

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 11, 2020**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for discussion of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-05 Amending the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Newport Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309, Signs Prohibited Signs, Product Sales Signs. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the Public Hearing.

August 11, 2020

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the invocation. Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

The following officials were not present: Alderman Mike Hansel.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

Minutes

July 14, 2020 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Knight and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, for minutes of the July 14, 2020 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 gave an update on the COVID. Mr. Finchum stated all citizens and employees are required to wear mask to enter city buildings. The City has

received a grant to help with expenditures for reimbursements up to \$102,000. The City is following the governor's executive orders.

Reports from Committees, Members of Council & Other Officers

Community Development Director Gary Carver gave updates on the Tanner Building project. Mr. Carver stated the electrical has been installed. Next will be the floor, ceiling, and paint.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-05 Amending the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Newport Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309, Signs Prohibited Signs, Product Sales Signs

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-05 Amending the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Newport Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309, Signs Prohibited Signs, Product Sales Signs. This ordinance was passed at the June Planning Commission meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-05 Amending the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Newport Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309, Signs Prohibited Signs, Product Sales Signs.

Roll Call

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

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-06 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-06 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-06 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

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

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

Resolution #2020-13 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the Public Entity Partners Safety Partners Matching Grant Program

Consideration of Resolution #2020-13 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the Public Entity Partners Safety Partners Matching Grant Program.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Knight, to approve Resolution #2020-13 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the Public Entity Partners Safety Partners Matching Grant Program.

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

Resolution #2020-14 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the James L. Richard Drivers Safety Matching Grant Program through Public Entity Partners

Consideration of Resolution #2020-14 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the James L. Richard Drivers Safety Matching Grant Program through Public Entity Partners.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve Resolution #2020-14 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the James L. Richard Drivers Safety Matching Grant Program through Public Entity Partners.

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

Request of Donation to the Disabled American Veterans

Consideration of request of donation to the Disabled American Veterans. Mike Barnes with the Cocke County Veteran Services sent a letter asking the City of Newport for a one-time donation of \$10, 000 for a van to transport veterans to medical appointments. The DAV has received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of a van. Cocke County has matched the grant. If passed, this donation will be added to next months reading of the budget amendment.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve one-time donation to the Disabled American Veterans in the amount of \$10,000.

Roll Call

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

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

Bids

Annual Paving Bid for the City of Newport

Consideration of Annual Paving Bid for the City of Newport. The only bid that was received was from Newport Paving.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight, to approve the bid from Newport Paving for the annual paving for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

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

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

Vehicles for the Newport Police Department

Consideration of bids for vehicles for the Newport Police Department. This will be to replace two vehicles for the Police Department. The state bid was from Ford of Murfreesboro in the amount of \$33,845 per vehicle.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the state bid from Ford of Murfreesboro in the amount of \$33,845 per vehicle.

Roll Call

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

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

Citizens Comments

Rob Watkins thanked the Board for the donation for the van to the DAV for the veterans. Tammy Allen asked for help on the rat infestation on her property. Ms. Allen stated the problem would not go away until the roosters was removed from her neighbor’s property. Mr. Finchum stated Codes Enforcement Grant Web has been to her property and has done everything legal that can be done.

EMA Director Joe Esway asked City officials and department directors to volunteer to be substitute teachers. Mr. Esway stated there was not enough substitute teachers for the upcoming year.

Adjournment

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

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

Mayor Roland Dykes, III

James Finchum, City Administrator

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