

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION  
DECEMBER 8, 2020**

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for discussion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2020-10 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2020-11 Budget Amendment for the Newport Grammar School. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the Public Hearing.

**December 8, 2020**

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the invocation. Alderman Steve Smith led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

The following officials were not present: Alderman Bobby Knight.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

**Minutes**

**November 10, 2020 Regular Session**

**Motion by Alderman Smith and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt**, for minutes of the November 10, 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 there has been a spike in cases, but the city has been incredibly lucky to date.

Mr. Finchum reported Walters State Community College asked to postpone the grand opening to the facility for late March or early April due to the COVID. They are planning something big for the outside.

Mayor Dykes reported the health department should be getting the COVID vaccines by the next few weeks.

## **Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees**

### **Appointment to the Police Civil Service Board – Author Styles Term**

Consideration of Appointment to the Police Civil Service Board – Author Styles Term. The Police Civil Service Board has re-appointed Author Styles.

No action was taken.

### **Appointment to the Fire Civil Service Board – Jason Chrisman’s Term**

Consideration of Appointment to the Fire Civil Service Board – Jason Chrisman’s Term. The Fire Department has re-appointed Jason Chrisman.

No action was taken.

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

Community Development Director Gary Carver gave updates on the Tanner Building project. Mr. Carver stated Walters State Community College will still have classes beginning in January. Walters State has more moving to do and other offices are moving in slowly.

## **Old Business**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2020-10 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2020-10 Budget Amendment 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 #2020-10 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.**

## **Roll Call**

Alderman Hansel      AYE  
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE  
Alderman Smith      AYE

Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2020-11 Budget Amendment for the Newport Grammar School**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2020-11 Budget Amendment for the Newport Grammar School.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2020-11 Budget Amendment for the Newport Grammar School.**

**Roll Call**

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

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

**New Business**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2020-12 Budget Amendment for the Newport Grammar School**

Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2020-12 Budget Amendment for the Newport Grammar School.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2020-12 Budget Amendment for the Newport Grammar School.**

**Roll Call**

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

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

**Resolution #2020-16 Authorizing the City of Newport to Apply for the 2020 Public Parks and Recreation Grant**

Consideration of Resolution #2020-16 Authorizing the City of Newport to Apply for the 2020 Public Parks and Recreation Grant.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve Resolution #2020-16 Authorizing the City of Newport to Apply for the 2020 Public Parks and Recreation Grant.**

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

Planning Director Carver reported the storm drainage project will begin on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> with road closure but will open the road for the weekend for the parade then reclose the following Monday.

**Purchasing Equipment from Newport Utilities – Mayor Roland Dykes III**

Discussion of Purchasing Equipment from Newport Utilities – Mayor Roland Dykes III. Mayor Dykes gave a report on the status of connecting to Newport Utilities. After much discussion, the equipment to be purchased from Newport Utilities is in the total amount of \$20,628.13 and will need to have a budget amendment.

**Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve the purchase of equipment from Newport Utilities in the total amount of \$20,628.13.**

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

City Administrator James Finchum stated that he was informed by Chief of Police Maurice Shults the Police Civil Service Board appoint is appointed by the City Council and needs to be readdressed.

**Appointment to the Police Civil Service Board – Author Styles Term**

Consideration of Appointment to the Police Civil Service Board – Author Styles Term. The Police Civil Service Board has re-appointed Author Styles.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve the re-appointment of Author Styles to the Police Civil Service Board.**

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

**Adjournment**

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

**All Ayes- Mayor Dykes 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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