

**Council Minutes
December 17, 2012**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, December 17, 2012 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, Trish Sears, Bill Stenger, 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 December 3, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Update on Proposed Development

Bill Stenger was present to update the council on all the proposed development including Jay Peak, AnC Bio, Menck Windows, The Renaissance Building, The Marina Hotel and the Airport.

Concerns of Cost Related to Water Usage by Rural Edge, Doug Spates, and Frank Knoll

Mr. Wilson moved to table until the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Request to continue Use of Newport Fire Station by North Country Union High School as Evacuation Site In The Event of an Emergency

Mr. Delabruere moved to authorize the use of the Newport Fire Station by North Country Union High School as an evacuation site. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider bids for New Processed Water Building at Water Treatment Facility

Mr. Baraw moved to accept the bid from Northern Woods Carpentry in the amount of \$34,350. Seconded by Mr. Chenette. Discussion: Mr. Chenette asked if the permits had been applied for. Mr. Wilson asked if the cost had been budgeted. Mr. Ward stated yes to both questions. Motion carried unanimously.

Review Five Month Income/Expense Reports

No questions.

FY13-14 Budget Review

Mr. Ward stated the budget was level funded on the municipal side so there would be no increase in the tax rate on the municipal side. Mr. Baraw asked why the PD patrol overtime had increased from \$56,000 to \$61,000. Mr. Ward stated because the previous year expense was \$65,000. Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the FY 13-14 municipal budget. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Baraw moved to approve a request for Niles Funds. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve a 2012 liquor license for The Pub and Grub. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson thanked the Rec. Dept for their work last weekend and the Fire Dept. for being called out four days in a row.

Mayor Monette noted he had attended the quarterly Mayors meeting in Burlington.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Date

January 7, 2013

Executive Session

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

No action.

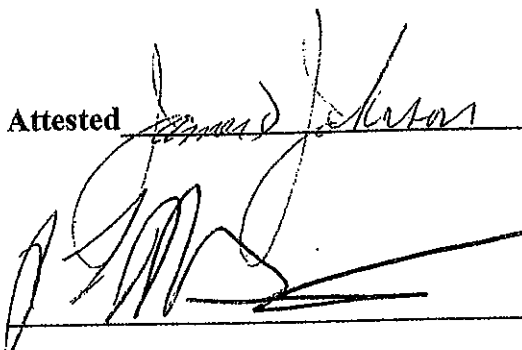
Mr. Delabruere moved to enter executive session for Sewer/Water Agreement with Town of Coventry. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

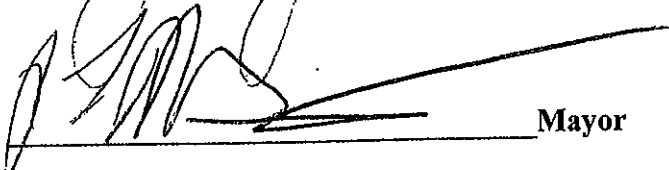
No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:47 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Attested

 This 7th of January, 2012



Mayor