

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 8, 2017**

Public Hearing

Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt opened the public hearing for discussion on Ordinance #2017-13 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 16 Streets and Sidewalks, Etc. Adding Chapter 3 Requiring Owner Installed Sidewalks on Site Development and New Construction Along Highway 25/70 and Route 321 Commerce Corridors. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of Ordinance #2017-14 Amending the Municipal Code Title 14 Zoning and Land Use Control, Chapter 1 Municipal Planning Commission Adding Section 107 Authorizing the Newport Regional Planning Commission to Serve as the Design Review Commission. There was no one to comment.

Vice Mayor Proffitt closed the Public Hearing.

August 8, 2017

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Alderman Jeff Fancher led the invocation. Alderman Mike Hansel led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

The following officials were absent: Mayor Connie Ball.

Vice Mayor Proffitt declared a Quorum.

Minutes

July 11, 2017 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Fancher for minutes of the July 11, 2017 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

Proclamations and/or Recognition of Citizens

Alderman Hansel presented the Newport Recycling & Street Department with a proclamation for National Public Works Month.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported the City is waiting on signs to enforce the rules for the truck route downtown restriction ‘no right turns.’ The State has contacted the City on changing the loops in the red lights that will cost between \$2,000 and \$18,000. Mr. Finchum has recommended evaluating how they do before replacing them.

The salt bids came in late Friday evening. Mr. Finchum asked to waive the rules and add the salt bids to the agenda so the City can put in their order.

Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Hansel to waive the rules and add to the agenda the salt bids for fiscal year 2017-2018.

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

Mr. Finchum reported the speed monitor on Cosby Highway is up but is waiting to be programmed. There will be a speed limit sign at the monitor.

Fire Chief Randy Ragan presented Battalion Chief Donnie Rowland with a plaque for retirement. Mr. Rowland has been an employee for 25 years with the City of Newport

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2017- 13 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 16 Streets and Sidewalks, Etc. Adding Chapter 3 Requiring Owner Installed Sidewalks on Site Development and New Construction Along Highway 25/70 and Route 321 Commerce Corridors

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2017- 13 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 16 Streets and Sidewalks, Etc. Adding Chapter 3 Requiring Owner Installed Sidewalks on Site Development and New Construction Along Highway 25/70 and Route 321 Commerce Corridors.

Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Fancher to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2017- 13 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 16 Streets and Sidewalks, Etc. Adding Chapter 3 Requiring Owner Installed Sidewalks on Site Development and New Construction Along Highway 25/70 and Route 321 Commerce Corridors.

Roll Call

Alderman Fancher	AYE
Alderman Gribble	AYE
Alderman Hansel	AYE

Alderman Knight AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

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Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Fancher to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2017-14 Amending the Municipal Code Title 14 Zoning and Land Use Control, Chapter 1 Municipal Planning Commission Adding Section 107 Authorizing the Newport Regional Planning Commission to Serve as the Design Review Commission.

Roll Call

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

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffit declared the motion passed and approved.

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-15 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 2 Beer, Adding Section 2-206 Outdoor Serving Area Restrictions

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-15 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 2 Beer, Adding Section 2-206 Outdoor Serving Area Restrictions.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-15 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 2 Beer, Adding Section 2-206 Outdoor Serving Area Restrictions.

Roll Call

Alderman Fancher AYE

Alderman Gribble	NAY
Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	NAY
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

Vote 3-2. Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

Resolution #2017-11 Adopting a Master Plan for Downtown Newport

Consideration of Resolution #2017-11 Adopting a Master Plan for Downtown Newport. The Master Plan will be on file at the City Hall and be on the City's website.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Gribble to approve of Resolution #2017-11 Adopting a Master Plan for Downtown Newport.

Roll Call

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

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

Traffic Light Upgrade at Broadway & Lincoln Avenue

Discussion of the Traffic Light Upgrade at Broadway & Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Finchum reported Newport Utilities had sent him an e-mail on the light at Lowes was updated by TDOT on Cosby Highway. The request is to take the old light from Lowes and upgrade the light at the intersection of Broadway & Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Finchum recommendation is to do the upgrade.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight to approve of the traffic light upgrade at Broadway & Lincoln Avenue.

Roll Call

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

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

Hiring a New Firefighter

Consideration of hiring a new firefighter. The Fire Civil Service Board has ranked Amanda Reaves 1st and Patrick Sheldon 2nd on their list. Alderman Fancher stated this was a hard decision to make. Vice Mayor Proffitt agreed with Alderman Fancher. Vice Mayor Proffitt stated he would like to help both to be hired. Alderman Hansel stated if there’s a conflict in the numbers, get the board and the department together and figure out the right person for the job.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel to approve hiring Patrick Sheldon for the Fire Department. There was no second.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Gribble to hire Amanda Reaves for the Fire Department.

Roll Call

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

Vote 4-1. Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

E911 Emergency Contract of Cocke County and the City of Newport

Consideration of contract between E911 Emergency of Cocke County and City of Newport. This is a 3 year contract.

Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Gribble to approve the 3 year contract between E911 Emergency of Cocke County and City of Newport.

Roll Call

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

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

Michael Brady Contract for Renovation of the Tanner Building

Discussion of Michael Brady Contract for the renovation of the Tanner Building. Mr. Finchum stated the contract is in the 3rd phase, construction phase. The contract reads we can terminate the contract in the construction phase and do the overseeing of the construction ourselves.

Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Knight to approve terminating the contract with Michael Brady for the renovation of the Tanner Building. .

Roll Call

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

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

East Tennessee Baptist Association Legacy of the Mountains Community Event

Consideration of closing Kirk Street for East Tennessee Baptist Association for the Legacy of the Mountains Community Event and Michael Combs Concert. The East Tennessee Baptist Association is requesting to close a section of Kirk Street directly behind West End Baptist Church to through traffic for the Legacy of the Mountains Community Event and Michael Combs Concert on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 12:00 pm until 6:30 pm. They have respectfully requested that the permit fee be waived.

Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Knight to approve closing Kirk Street for East Tennessee Baptist Association for the Legacy of the Mountains Community Event and Michael Combs Concert and waive the permit fee.

Roll Call

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

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

Animal Shelter Update – Alderman Fancher

Alderman Fancher gave an update on the Animal Shelter. Alderman Fancher has been working with Northern Destination to transport the local animals. Alderman Fancher stated he will give a packet to the Board with information.

Joint Drug Force – Alderman Gribble

Discussion of recommendation of a joint drug force between the City and the County. Alderman Gribble stated he has spoken with Chief of Police Maurice Shults about this and wants to withdraw his recommendation due to joint force already exists.

Doublewide Mobile Homes in Richland Park Subdivision – Alderman Gribble

Discussion of doublewide mobile homes in Richland Park subdivision. Alderman Gribble stated he thinks there should be something done. The State issued a moving permit for a mobile home in the subdivision. This mobile home was allowed per zone and is in compliance. Alderman Gribble stated he thought the neighbors should be informed.

Bids

Replacing HVAC Equipment in the Mayor’s Office at City Hall

Consideration of replacing the HVAC equipment in the Mayor’s office at City Hall. The only quote was from Trane Building Services for a total of \$5,653.26 as they are the sole source authorized to repair the Trane unit.

Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Knight to approve the bid from Trane Building Services in the amount of \$5,653.26 for the HVAC equipment in the Mayor’s office at City Hall

Roll Call

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

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

Railroad Crossing Project at Mims and Main Street

Consideration of bids for the Railroad Crossing Project at Mims and Main Street. The funding is through TDOT with a 100% reimbursement to the City. The only bid was from Stansell Electric Company, Inc. in the total amount of \$313,355. This bid came in higher than estimated. The State will supplement the contract again for the work.

Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Fancher to approve the bid from Stansell Electric Company, Inc. in the total amount of \$313,355 for the Railroad Crossing Project at Mims and Main Street.

Roll Call

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

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

Vehicle for the Police Department

Consideration of bids for vehicle for the Police Department. The vehicle is funded through the drug fund. This will be a DARE vehicle. The State bid from Ford of Murfreesboro for a 2017 Utility Police Interceptor, Sport Utility in the amount of \$40,554.87.

Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Fancher to approve the State bid from Ford of Murfreesboro for a 2017 Utility Police Interceptor, Sport Utility in the amount of \$40,554.87 for a vehicle for the Police Department.

Roll Call

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

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

Rock Salt for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Consideration of bids for rock salt for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 for the City of Newport. The salt bids per ton are as follows: Compass Minerals \$75.58 and Morton Salt \$76.72. Street Superintendent Ben Hicks recommendation was for Compass Minerals who gave a bid that is \$1.51 lower than last year's bid.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve the bid from Compass Minerals \$75.58 per ton for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Roll Call

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

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

Citizens Comments

Vice Mayor Proffitt stated people has questioned transparency and questioned the budget. Vice Mayor Proffitt read the timeline the budget was given to the Board for the approval of the

budget. Alderman Gribble stated he knew that Vice Mayor was speaking about him and he wanted to speak at next month's meeting.

Tommy Wylie spoke on the mobile home in Richland subdivision. Mr. Wylie stated Buildings & Codes Director Mark Robertson was right, that they were not in violation with the codes. The verbiage on their deeds is incorrect. Mr. Wylie presented a petition signed by the neighbors for the City to adopt new codes and enforce them.

Fire Chief Randy Ragan thanked the Board for the new firefighter and stated the new fire truck was out front if anyone would like to see it.

Jonathan Layman stated he went by the restrictions on moving the mobile home in the subdivision. Mr. Layman stated, "the home will be remodeled and will look better than 75% of most of the homes in that area."

Adjournment

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

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffitt declared the motion passed and approved.

Mayor Connie Ball

James Finchum, City Administrator

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