



**City of Newport
City Council Minutes
February 16, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tim 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, Steven Gallagher

Council Absent –

Staff Present – Brian Anderson, City Administrator; Bruce Hanson, Supt. of Public Works; Curt Montgomery, Police Chief; Mark Mailand, Fire Chief; Renee Helm, Executive Analyst; Fritz Knaak, City Attorney

Staff Absent – John Stewart, City Engineer

4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

5. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Sumner, seconded by Ingemann, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which includes the following items:

- A. Minutes of the February 2, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. List of Bills in the Amount of \$86,646.44

With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

6. VISITORS PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Kenny Partch, 830 Ford Road – Mr. Partch was present to propose a project. Mr. Partch is a Life Scout and is trying to gain Eagle Rank. In order to do this, Mr. Partch needs to complete an Eagle Project. Mr. Partch is proposing to clean up the property at the end of Park Place near the river and creating an overlook. Mr. Partch would like to install a mulch path, sign, and several birdhouses. Mr. Partch is requesting the City Council's approval.

Mayor Geraghty – It sounds like a great project.

Councilman Rahm – Are there any safety hazards that the City needs to address before Mr. Partch cleans this up? I would like someone to look at it beforehand.

Admin. Anderson – I would suggest that Mr. Partch work with the Public Works Superintendent.

Councilman Sumner – Will the troop support the walkway?

Mr. Partch – Yes, the troop will support the walkway and will try to get donations so that it is little to no

cost for the City.

Councilman Sumner – Will you expect any reimbursement from the City?

Mr. Partch – No.

Motion by Gallagher, seconded by Ingemann, to approve Mr. Partch's proposal to create a Park Place overlook. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

John Miller, 1310 5th Avenue – Mr. Miller also needs to do an Eagle Scout project and would like approval from the City Council to conduct a summer camp-out in Loveland Park.

Mayor Geraghty – It's another good project and was vetted from the Park Board.

Councilman Rahm – Is it an overnight trip?

Mr. Miller – Yes, it will be run entirely by the troop and the group Newport on the Move. They would like to continue it once I am done this year.

Councilman Rahm – There will be adult chaperones?

Mr. Miller – Yes.

Mayor Geraghty – Please work with the City if you need any help from the City.

Councilman Sumner – Will there be a cost for people to camp?

Mr. Miller – No, everything will be funded by the troop.

Motion by Geraghty, seconded by Ingemann, to approve Mr. Miller's proposal to conduct an overnight camp-out in Loveland Park. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

Tom Marcus, 303 21st Street – Mr. Marcus recently opened Everyday Disc Golf at 303 21st Street and wanted to introduce himself to the City Council. Mr. Marcus would like to work with the City to install disc golf equipment in Newport parks and hosting events in the future.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gallagher – I wanted to let everyone know that I was reappointed to Met Council TAB for two more years. One major vote that was just taken was to install 72 electric vehicle charging stations within the metro area.

Councilman Sumner – I wanted to remind people that Stone Soup Super Bowl is coming up on May 5th. I attended the Northern Tier Energy Advisory Panel meeting last week and we met at the Super America Bakery and that is a very active, rapidly expanding operation. We're lucky to have those types of businesses close by.

Councilman Ingemann – There was a Planning Commission meeting last Thursday and we went through quite a bit of information for the MX-3 Transit Oriented District. It'll probably be a couple months before it's brought before the Council and all done but it's very intense.

Councilman Rahm – I met with Brian to discuss the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and I'll let him talk about that.

9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Admin. Anderson – A couple items before I jump in. Regarding what Councilman Gallagher said, maybe the City would like to plan for electric vehicle charging stations or encourage sustainable growth and use that as a marketing strategy for the Red Rock Gateway Area. We met this morning with Stantec who has been hired by the County to design the transit station. We hope to have a public hearing on May 10 for the ordinance for MX-3 at the Planning Commission and it will be brought before the City Council on June 7. I would like to welcome Advanced Sportswear to the community. There are 25 employees that work at the Newport location. The Surelock Motel's name has also been changed to the Red Rock Lodge and is under new management.

Councilman Rahm – When a new business comes into town, do we send a welcome letter?

Admin. Anderson – No, I usually go into the business and welcome them myself.

Councilman Rahm – I think it would be nice to send a letter.

A. Discuss the 2030 Comprehensive Plan

Admin. Anderson presented on this item as outlined in the February 16, 2011 City Council packet. The City is required to review the Comprehensive Plan every two years or when requested by the City Council. Due to the number of redevelopment projects currently being pursued, along with several infrastructure improvements underway, it is recommended that the City Council host three community meetings to review the current Comprehensive Plan and Vision.

Councilman Ingemann – Would we be able to shrink it down to a brochure?

Admin. Anderson – I think it would be a couple pages with the policy statements.

Councilman Rahm – I was thinking more of a powerpoint presentation that we could put on the website but a brochure would be nice too. I think it helps to make it into a format that is easy to read and we can communicate better.

Councilman Gallagher – And this is something you want to continue to work on Tracy?

Councilman Rahm – Yes

Admin. Anderson – And if you have any input you can email it to me. It's going to be a work in progress, there is no hard-fast way of doing this. We want to invite input from the residents.

Councilman Gallagher – Do you need a motion from us?

Admin. Anderson – I would like a consensus.

Councilman Gallagher – Will the public meetings be separate from the Council meetings?

Admin. Anderson – Yes.

Councilman Sumner – Is this going to differ significantly from the 2012 Strategic Plan?

Councilman Rahm – I think there are a lot of things in there that are usable. We will look to make sure our visions are the same. This will line up our strategies with our actions and goals.

Mayor Geraghty – Go ahead.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Knaak – You have before you the hearing officer's report from January.

11. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

A. 2011 Year-End Summary

Chief Montgomery presented on this item as outlined in the February 16, 2012 City Council packet.

Mayor Geraghty – Are our trends different from other communities or is everyone noticing this trend?

Chief Montgomery – The trends are similar across other communities.

Admin. Anderson – Are there troubled areas or sites where one person might generate several calls?

Chief Montgomery – Yes, it usually occurs in apartments.

Councilman Rahm – How far does data go back?

Chief Montgomery – Two years.

Admin. Anderson – The Police Department is very busy. We're down a police officer and adding a CSO. I'm also working with Councilman Rahm on a "Green-Up, Clean-Up" campaign for ordinance violations.

Councilman Gallagher – Are Part I/Part II crimes higher or lower than past years?

Chief Montgomery – Part II crimes are up if you want to look at misdemeanor activities. It's not up a large amount.

Councilman Gallagher – That could be one person getting arrested for more than one misdemeanor at a time too.

Chief Montgomery – Correct. I would have no problem living here.

Mayor Geraghty – Is everyone consistent with how they report?

Chief Montgomery – Part I and Part II are consistent.

Mayor Geraghty – How much of the information from our report is used for the State's annual report?

Chief Montgomery – Part I and Part II crimes.

Councilman Rahm – I would like to see how many crimes per capita are in Newport.

Councilman Gallagher – I think that's a fair point.

Councilman Sumner – I see that the number of medical calls increased.

Chief Montgomery – I think that's due to the accidents and population.

12. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – No Report

13. ENGINEER'S REPORT – No Report

14. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – No Report

15. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

None

16. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Ingemann, seconded by Sumner, to adjourn the regular Council Meeting at 6:07 P.M.
With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.**

Signed: _____
Tim Geraghty, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Helm
Executive Analyst