

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

**February 11, 2020**

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

**Minutes**

**January 14, 2020 Regular Session**

**Motion by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger** for minutes of the January 14, 2020 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

**January 23, 2020 Special Called Meeting**

**Motion by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt** for minutes of the January 23, 2020 Special Called to be approved as submitted.

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

**Communications from the City Administrator**

City Administrator James Finchum reported Fire Chief Randy Ragan will be retiring April 2020. Mr. Finchum asked for guidance in the selection process for his successor. This position has been posted and the deadline is Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. The three options Mr. Finchum gave was: appoint in March, have a called meeting and interview the candidates or let the Mayor create a committee with only one board member to evaluate, interview and

recommend. After much discussion, the Board decided to have a called meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm to interview the candidates for Fire Chief.

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

Community Development Director Gary Carver stated the Tanner Building project has been pushed back a little due to the rain but expects to be on schedule later.

**New Business**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance #2020-01 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport**

Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance #2020-01 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight** to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance #2020-01 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

**Rollcall**

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

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

**Resolution #2020-05 Hiring Administration Services for TDOT Multimodal Project**

Consideration of Resolution #2020-05 Hiring Administration Services for TDOT Multimodal Project. Community Development Director Gary Carver’s recommendation is to hire Community Development Partners.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Hansel** to approve Resolution #2020-05 Hiring Administration Services for TDOT Multimodal Project, Community Development Partners.

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

**Resolution #2020-06 Hiring Administration Services for Transportation Alternatives Project**

Consideration of Resolution #2020-06 Hiring Administration Services for Transportation Alternatives Project. Community Development Director Gary Carver’s recommendation is to hire Community Development Partners.

**Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel to approve Resolution #2020-06 Hiring Administration Services for Transportation Alternatives Project, Community Development Partners.**

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

**Resolution #2020-07 Renaming River Street and River Road to Waters Edge Street**

Consideration of Resolution #2020-07 Renaming River Street and River Road to Waters Edge Street. Alderwoman Ottinger stated she feels like the Gregg's have been committed to this project and the community. People has come to the meetings to show support for the name change. Alderwoman Ottinger stated changing the name of a street is something this Council doesn't take lightly.

**Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Smith to approve Resolution #2020-07 Renaming River Street and River Road to Waters Edge Street.**

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

**Vote 3-2- Mayor Dykes declared the motion failed.**

**Lease Agreement Between the City of Newport and Walter's State Community College**

Consideration of Lease Agreement Between the City of Newport and Walter's State Community College. Walter's State will be going in the Tanner Building.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve Lease Agreement Between the City of Newport and Walter's State Community College.**

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

**Annual Chamber Events**

Consideration of annual Chamber events as follows: Rhythm on the River June 4 & 18, July 2, 16 & 30; Street Festival October 2-4; and Christmas Parade December 12.

**Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Smith to approve annual Chamber events as follows: Rhythm on the River June 4 & 18, July 2, 16 & 30; Street Festival October 2-4; and Christmas Parade December 12.**

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

**The Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Cocke County Government, the City of Newport and the Industrial Development Board of the City of Newport and Cocke County TN**

Consideration of the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Cocke County Government, the City of Newport and the Industrial Development Board of the City of Newport and Cocke County TN.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Cocke County Government, the City of Newport and the Industrial Development Board of the City of Newport and Cocke County TN.**

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

**Allowing a City of Newport Employee to Use Accumulated Early Retirement Time**

Consideration of allowing a City of Newport Employee to Use Accumulated Early Retirement Time.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve allowing a City of Newport Employee to Use Accumulated Early Retirement Time.**

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

**Citizens Comments**

Chief of Police Maurice Shults stated there was an issue at a roadblock where the group was not 18 years of age and not wearing their safety vest. Chief of Police Shults stated he was working with administration on a check list for the roadblocks.

Kim Gregg stated she has spoke with MTAS on renaming a street. Ms. Gregg stated MTAS recommended to create a policy where citizens or businesses can do a road name change properly.

Fire Chief Randy Ragan stated he has been with the City of Newport for 30 years and it was time for him to retire. Fire Chief Ragan introduced the new Firefighter Seth Griffin and the new Assistant Fire Chief Ed Byrd.

**Adjournment**

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

**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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