

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for discussion of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2019-01 Budget Amendment for City of Newport.
Mayor Dykes closed the Public Hearing.

February 12, 2019

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Alderman Bobby Knight 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 8, 2019 Regular Session

Motion by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight for minutes of the January 8, 2019 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

Proclamations and/or Recognition of Citizens by the Mayor

Recognition of Cocke County Habitat for Humanity for receiving the 2018 Property Improvement Grant. Planning Director Gary Carver reported Cocke County Habitat for Humanity has received \$8,325 for the cleanup work on three properties. This grant is 50/50 match through the City of Newport.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported the Newport Utilities construction work on Broadway is completed. Mr. Finchum said hopefully the State will be grinding and paving in the spring as scheduled.

Mr. Finchum reported the budget process has begun with the first meeting today with the departments.

The Police Department has been working on house keeping with updating the General Orders and will be presenting the updates to the Board in March.

Vice Mayor Proffitt recognized Mark Robinson for working on the cleanup in the city.

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Discussion of appointment to the Police Civil Service Board – Christopher Eric Gregg. The Police Department has appointed Christopher Eric Gregg to serve on the Police Civil Service Board.

Consideration of Re-Appointment to the Beer Board – Dennis Thornton. Ordinance #2018-15 Amending the Terms for the Beer Board states “all members of the Beer Board shall serve and hold office for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The members appointed by the mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen shall be in staggered terms so at least one member’s term expires each year.

Each existing member shall stagger their term as the first member up for appointment shall serve and hold a two (2) year term, the second member up for appointment shall serve and hold a three (3) year term and the third member up for appointment shall serve and hold a four (4) year term.” Mr. Thornton is the first member to be re-appointed after the new ordinance was revised September 2018. He will serve a two-year term.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Smith to re-appoint Dennis Thornton to the Beer Board for a two-year term.

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

Reports from Committees, Members of Council & ther Officers

Planning Director Gary Carver reported for the Tanner Preservation Alliance on the process of the construction of the building. Mr. Carver stated that he estimates the Tanner Building construction to start in April if everything goes according to schedule.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2019-01 Budget Amendment for City of Newport

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2019-01 Budget Amendment for City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2019-01 Budget Amendment for City of Newport.

Roll Call

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.

New Business

Annual Report from Brown, Jake, and McDaniel for the Audit for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Discussion of the annual report from Brown, Jake, and McDaniel for the audit for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Frank McDaniel reported the annual audit to the Board. Mr. McDaniel stated this was a clean audit with no findings.

1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages Changing the Alcohol Weight and Hours of Sales

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages Changing the Alcohol Weight and Hours of Sales. The Beer Board has recommended to change the alcohol weight and hours of sales according to the new state law for liquor stores.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Smith to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages Changing the Alcohol Weight and Hours of Sales.

Roll Call

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 #2019-01 Authorizing the City of Newport to Accept the Tennessee Department of Transportation Multimodal Grant

Consideration of Resolution #2019-01 Authorizing the City of Newport to Accept the Tennessee Department of Transportation Multimodal Grant. Mr. Carver reported this was for

sidewalks for the City of Newport. This is a 95/5 match grant. The city will be committed to at least \$50,000. There can be amendments to this grant as needed.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel to approve Resolution #2019-01 Authorizing the City of Newport to Accept the Tennessee Department of Transportation Multimodal Grant.

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

Taking Honey Bee Lane in the City of Newport

Consideration of taking Honey Bee Lane in the City of Newport. The City of Newport does not have right of way on Honeybee Lane. The county highway department does not have record of Honeybee Lane ever being part of the county road system. It was not properly taken in as a road when that part was annexed. Susan Grooms has requested a property subdivision on her land, which the Planning Commission can not properly grant without the matter being resolved. The city needs to acquire an easement from the affected property owners so that we can legally provide services to these properties. Normally the private property owners would be required to pay for surveying and to bring the street to city standards before it would be accepted in. Given that these property owners have been paying city taxes for 30 some odd years, it is the recommendation of the Planning Department that the city pay for the surveying to obtain the easement, accept this street into the city as a street we maintain and then pave it.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to authorizing the city pay for the surveying to obtain the easement, accept this street into the city as a street we maintain and then pave it

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

Authorizing Newport Utilities General Manager to Sign a Letter of Credit for Newport Utilities Related to USDA REDLG Loan to RGE and to Sign for Annual Renewal Each Year

Consideration of Authorizing Newport Utilities General Manager to sign a Letter of Credit for Newport Utilities Related to USDA REDLG loan to RGE and to sign for annual renewal each year. Mayor Dykes stated he would like to amend the request by removing the General Manager to sign for annual renewal each year. Mayor Dykes stated he thinks the Newport Utilities should come back to renew each year. The Board agreed to have Newport Utilities to come back annually to renew the Letter of Credit.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Hansel to approve authorizing Newport Utilities General Manager to sign a Letter of Credit for Newport Utilities Related to USDA REDLG loan as modified.

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

Bids, Purchases and Expenses

Analog-Digital Radios for the Fire Department

Consideration of bids Analog- Digital Radio’s for the Fire Department. Fire Chief Randy Ragan stated this was a State bid from Land Air Total Communications for analog-digital radios for the Fire Department in the amount of \$22,421.06.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve the State bid from Land Air Total Communications for analog-digital radios for the Fire Department in the amount of \$22,421.06.

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

Playground Equipment for the Filbert Park on 5th and Filbert Street

Consideration of bids for Playground Equipment for the Filbert Park on 5th and Filbert Street. Parks & Recreations Director Tim Dockery stated this is a State bid from Game Time Playcore Company for playground equipment in the amount of \$24,997.93.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Hansel to approve the State bid from Game Time Playcore Company for playground equipment for the Filbert Park on 5th and Filbert Street in the amount of \$24,997.93.

All Ayes- Mayor Dykes 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 Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight** to adjourn.

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

Mayor Roland Dykes, III

James Finchum, City Administrator

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