

Council Minutes
December 5, 2011
Revised

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, December 5, 2011 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, Dave Snediker, Ken Canning, Tonya Chambers, Joe Damiata, Trish Sears, Jamie LeClair, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of November 21, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Poulos Insurance Property & Casualty Insurance Quote

Mr. Baraw moved to table. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of VCDP Planning Grant Application for Tasting Center

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the Planning Grant Application in the amount of \$30,000 for the Tasting Center. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Providing Employee Assistance Program for Fire Department

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the Employee Assistance Program for the Fire Department at a cost of \$678.60 annually. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Water Meter Installation Decision

Mr. Delabruere moved to honor the referendum on metering and not proceed with metering the city. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried with Mr. Chenette, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Delabruere voting yes and Mr. Baraw voting no.

VLCT Property and Casualty Insurance Quote

Ken Canning, Tonya Chambers and Joe Damiata from VLCT were present to discuss VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance and its programs with the council. Their quote was not opened. The council will wait until a quote is received from Poulos Insurance for property & casualty insurance. Both quotes will be opened at the same time.

Review Current Income/Expense Statement

No questions on the current budget status.

New Business

Mr. Johnson presented three Niles Fund requests. Mr. Wilson moved to approve three Niles Fund requests as presented. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson thanked Andy and all the organizations involved for their hard work on the successful events this weekend.

Mr. Wilson asked when the traffic light that was damaged in an accident on the causeway would be fixed. Mr. Delabruere stated they are waiting for a new pole which has been ordered.

Mr. Wilson noted that the traffic lights in front of Vista Market are not very bright and are hard to see.

Mr. Baraw asked when the light pole would come in. Mr. Ward stated it is on order and will be fixed as soon as it comes in.

Mayor Monette thanked Mr. Wilson for filling in for him at the events on Saturday.

Mr. Chenette noted that the street light on the corner of his property is out.

Mr. Chenette asked how low the water level in the water tower would get before the alarm would go off. Mr. Ward stated the pump keeps the water level within a predetermined range if it drops below that the alarm will go off.

Old Business

Mayor Monette asked how the Lake Bridge Gilman Housing Project was coming along. Mr. Ward stated the project is progressing.

Mayor Monette asked if anything had been heard from the Planning Commission on the Historic Commission. Mr. Ward stated he had not heard anything.

Next Meeting Date

December 19, 2011

Executive Session – Personnel

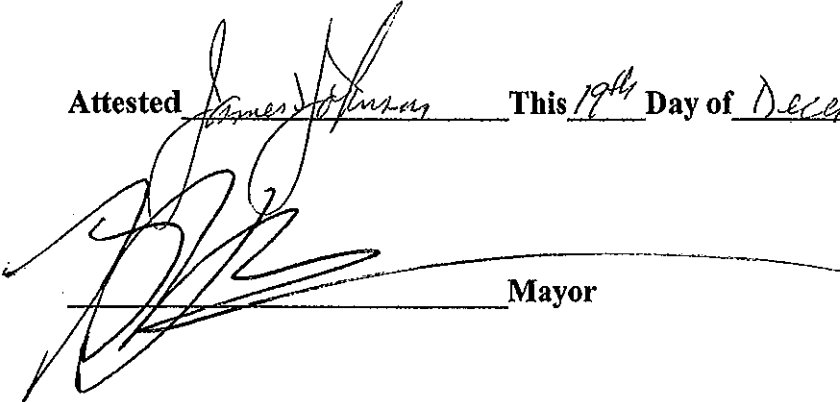
Mr. Baraw moved to enter executive session for personnel. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James H. Murray This 19th Day of December 2011



Mayor