

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION  
APRIL 12, 2022**

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-05 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Adding Chapter 5 Grant Management Policy and Procedures. There was no one to comment.

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-06 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone Location 257 Old Knoxville Highway. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the public hearing.

**April 12, 2022**

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the invocation. Alderman Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The following officials were present: Mayor Roland Dykes, III, Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt, Alderman Connie Ball, Alderman Mike Hansel, Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger, Alderman Steve Smith, City Attorney Terry Hurst, and City Administrator James Finchum.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

**Minutes**

**March 8, 2022 Regular Session**

**Motion by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt**, for minutes of the March 8, 2022 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

**Proclamations and/or Recognition of Citizens by the Mayor**

Alderman Hansel announced it was National Telecommunicator Week April 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Communications from the City Administrator**

City Administrator James Finchum reported that Covid cases in Cocke County is down the lowest since last summer, less than two percent.

Mr. Finchum reported Finance Director Tina Matthews and himself have been working on the new budget with department directors. Mr. Finchum stated there are new organizations requesting funds and other organizations requesting additional funds. Mr. Fichum asked that the Board please review the information and get back with Finance Director Tina Matthews if they desire to add to the budget.

**Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees**

**Appointment to the Equalization Board – John Clark’s Term**

Consideration of appointment to the Equalization Board – John Clark’s Term. John Clark has resigned his position on the Equalization Board. Cocke County Assessor of Property Angie Shelton has recommended appointing Angela Huskey-Grooms to represent the City on the Equalization Board.

**Motion was made Vice Mayor Proffitt by and second by Alderman Smith,** to approve the appointment Angela Huskey-Grooms on the Equalization Board.

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

**Old Business**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-05 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Adding Chapter 5 Grant Management Policy and Procedures**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-05 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Adding Chapter 5 Grant Management Policy and Procedures.

**Motion was made Alderman Hansel by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger,** to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-05 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Adding Chapter 5 Grant Management Policy and Procedures.

**Roll Call**

- Alderman Hansel     AYE
- Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
- Alderman Smith     AYE
- Vice Mayor Proffitt  AYE

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-06 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone Location 257 Old Knoxville Highway**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-06 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone Location 257 Old Knoxville Highway.

**Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-06 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone Location 257 Old Knoxville Highway.**

**Roll Call**

Alderman Hansel AYE  
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE  
Alderman Smith AYE  
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

**New Business**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-07 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 4 Permits, Section 8-401 Permit Required for Engaging in Beer Business, Privilege Tax**

Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-07 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 4 Permits, Section 8-401 Permit Required for Engaging in Beer Business, Privilege Tax.

**Motion was made Alderman Hansel by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-07 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 4 Permits, Section 8-401 Permit Required for Engaging in Beer Business, Privilege Tax.**

**Roll Call**

Alderman Ball AYE  
Alderman Hansel AYE  
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE  
Alderman Smith AYE  
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

**Resolution #2022-02 Applying for Fiscal Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant**

Consideration of Resolution #2022-02 Applying for Fiscal Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant.

**Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve Resolution #2022-02 Applying for Fiscal Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant.**

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

**Resolution #2022-03 Administration Services for the Community Development Block Grant**

Consideration of Resolution #2022-03 Administration Services for the Community Development Block Grant.

**Motion was made Alderwoman Ottinger by and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve Resolution #2022-03 Administration Services for the Community Development Block Grant.**

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

**Resolution #2022-04 Support Restoring Revenue Sharing Relationship Between the State of Tennessee and Local Governments and to Return the Local Share of the Single Article Cap to Local Governments**

Consideration of Resolution #2022-04 Support Restoring Revenue Sharing Relationship Between the State of Tennessee and Local Governments and to Return the Local Share of the Single Article Cap to Local Governments.

**Motion was made Alderman Hansel by and second by Alderman Smith, to approve Resolution #2022-04 Support Restoring Revenue Sharing Relationship Between the State of Tennessee and Local Governments and to Return the Local Share of the Single Article Cap to Local Governments.**

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

**Annual Events from Cocke County Partnership**

Consideration of request for annual events from Cocke County Partnership. Annual events are as follows: Rhythm on the River dates are June 2, June 16, June 30, July 14, and July 28; Street Festival dates are September 30- October 2; and Christmas parade date is December 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm.

**Motion was made Alderman Ball by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve annual events from Cocke County Partnership.**

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

**Woodland Property**

Consideration of purchase of Woodland property. City Administrator James Finchum met with the owners of the woodland park property. After much negotiation, they all agreed on \$5,000 per acre or \$465,000. This will be paid in two installments of \$232,500. One payment will be paid this year's budget year and the last payment paid on next year's budget at no additional costs or fees. This project is to be funded with Covid grant monies.

**Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve purchase of Woodland property in the total amount of \$465,000 to be paid in two installments of \$232,500.**

**Roll Call**

Alderman Ball            AYE  
Alderman Hansel        AYE  
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE  
Alderman Smith        AYE  
Vice Mayor Proffitt    AYE

**Motion was made Alderman Ball by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve annual events from Cocke County Partnership.**

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

**Donation to Cocke County High School Swim Team**

Consideration of Donation to Cocke County High School Swim Team. The Cocke County Swim Team is raising money to refurbish the diving platforms at the Community Center. The total cost of the project is \$5,500. The Cocke County Swim Team is requesting the City fund \$2,500 of this project.

**Motion was made Alderman Hansel by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the donation request for the Cocke County Swim Team to refurbish the diving platforms at the Community Center in the amount of \$2,500.**

**Roll Call**

Alderman Ball            AYE  
Alderman Hansel        AYE  
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE  
Alderman Smith        AYE  
Vice Mayor Proffitt    AYE

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

**Bids**

**Fire Hose for the Newport Fire Department**

Consideration of bids to replace fire hose for the Newport Fire Department. The government bid contract from Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$22,365. This will be funding with the Covid money. Fire Chief Jeremy Shelton asked for up to \$24,000 for the fire hose and to cover shipping. The older fire hose will be donated to the local volunteer fire departments throughout the county.

**Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve government bid contract from Municipal Emergency Services up to \$24,000 for fire hose for the Newport Fire Department.**

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

**Comments From Citizens**

Chief of Police Maurice Shults introduced Patrolman Alex Reece, who just graduated from the police academy.

City Attorney Terry Hurst thanked everyone who donated money to the county softball teams for an enclosed facility for the girls' softball team to practice.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor & Alderman, **motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Hansel** adjourned the meeting.

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

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Mayor Roland Dykes, III

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James Finchum, City Administrator

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