

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION  
AUGUST 9, 2016**

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Connie Ball opened the public hearing for discussion on Ordinance #2016-07 Planning Commission Monthly Pay for Meetings. There was no one to comment. Mayor Ball closed the Public Hearing.

**August 9, 2016**

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Alderman Bobby Knight led the invocation. City Attorney Terry Hurst led the Pledge to the Flag.

The following officials were present: Mayor Connie Ball, 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.

Mayor Ball declared a Quorum.

**Minutes**

**July 12, 2016 Regular Session**

**Motion by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Fancher** for minutes of the July 12, 2016 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

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

Patriotic Employee Awards were issued by James Cross of ESTR to the following people: Dennis Thornton, Gary Miller, Randy Ragan, Claude Strange, Mayor Connie Ball and the Newport Fire Department.

## **Communications from the City Administrator**

City Administrator James Finchum reported he wanted to put on next month's agenda the discussion of appropriation of \$10,000 to the NUB sewer fund. This sewer fund is set up to pay for any city citizen that needs an E1 pump to hook up to the sewer system.

Mr. Finchum stated the NUB has a surplus flush vacuum truck for sale for \$40,000. Mr. Finchum stated Street Superintendent Ben Hicks would like to purchase this truck instead of the ton truck that is budgeted for this year.

**Motion by Alderman Gribble and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt** to suspend the rules and add the purchase of a flush vacuum truck to the agenda.

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

Mr. Finchum stated the ice machine at the street department has been replaced with a new one. Mr. Finchum stated no one in the City wanted the older ice machine for their department. Mr. Finchum reported there is an employee that works at recycling who is a volunteer at Del Rio Volunteer Fire Department that has requested to donate the ice machine to the Del Rio Volunteer Fire Department.

**Motion by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Fancher** to suspend the rules and add the donation of the ice machine to the agenda.

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

Vice Mayor Proffitt stated there were several businesses in down town Newport that are making efforts to clean up their property. This is an improvement that is a beginning to making down town look better.

## **Reports from Committees, Members of Council & Other Officers**

Sandra Nutall from Tanner Preservation Alliance gave a report to City Council. Ms. Nutall stated they are ready to meet with the City to get started. Mr. Finchum stated the check from the State has not come in yet.

## **Old Business**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2016-07 Planning Commission Monthly Pay for Meetings**

Consideration of approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2016-07 Planning Commission Monthly Pay for Meetings. Mr. Finchum stated the monthly pay for the Planning Commission will be \$50 a month and only if the commissioners attend the meeting.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Fancher** to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2016-07 Planning Commission Monthly Pay for Meetings.

**Roll Call**

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

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

**New Business**

**Resolution #2016-09 Safety Grant for the City of Newport**

Consideration of approval of Resolution #2016-09 Safety Grant for the City of Newport. Mr. Finchum stated this is an annual grant with TML in the amount of \$2,000 to help pay for safety boots.

**Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Knight to approve Resolution #2016-09 Safety Grant for the City of Newport.**

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

**Storm Water Survey for the City of Newport**

Consideration of Storm Water Survey for the City of Newport. Planner Gary Carver explained the city has no maps of storm water drains. These maps will be needed for upcoming grants. Mattern & Craig Surveying and Engineering firm has given a quote to conduct a storm water study in the down town area in the amount of \$8,300.

**Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve for a storm water survey from Mattern & Craig Surveying and Engineering firm in the down town area not to exceed \$10,000.**

**Roll Call**

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

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

**TDOT Grant for the City of Newport**

Consideration of TDOT Grant for the City of Newport not to exceed \$120,000. Planner Gary Carver explained last year President Obama signed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, into law. This will provide long-term funding certainty for surface transportation infrastructure planning and investment. Newport is eligible for some of this funding through Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program. Fiscal year 2016 allotment amount is \$88,773. A contract must be entered with TDOT no later than September 30, 2016 in order to receive the funding. Additional allocation for fiscal year 2017-2020 is \$392,051, which amounts to a four percent increase annually in STBG funding for the City. Total amount of funding allocated for Newport as of June 21, 2016 is \$565,283. This is an 80/20 match grant.

**Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Gribble** to approve the TDOT Grant for the City of Newport not to exceed \$120,000.

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

**Panhandling in the City of Newport**

Mayor Ball asked to discuss the panhandling issues in the City. Mr. Finchum informed Mayor Ball Ordinance #2015-10 Panhandling Restrictions for the City of Newport was as strong as we can do for panhandling.

**Traffic Lights and Street Directional Arrows**

Alderman Fancher asked about the street directional arrows for the city that would help visitors. Ben Hicks will get an update from the State on this issue. Alderman Fancher stated the traffic light numbering needed to be replaced. NUB maintains the traffic lights in the city.

**Flush Vacuum Truck Purchase**

Consideration of purchase of a flush vacuum truck from NUB in the amount of \$40,000.

**Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Fancher** to approve purchase of a flush vacuum truck from NUB in the amount of \$40,000.

**Roll Call**

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

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

**Donation of Ice Machine**

Consideration of donation of surplus ice machine to Del Rio Volunteer Fire Department.

**Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Fancher** to approve donation of surplus ice machine to Del Rio Volunteer Fire Department.

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

**City of Newport Logo**

Alderman Hansel handed out some samples of the new City logo’s that the committee has been working on. They will narrow it down to three and bring back to the Board for a vote.

**Bids**

**Police Vehicles**

Consideration of approval of bids for 15 police vehicles. Finance Director Tina Matthews stated she has been working with the State bid for 15 units. These units will be take home vehicles for the police department. The down payment is \$180,000 with an annual payment of \$50,000. The total financing is \$230,000 for the lease program for 15 units.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight** to approve the bid for 15 police vehicles in the amount of \$502,000 through the state bid from TT of Murfreesboro Inc.

**Roll Call**

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

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

**Credit Card for the City of Newport**

Consideration of approval of bids for credit card servicing for the City of Newport. Finance Director Matthews stated she has tried working with Bank of America to up the City’s credit line with no success. There were two bids submitted as follows: US Bank Corp. and Regions Bank. Ms. Matthews has recommended Regions Bank.

**Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Hansel** to approve the bid from Regions Bank for the credit card for the City of Newport.

**Roll Call**

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

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

**Citizens Comments**

Mayor Connie Ball asked Parks & Recreation Director Tim Dockery to look in on getting a splash pad for the kids.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor & Alderman, **a motion was made by Aldermen Gribble and second by Alderman Hansel** 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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