

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION  
APRIL 10, 2018**

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Connie Ball opened the public hearing for discussion of Ordinance #2018-06 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Residential District Adding Uses Allowed as Special Exceptions by Approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Ball closed the Public Hearing.

**April 10, 2018**

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 5:45 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Mayor Ball declared a Quorum.

**Proclamations and/or Recognition Of Citizens By The Mayor**

Mayor Ball presented the Department of Children Services a proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Mayor Ball gave recognition of Public Safety Telecommunication Week April 8-14 and recognition of Animal Care and Control Week 8-14.

Vice Mayor Proffitt recognized Sanford and Glenda Overholt on cleaning up their property.

**Minutes**

**March 13, 2017 Regular Session**

**Motion by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt** for minutes of the March 10, 2017 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

## **Communications from the City Administrator**

City Administrator James Finchum reported there have been problems with campaign signs in the city. Candidates get packets from the election commission giving them information on campaign signs. There have been several signs that aren't compliant with the city ordinance. Mr. Finchum stated the ordinance is outdated and would like to update the sign ordinance. Mayor Ball asked James to get something together for the next meeting.

Mr. Finchum stated the mayoral debate at the City Hall went well. Gary Carver worked to help with this debate and live streamed it on Facebook.

Mr. Finchum stated there is money left in the budget that he would like to use on the lawn improvements at City Hall. The back lawn was an old parking lot that top soil and grass was put down. The grass dies each summer when it gets hot. Mr. Finchum asked to dig up the old lawn and replace it. The Board agreed to replace the lawn at City Hall.

Mr. Finchum stated the budget was ready and has packets for each Board member to get after the meeting. Mr. Finchum stated the workshop is usually the first Tuesday before the regular meeting but it falls on Election Day. The Board agreed to keep the budget workshop on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Finchum reported there are surplus vehicles on GovDeals for auction.

Alderman Fancher asked Mr. Finchum to explain the red light in front of City Hall. Mr. Finchum stated TDOT and Southern Railroad came to the city wanting to improve the safety of the crossing the tracks. The red light was paid for by TDOT.

## **Old Business**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2018-06 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Residential District Adding Uses Allowed as Special Exceptions by Approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2018-06 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Residential District Adding Uses Allowed as Special Exceptions by Approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Fancher to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2018-06 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Residential District Adding Uses Allowed as Special Exceptions by Approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals.**

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

## **New Business**

### **Administration Services for the ARC Project**

Consideration of Administration Services for the ARC Project. Planning Director Gary Carver stated the only letters sent in for the administration services for the ARC Project was

from Community Development Partners. Mr. Carver stated he has worked with this group and would recommend using them for administration services.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Fancher** to approve Community Development Partners for the administration services for the ARC Project.

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

**Work Ethic Diploma Program - Love Henderson**

Discussion of the Work Ethic Diploma Program presented by Love Henderson. Ms. Henderson explained how the Work Ethic Diploma Program works for high school students.

**Comments from Citizens**

Carlene Robinson stated she would be making the senior service directory this year. Ms. Robinson asked the Board if they would like to purchase an ad.

Joan Lambert stated the traffic light money that is being spent could be used for school resource officers.

John Thacker gave information on the Newport Utilities Broadband.

David Veridal reported of the Douglas Lake clean up on Friday, April 13.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor & Alderman, **a motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt** to adjourn.

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

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Mayor Connie Ball

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James Finchum, City Administrator

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