

Council Minutes

December 2, 2013

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, December 2, 2013 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Denis Chenette and Tim Delabruere, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, All City Department Heads, Trish Sears, Kelly Poor, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider AARP Letter of Support (attached)

Kelly Poor from AARP was present to update the council and answer questions on AARP's proposal for Newport's participation in AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Mr. Wilson was unhappy with the fact that Miss Poor had met with the Mayor and City Manager resulting in the Mayor issuing a letter of support without authorization from the City Council. The Mayor apologized for putting the cart before the horse. Mr. Baraw moved that the council support the letter dated November 18, 2013 to Kelly Stoddard Poor in regard to the Age-Friendly Communities. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Continue Review of FY14-15 Budget

The council reviewed and discussed the proposed FY14-15 budget.

Consider Truck Policy for Public Works Director (attached)

The Mayor and Councilmen signed the Truck Policy for the Public works Director.

New Business

Mr. Ward stated that RCT would like a letter of support for I91 commuter service from Newport to White River. They would also like to be on the Warning for an appropriation at Town Meeting. Mr. Ward will notify them that they need a petition.

Brian McNeal read a letter asking why the city didn't have a chance to vote on the proposed development on Main St.

Mr. Baraw noted an animal control issue on Sloan St.

Old Business

Mayor Monette noted that ANR denied Mr. Carrier's application for a development on Bluff Road but they are ok with the landfills expansion.

Next Meeting Date

December 16, 2013

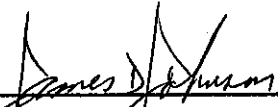
Executive Session – Police Department Negotiations

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

In open session, Mr. Delabruere moved to accept as presented the agreement between the City of Newport, Vermont and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Newport Police Chapter effective as of July 1, 2013 and expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 16th Day of December 2013

 Mayor