



**City of Newport  
City Council Minutes  
February 4, 2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Geraghty called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL -**

**Council Present** – Tim Geraghty; Tom Ingemann; Bill Sumner; Tracy Rahm; Dan Lund

**Council Absent** –

**Staff Present** – Deb Hill, City Administrator; Bruce Hanson, Supt. of Public Works; Steve Wiley, Fire Chief; Renee Eisenbeisz, Assistant to the City Administrator; Fritz Knaak, City Attorney; Larry Osterman, Sergeant; Jon Herdegen, City Engineer;

**Staff Absent** –

**4. ADOPT AGENDA**

**Motion by Sumner, seconded by Ingemann, to adopt the Agenda as presented. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.**

**5. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Ingemann, seconded by Rahm, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, which includes the following items:**

- A. Minutes of the January 21, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes of the January 21, 2016 City Council Workshop Meeting
- C. List of Bills in the Amount of \$65,350.01
- D. Gambling Permit
- E. Summary of Ordinance No. 2016-2

**With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.**

**6. VISITORS PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT** – Nothing to report.

**8. COUNCIL REPORTS –**

**Councilman Ingemann** - I attended the RDF or whatever they call it now meeting about a week and a half ago. They appointed members. Karla will report later on. It was a good meeting.

**Councilman Rahm** - Nothing to report.

**Councilman Sumner** - I have information about a class called Citizen Pruners. It's a class with the MN Forest

Resources Department and teaches citizens in community forestry. It teaches people how to trim trees. It'll be Saturday, February 27th. Information is on our website. There's a \$25 charge. Citizens are required to volunteer 10 hours a year.

**Councilman Lund** - I attended a Library Board meeting, it's doing great and they're adding two new computers.

## **9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –**

### **A. Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement between the City of Newport and Metropolitan Council**

**Admin. Hill** - We have a clean water fund grant agreement for rebates for water efficiency toilets, irrigation systems and washing machines. As soon as we get the signed agreements we can start advertising. This is from Met Council.

**Mayor Geraghty** - Does that go until the funds run out?

**Admin. Hill** - It's through 2017, we'll find out at that point if there's money left over.

**Councilman Sumner** - Will we be putting that on our website and newsletter?

**Admin. Hill** - Yes.

**Councilman Sumner** - What were the amounts?

**Admin. Hill** - It's up to \$50 for toilets, \$100 for washing machines, and \$100 for irrigation systems. You'll need to bring in receipts and it can't be more than 50%.

**Motion by Geraghty, seconded by Ingemann, to approve the Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.**

### **B. Animal Control Agreement between the City of Newport and Save the Strays**

**Admin. Hill** - If you remember from the contract with the County, the one service they don't provide is animal transportation due to animals not being transported in the same area as humans. I contacted St. Paul Park and Cottage Grove and that didn't work out. I spoke with Lake Elmo who contracts with the County and they provided this organization. They're really happy with Save the Strays. There's a \$300 retainer to keep them available 24/7. There are different charges for transportation. They'll bring them to the South St. Paul Animal Hospital. They use the word "dispose" but that doesn't mean euthanize, they want to try to adopt them out.

**Councilman Sumner** - How often do we need this service?

**Admin. Hill** - I spoke with South St. Paul Animal Hospital and we used them 7 times last year.

**Councilman Sumner** - The cost is reimbursed by the person who owns the animal?

**Admin. Hill** - We haven't had that in the past. We've never received a bill or sent one out.

**Councilman Ingemann** - If the animal has a chip and the hospital has that info, they'll contact the owner. We never charged, it was part of the CSO.

**Councilman Sumner** - Maybe we should look into that.

**Admin. Hill** - I will.

**Councilman Rahm** - Is the mileage from Wisconsin?

**Admin. Hill** - I'll look, I believe it's from where they are driving. Two of their employees live in Newport. Attorney Knaak approved it to form and Sgt. Osterman also looked at it and requested to have an ICR number in the report.

**Councilman Ingemann** - Is it just dogs?

**Admin. Hill** - Yes.

**Councilman Ingemann** - What if it's a feral cat or raccoon?

**Admin. Hill** - I don't know, we've never had that.

**Sgt. Osterman** - If it's a coyote or some type of animal like that we contact the DNR.

**Motion by Sumner, seconded by Ingemann, to approve the Animal Control Agreement. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.**

**10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT** - Nothing to report.

**11. WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT** -

**Councilman Sumner** - Any problems during the snow storm?

**Sgt. Osterman** - No. The swearing in ceremony for the Newport Deputies is tomorrow morning at 8:30 at the Washington County Service Center in Stillwater.

**12. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** - Nothing to report.

**13. ENGINEER'S REPORT** - Nothing to report.

**14. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** -

**Councilman Ingemann** - Do we have enough salt?

**Supt. Hanson** - Yes and I would just like to remind people that it's illegal to push snow out and across the street. We'll be putting out notices next time.

**Councilman Sumner** - How much overtime went in? I saw them early and late and want to thank them.

**Supt. Hanson** - We worked late and then started back up at 4 and that was the standard across the metro.

**15. NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Geraghty, seconded by Rahm, to adjourn the regular Council Meeting at 5:43 P.M. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Tim Geraghty, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eisenbeisz  
Assistant to the City Administrator