stated he would sign a proclamation making Saturday, November 26, 2011 Small Business Day.

Mr. Chenette asked about the VCDP application for the expansion at Lagos. Mr. Ward stated that it was not going to be done at this time.

Old Business

Brian McNeal had several suggestions on Bus Stops, parking and traffic.

Mayor Monette noted that the Legislative Apportionment Board is considering taking 724 voters out of the City and putting them in another district. The council hopes to have a hearing on the matter in the future.

Mr. Baraw asked about the shack for the recycling Center. Mr. Ward stated the Mr. Bernier had found a 10 x 10 shed that they would put a new floor in and moved to the Recycling Center.

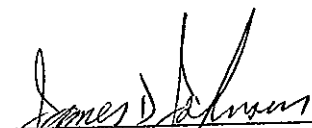
Mr. Chenette asked about the program to have Main St. merchants and their employee's park in the municipal lot near the Post Office. Mr. Ward noted that he could not reach an agreement with all the merchants. However the Police Dept. is not enforcing the parking limits in the lot.

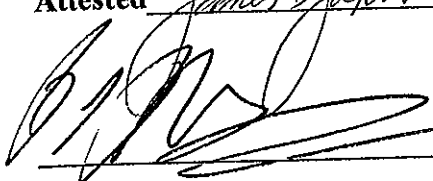
Next Meeting Date

December 5, 2011

Adjournment

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

Attested  This 5th Day of December, 2011

 Mayor