



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

**1. ROLL CALL -**

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

**Council Absent** –

**Staff Present** – Deb Hill, City Administrator; Renee Eisenbeisz, Assistant to the City Administrator; Fritz Knaak, City Attorney;

**Staff Absent** - Bruce Hanson, Superintendent of Public Works; Steve Wiley, Fire Chief;

**2. DISCUSSION REGARDING GAMBLING REVENUE AND ORDINANCE**

Attorney Knaak presented on this item as outlined in the February 4, 2016 City Council Workshop packet. The City Council directed Attorney Knaak to bring forward an ordinance at the next City Council meeting with the following amendments:

- Take out the requirement for the local gambling tax

Since 2011, the City has collected 25%, 15% of which has gone towards community organizations and 10% has gone to the City. The 25% has amounted to just under \$64,000 and the 10% has amounted to just under \$22,000. The funds can be used for:

- 501(c)(3) organization or 501(c)(4) festival organization.
- Relieving effects of poverty, homelessness, or disability.
- Program for education, prevention, or treatment of problem gambling.
- Public or private nonprofit school.
- Scholarship fund.
- Recognition of military service (open to public) or support for active military personnel and their immediate family members in need.
- Activities and facilities for youth.
- Expenditures for police, fire, and other emergency or public safety-related services, equipment, and training. **NOT ALLOWED:** Contribution to pension or retirement funds.
- Church.
- With Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) approval, citizen monitoring of surface water quality by individuals. Requires submission of data to PCA.
- With DNR approval, wildlife management projects or activities that benefit public-at-large; grooming or maintaining snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle trails, or other trails open to public use; supplies and materials for DNR-coordinated safety training and education programs.
- Nutritional programs, food shelves, and congregate dining programs primarily for persons 62 or older or disabled.
- Community arts organizations, or sponsorship of community arts programs.
- Humanitarian service - recognizing volunteerism or philanthropy.

The City will draft a resolution for the expenditures for the next meeting.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Geraghty, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eisenbeisz  
Assistant to the City Administrator