



**City of Newport
City Council Minutes
May 3, 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; Curt Montgomery, Police Chief; Mark Mailand, Fire Chief; Fritz Knaak, City Attorney; John Stewart, City Engineer

Staff Absent – Bruce Hanson, Supt. of Public Works; Renee Helm, Executive Analyst;

4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

5. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Gallagher requested that Resolution No. 2012-11 be taken off of the Consent Agenda to discuss.

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

- A. Minutes of the April 19, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. List of Bills in the Amount of \$271,232.01

With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

C. Resolution No. 2012-11 – Nominating Mayor Tim Geraghty for the League of Minnesota Cities C.C. Ludwig Award

Councilman Gallagher – Could Brian explain the award?

Admin. Anderson – The League of Minnesota Cities has three awards that cities can submit projects or individuals for. Two of the awards were for projects; we submitted awards for the Water Meter Replacement Program and Building Inspections. The other award is for elected officials, which is the C.C. Ludwig Award. I asked Mayor Geraghty if he would mind if we nominated him since he does have 29 years of service on the City Council alone, as well as 38 years working for the State of Minnesota. I thought it would be good recognition if we were to get any of the three awards.

Councilman Gallagher – Why don't we have a resolution for the other ones?

Admin. Anderson – The C.C. Ludwig Award required a resolution for support from the Council, whereas the other two did not.

Mayor Geraghty – I had called Brian saying that we should put in a number of projects and later on he called

Councilman Rahm – I think anytime we can give people recognition is a good thing.

Motion by Ingemann, seconded by Sumner, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-11 Nominating Mayor Tim Geraghty for the League of Minnesota Cities C.C. Ludwig Award. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

6. VISITORS PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Rick Diaz, 222 21st Street – I would like to thank all of you for everything you do for the City. I would like to let you know that the Newport Corner Store will close at the end of this week.

Councilman Gallagher – Thank her for giving us a very good shop.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Proclaiming May 2012 as Preservation Month

Mayor Geraghty – I have a proclamation recognizing May 2012 as National Preservation Month. I attended the Parks Board meeting last week and they talked about their goals and objectives, as well as park improvements. I think we'll be having a discussion on those issues coming up. The Parks Board is looking for volunteers to adopt the parks and overpasses. The City Council will have a workshop after the regular meeting tonight.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gallagher – Do we know when the Buckthorn Removal Day is?

Mayor Geraghty – It's usually in October.

Councilman Gallagher – I had a meeting yesterday and it had to do with the deer hunting ordinance and how it will need to be changed since Backwoods Archery left Newport. The group of neighbors discussed the aerial survey and it was an eye opener on how much we need the deer hunt. They would like to work with the MN Bow Hunters Association to hunt in the parks as well. The group would like to bring some recommendations to the City Council. I also attended the NEWCO meeting. Brian did a good presentation on the strategic plan and workings of the City. I also attended a Met Council Tab committee.

Councilman Sumner – I also attended the NEWCO meeting. They had a presentation from a guy who was in charge of the development along the Phalen corridor. It was interesting; he said they had grants totaling \$500 million to pull that off. I don't think we'll qualify for that kind of financial backing as we look at the Red Rock Corridor. I thought he made an important point that you cannot rely on retail to propel this kind of development. He talked about the importance of having opportunities for people to work such as manufacturing. I think in the past certain voices have been raised against manufacturing. I do believe that we need to be fully involved in allowing that type of work here.

Councilman Ingemann – Nothing to report

Councilman Rahm – Nothing to report

9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Admin. Anderson – To piggy back on some of the items that were currently mentioned, specifically the Parks CIP. I have been working with the Parks Board and John Stewart to consolidate all of the CIP's. I also have a meeting with Ehler's next week to look at it and put it into our long-term financial modeling so that we can have it all for our 2013 budget sessions. The Planning Commission and City Council will be reviewing a joint powers agreement between the HRA and City for the Red Rock Corridor. The MX-3 ordinance will also come before the City Council in June. I had another meeting with Stantec, who is designing the transit station. They came back with some plans. We're going to have an open house in the next couple months for it.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT –

Attorney Knaak – You should have before you the monthly report. I would note that the overall dispositions is 40, that's twice than what would be considered the normal in the past. This seems to be the new normal.

Councilman Sumner – Are you dealing with residents or non-residents?

Attorney Knaak – Both. We've seen an uptick in code enforcement issues. A lot of this is our own officers doing enforcement in the City.

11. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT –

Councilman Rahm – Have you ordered the new squad car yet?

Chief Montgomery – Yes, last week.

Councilman Gallagher – Is it all white?

Chief Montgomery – Yes

Councilman Gallagher – Has your new CSO started working?

Chief Montgomery – He started, he's still in training.

12. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Mailand reported on the number of calls in the past month, which include: grass fire, rec fire, and an apartment fire on April 28. We would like to thank Officer Joel Muellner for making sure everyone was evacuated. The fire was knocked down in about fifteen minutes. We called Woodbury, Cottage Grove and St. Paul Park for mutual aid. It looks like the fire started on a third floor balcony from a cigarette.

13. ENGINEER'S REPORT –

John Stewart – We are wrapping up the I/I project. The North Ravine Project is underway; they have done a lot of work at the top of the hill. The contractor's work helped with the storm earlier.

14. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – No Report

15. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Geraghty, seconded by Gallagher, to adjourn the regular Council Meeting at 5:55 P.M. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

Signed: _____

Tim Geraghty, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Helm
Executive Analyst