

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 13, 2016**

Public Hearing

Mayor Connie Ball opened the public hearing for discussion on Ordinance #2016-10 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Ball opened for discussion on Ordinance #2016-11 Budget Amendment for the Newport Grammar School. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Ball closed the Public Hearing.

December 13, 2016

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 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 Connie Ball, Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt, Alderman Roger Gribble, Alderman Mike Hansel, City Administrator James Finchum, and City Attorney Terry Hurst.

The following officials were not present: Alderman Jeff Fancher and Alderman Bobby Knight.

Mayor Ball declared a Quorum.

Minutes

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Motion by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Gribble for minutes of the November 15, 2016 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported he had a citizen to come to him on trucks coming down the Golf Course Road that are going to Conagra. Their GPS are sending them

through Golf Course Road. The request was made for the City to put up a sign on Heritage Blvd. and Morrell Springs Road warning them to turn around; that the GPS is sending them the wrong way.

A Small Town Christmas Celebration Concert held at the 1st Baptist Church was a big success. Mr. Finchum stated the house was packed and the entertainment was great. Mr. Finchum gave a big thank you to Kellie Stokely and the city staff for their work involved.

Mr. Finchum reported Finance Director Tina Matthews and himself had a meeting with the auditors. The auditors will be at the January City Council to report to the Board on the audit. Mr. Finchum reported there were zero findings in this year's audit the first time in years if ever.

Mr. Finchum asked Fire Chief Randy Ragan and Chief of Police Maurice Shults to give a report to the Board on the Gatlinburg fires. Vice Mayor recognized the community for helping with the Gatlinburg fires.

Mayor Ball asked to move Director Tim Dockery's new business due to Mr. Dockery had to leave.

Family Membership for the Community Center

Consideration of family membership at the Community Center. An annual family membership would be a family up to 4 members with a cost of \$300. The membership would be from January 2 – December 31.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel to approve the annual family membership for the Community Center for up to 4 family members for a cost of \$300.

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

Reports from Committees, Members of Council & Other Officers

Keep Cocke County Beautiful Director Henderson presented Eric Knight with the Polly Ottinger Beautification Award for clearing off property behind his business.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-10 Budget Amendment of the City of Newport

Consideration of approval of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-10 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-10 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Alderman Gribble	NAY
Alderman Hansel	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

2-1 - Mayor Ball declared the motion passed and approved.

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-11 Budget Amendment of the Newport Grammar School

Consideration of approval of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-11 Budget Amendment for the Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Hansel to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-11 Budget Amendment for the Newport Grammar School.

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-12 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 7 Fire Protection and Fireworks Chapter 3 Fire Codes Adopting the 2012 International Fire Code and the 2012 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code to the Municipal Code

Consideration of approval of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-12 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 7 Fire Protection and Fireworks Chapter 3 Fire Codes Adopting the 2012 International Fire Code and the 2012 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code to the Municipal Code.

Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-12 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 7 Fire Protection and Fireworks Chapter 3 Fire Codes Adopting the 2012 International Fire Code and the 2012 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code to the Municipal Code.

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

Resolution #2016-20 Administrative Services for Community Development Block Grant

Consideration of Resolution #2016-20 Administrative Services for Community Development Block Grant. The grant is for storm water studies & flood issues. Staff recommendation is for Community Development Partners LLC.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve Resolution #2016-20 Administrative Services for Community Development Block Grant.

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

Resolution #2016-21 Engineering Services for Community Development Block Grant

Consideration of Resolution #2016-21 Engineering Services for Community Development Block Grant. Staff recommendation is for Mattern & Craig.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve Resolution #2016-21 Engineering Services for Community Development Block Grant.

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

Police Department Adding a New Policy to the General Orders – Personal Police Vehicle Program Policy

Consideration of Police Department Adding a New Policy to the General Orders – Personal Police Vehicle Program Policy.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve Police Department Adding a New Policy to the General Orders – Personal Police Vehicle Program Policy.

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

Strategic Planning for Cocke County

Planning Director Gary Carver reported the Strategic Planning for Cocke County has went to the county & Parrottsville. This should be on the January agenda for a vote of approval.

Bids

Truck for the Street Department

Consideration of approval of bids for a truck for the Street Department. This is for a 2017 Dodge truck not to exceed \$35,000.

Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Hansel to approve the state contract bid for a 2017 Dodge truck not to exceed \$35,000.

All Ayes- Mayor Ball 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 Aldermen Hansel and second by Alderman Gribble to adjourn.**

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

Mayor Connie Ball

James Finchum, City Administrator

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