

Council Minutes

July 11, 2022

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, July 11, 2022, in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Melissa Pettersson, Kevin Charboneau by phone, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Public Works Director Tom Bernier, Fire Chief John Harlamert, and Rebecca Therrien by phone. Councilman Vachon was absent.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of June 20, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried.

Comments by the Public

Anne Chiarello asked council members why they voted in favor of the COLA increase for noncertified employees. Mayor Monette stated he reluctantly voted in favor because of the conversation in executive session, Mr. Charboneau stated he had voted in favor because of COLA, and he felt they deserved it.

911 Address Authorization (attached)

Ms. Pettersson moved to approve the 911 authorization as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried.

Appoint Qualified Member to the Regional Emergency Management Committee (attached)

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Police Chief Travis Bingham to the Regional Emergency Management Committee. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried.

New Business

Mr. Johnson requested a motion to approve the annual line of credit. Ms. Pettersson moved to approve the \$1,000,000 Line of Credit with Passumpsic Bank. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Mayor Monette commended the Recreation Dept for the excellent job on the 4th of July and thanked the Fire Dept. for flying the flag.

Ms. Pettersson asked about the Environmental Engineering study for the WWTF solids. Ma Dolgin noted they are working on a mid-term plan for the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Ms. Pettersson asked about the Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Harlamert noted that it is a work in progress. He is working towards a new certificate called a Certificate of Completion that will be attached to the zoning application which will be returned to the city upon completion of the project.

Ms. Dolgin noted that the Municipal Plan draft is complete, and the first Public Hearing will be on the August 2nd, Planning Commission agenda. The council will then need schedule two public hearings in September and October as part of the approval process.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson asked when the pile of debris from the burned-out building on Pleasant St. will be removed. Mr. Harlamert noted that the environmental samples came back negative, and that the removal will begin this week. They have until July 15th to remove it.

Mayor Monette noted that there is no deadline for installing water meters in the city on the original motion from October of 2020. He felt the council should set a deadline. He would like a report as to the number of meters left to install.

Mayor Monette stated that the council should look at combining Zoning and Assessing into a full-time position.

Mayor Monette would like a report on the Gardner Park Environmental Study for the September council meeting.

Mayor Monette noted it was nice to see Governor Scott at the Northern Express Care ribbon cutting and to hear his pledge to help with the empty Main St, development site.

Ms. Pettersson asked about the unsafe playground equipment. Mr. Bernier stated that some equipment has been refurbished, there is a new swing set, and all unsafe equipment has been removed.

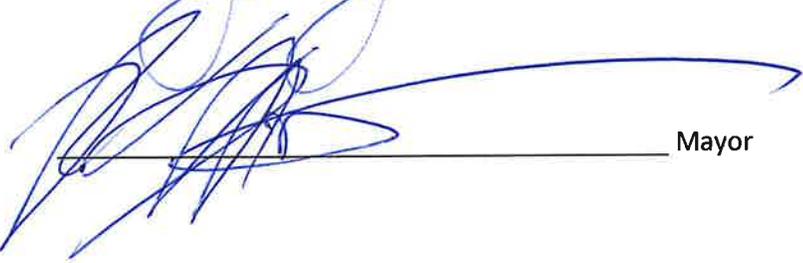
Next Meeting Date

July 18, 2022, at 6:30 PM

Adjournment

Ms. Petterson moved to adjourn at 7:12 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Attested  this 17 day of August 2022

 Mayor

To: Newport City Council
From: John Harlamert, Zoning Administrator and E911 Coordinator
Date: July 11, 2022

Re: E911 Address Authorization

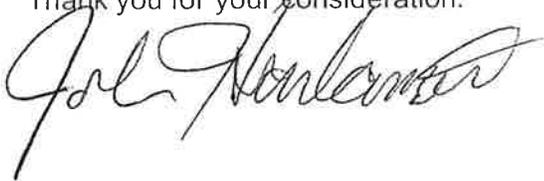
Wearing the Newport City Zoning Administrator's hat, I have spent many hours working with local businesses to find a solution to allow construction of a new commercial building with no impact to the surrounding area's 911 mailing addresses.

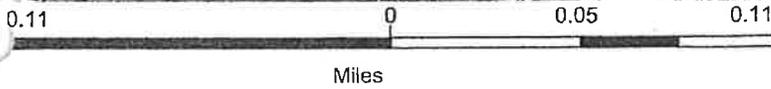
I have received permission from the state 911 coordinator to move in this direction, assuming council approval. The solution will allow a Bluff Road address for the new construction instead of creating a newly named access road so that none of the area businesses or residents will have to change their mailing addresses. This is a terrific advantage for all involved.

The 911 coordinator requests the city council approve this solution, and reflect this approval in the minutes. The address for the newly constructed commercial building will be 328 Bluff Road. The location of the new construction next to the warehouse at 326 Bluff Road.

I will be present at the meeting to answer any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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June 30, 2022 

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To: City Council
From: John Harlamert, Fire Chief
Date: July 11, 2022

Re: Appoint an Alternative to the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee (REMP)

The Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee requires two members to be appointed from each community. One is the Emergency Management Director who is me as the Fire Chief. The other member who needs an appointment is the Public Safety Representative. This position is the Chief of Police. This memo is to request the city council appoint Chief Travis Bingham to the REMP, effective immediately. This is only a technicality and Chief Bingham is expecting this.

Thank you.

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