

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 9, 2019**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for discussion of Corridor Development Planning Grant West Highway 25/70. John Houghton of Gresham, Smith and Partners gave a presentation.

Mayor Dykes closed the Public Hearing.

April 9, 2019

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Alderman Mike Hansel led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

Minutes

March 12, 2019 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Knight and second by Alderwoman Ottinger for minutes of the March 12, 2019 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported the budget packets have been given to the Board for review. Mr. Finchum asked when the Board would like to schedule a budget workshop. Mr. Finchum reported with the budget workshop there will be a called meeting for bids for the Street Department and Parks & Recreation. The Board agreed to have the special called meeting and the budget workshop on April 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

Vice Mayor Proffitt thanked Alderman Steve Smith for helping with having a pavilion named after Logan Proffitt.

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Discussion of Newport Utilities Board – Donald Large. Mr. Finchum stated this is the last member to not be replaced after the Charter change of reducing the Newport Utilities Board from 7 members to 5 members.

Reports from Committees, Members of Council & Other Officers

Planning Director Gary Carver reported for the Tanner Preservation Alliance on the process of the construction bids of the building. Mr. Carver stated the contractor bids meeting is this month.

New Business

Resolution #2019-02 to Rename RGE Boulevard to Cope Boulevard Creating a Continuation of Such that Adjoins the Current Chemwood Drive

Consideration of Resolution #2019-02 to Rename RGE Boulevard to Cope Boulevard Creating a Continuation of Such that Adjoins the Current Chemwood Drive. Mr. Carver stated RGE is no longer in business. Mr. Carver recommended to rename to Cope Boulevard.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve Resolution #2019-02 to Rename RGE Boulevard to Cope Boulevard Creating a Continuation of Such that Adjoins the Current Chemwood Drive.

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

Resolution #2019-03 Authorizing the Extension of its \$14,500,000 Electric System Revenue Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2017

Consideration of Resolution #2019-03 Authorizing the Extension of its \$14,500,000 Electric System Revenue Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2017.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve Resolution #2019-03 Authorizing the Extension of its \$14,500,000 Electric System Revenue Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2017.

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

Increase Compensation for the Newport Utilities Board

Consideration of increase compensation for the Newport Utilities Board. Currently the Newport Utilities Board is compensated as follows: Board Chair - \$300.00/month, Secretary - \$280.00/month, and Members - \$250.00/month. Newport Utilities has requested the Newport

Utilities Board be compensated as follows: Board Chair - \$450.00/month, Secretary - \$425.00/month and Members - \$400.00/month.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Smith to increase compensation for the Newport Utilities Board as follows: Board Chair - \$450.00/month, Secretary - \$425.00/month and Members - \$400.00/month.

4-1 Ayes- Mayor Dykes declared the motion passed and approved.

Mr. Finchum stated he thinks the City Council should consider an increase in their pay. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen has not had an increase since 1993. After much discussion, Mayor Dykes asked to have this added to next months agenda. Alderman Hansel stated that his vote was not personal, but he had to vote for his conscience.

Hiring a Firefighter

Consideration of hiring a firefighter. Fire Chief Randy Ragan stated there was a firefighter that resign in February. This position will be the replacement. Recommendation from Fire Civil Service with the next in line is William Smallwood.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Ottinger to approve hiring William Smallwood as a firefighter.

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

Bids, Purchases and Expenses

Filtration System for the City Park Pool

Consideration of bids filtration system for the city park pool. Bids received from Duffield Aquatics, Inc in the amount of \$44,203.21. This purchase will require a budget amendment.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Hansel to approve the budget amendment and the bid from Duffield Aquatics, Inc in the amount of \$44,203.21 for the filtration system for the city park pool.

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

Adjournment

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

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

Mayor Roland Dykes, III

James Finchum, City Administrator

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