

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION  
AUGUST 9, 2022**

**Public Hearing**

Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt opened the public hearing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-12 Personnel Policy for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Vice Mayor Proffitt closed the public hearing.

**August 9, 2022**

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Alderman Connie Ball led the invocation. Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The following officials were present: 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.

The following officials were absent: Mayor Roland Dykes, III.

Vice Mayor Proffitt declared a Quorum.

**Minutes**

**July 12, 2022 Regular Session**

**Motion by Alderman Ball and second by Alderwoman Ottinger**, for minutes of the July 12, 2022 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

**Communications from the City Administrator**

City Administrator James Finchum stated the Covid has made a comeback with the new variant. There has been several city employees and family members that has had Covid. Mr. Finchum did state that most employees are back to work.

Mr. Finchum reported the litter pick up will be this weekend to clean up the city.

**Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees**

**Appointment to the Library Board – Elizabeth Parker Term**

Consideration of appointment to the Library Board – Elizabeth Parker Term. The Cocke County Library Board has nominated Sacha Steele as trustee to replace Elizabeth Parker.

Vice Mayor Proffitt asked the Board to appoint Sacha Steele to replace Elizabeth Parker term. The Board agreed to appoint Sacha Steele.

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

**Old Business**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-12 Personnel Policy for the City of Newport**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-12 Personnel Policy for the City of Newport.

**Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-12 Personnel Policy for the City of Newport.**

**Roll Call**

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

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

**New Business**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-13 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport**

Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-13 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

**Motion was made by Alderman Ball and second by Alderman Smith, to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-13 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.**

**Roll Call**

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

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

**Contract Between Tennessee Valley Authority and the City of Newport**

Consideration of contract between Tennessee Valley Authority and the City of Newport. Mr. Finchum stated this contract will allow Newport Utilities to restructure internal debt between the broad band and electric system.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the contract between Tennessee Valley Authority and the City of Newport.**

**Roll Call**

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

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

**Drone Policy for the City of Newport**

Consideration of Drone Policy for the City of Newport. Cory Haggard stated this drone policy was required by the City of Newport insurance. This policy is for city owned drones only.

**Motion was made by Alderman Ball and second by Alderman Smith, to approve Drone Policy for the City of Newport.**

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

**Duck Race for CCHS Basketball Team**

Consideration of Duck Race for CCHS Basketball Team. Gail Woods asked for a duck race for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> for the CCHS Basketball Team to play in a tournament in Tampa, Florida. This will along River Street. They have also asked to serve refreshments on the requested day.

**Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve the duck race for CCHS Basketball team on September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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

## **Bids**

### **Copy Machines for City Hall**

Consideration of bids for Copy Machines for City Hall. This will be for the replacement of two all in one copy machines. The following bids were submitted: Rogersville Office Supply Lease includes two TA2554ci in the amount \$242.65 a month and RJ Young in the amount \$295.46 a month.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve bid received from Rogersville Office Supply Lease includes two TA2554ci in the amount \$242.65 a month for the City Hall.**

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

### **Annual Paving for the City of Newport**

Consideration of bids for annual paving for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the City of Newport. There was only one bid from Newport Paving & Ready Mix.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Ball, to approve bid from Newport Paving & Ready Mix for the annual paving for fiscal year 2022-2023.**

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

## **Adjournment**

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

**All Ayes- Vice Mayor Proffitt 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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