

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
SPECIAL CALLED SESSION
MARCH 3, 2015**

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The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Special Called Session.

The following officials were present: Mayor Connie Ball, Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt, Alderman, Jeff Fancher, Alderman Roger Gribble, Alderman Bobby Knight, City Administrator James Finchum, and City Attorney Terry Hurst.

The following officials were not present: Alderman Mike Hansel.

Mayor Ball declared a Quorum.

New Business

Additional Charter Changes for Resolution #2015-04

Consideration of approval of additional Charter changes to be added to Resolution #2015-04 as follows:

Section 18 Newport Utilities Board

Paragraph 1—delete the following sentence: “The Board shall consist of seven (7) members each of whom shall be a qualified voter of Newport, Tennessee.” Replace with: “The Board shall consist of seven (7) members. This Board shall be reduced to six (6) members in April 2017 when a Board member’s term is up and that position is not filled. The Board shall be reduced to five (5) members in April 2019 when a Board member’s term is up and that position is not filled. Each Board member shall be a qualified voter of Newport, Tennessee.”

Paragraph 2—delete the paragraph in its entirety and replace as follows: “The Newport Utilities Board shall operate as a separate unit of municipal government. The Board shall be free from the jurisdiction, direction, and control of any city or county officers and of the City Council. No current or retired employee of Newport Utilities shall be eligible to serve as a Board Member. No current City Council members or current members of the Cocke County Legislative Body may serve on the Newport Utilities Board.”

Paragraph 3—delete sentence: “In meetings of the Board, four (4) members shall constitute a quorum.” Replace with: “When the Board consists of seven (7) or six (6) members, four (4) members shall constitute a quorum and when the Board consists of five (5) members, three (3) members shall constitute a quorum.

Roll Call

Alderman Fancher AYE
Alderman Gribble AYE
Alderman Knight AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

All Ayes-Mayor Ball declared the motion passed and approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor & Alderman, **motion by Vice Mayor Proffitt, second by Alderman Fancher** to adjourn.

All Ayes- Mayor Ball declared the motion passed and approved.

Mayor Connie Ball

James Finchum, City Administrator

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