

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 10, 2023**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes opened the public hearing for the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-18 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School. There was no one to comment.

Consideration of the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-19 Amending the Personnel Policy for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the public hearing.

January 10, 2023

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Vice Mayor Connie Ball led the invocation. Alderman Randy Ragan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

Minutes

December 13, 2022 Regular Session

Motion by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel, for minutes of the December 13, 2022 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 Animal Control building. Mr. Finchum stated progress is moving along to the other temporary building being renovated by Ole

Smoky. This is short term plan. The long term plan is to purchase property down industrial road from the county and to build a new Animal Control building. Hopefully, if everything goes as planned, the city will break ground this Spring.

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Re-Appointment to the Police Civil Service Board – Dean Ball

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Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Hansel, to re-appointment Alderman Dean Ball to the Police Civil Service Board.

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

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-18 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-18 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made by Alderman Ragan and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-18 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Roll Call

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

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-19 Amending the Personnel Policy for the City of Newport

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-19 Amending the Personnel Policy for the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-19 Amending the Personnel Policy for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel AYE

Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Ragan AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Ball AYE

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

New Business

New Street in the Industrial Park

Discussion of New Street in the Industrial Park. Community Development Director Gary Carver reported Ole Smoky would like to construct a new street in the industrial park. Once completed, they would like the city to consider adopting the road into the street system.

Ole Smoky will close an existing street and build a new street. This item will go before the Planning Commission then back to City Council for approval. The Board was in favor of the new street.

There was no action taken.

Newport Police Department to Apply for the Annual Tennessee Highway Safety Office High Visibility Grant

Consideration of Newport Police Department to Apply for the Annual Tennessee Highway Safety Office High Visibility Grant. Assistant Chief of Police Scott Lamb reported this is an annual grant with no cost to the city.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Smith, to approve Newport Police Department to Apply for the Annual Tennessee Highway Safety Office High Visibility Grant.

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

Newport Fire Department to Apply for the Tennessee Department of Forestry Grant

Consideration of Newport Fire Department to Apply for the Tennessee Department of Forestry Grant. Fire Chief Jeremy Shelton stated this is a federal grant for \$20,000 at a 100% reimbursement.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ball and second by Alderman Ragan, to approve Newport Fire Department to Apply for the Tennessee Department of Forestry Grant.

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

Roadblock Policy

Discussion of Roadblock Policy. Angela Massy had come to the December City Council and has asked to waive the rules to allow her to a roadblock to take care of cats that have been thrown out at the dumpsters. Ms. Massey is not a non-profit organization and she does not have a 501-C3.

Mr. Finchum reported after much research, the city cannot waive the requirements to allow Ms. Massey or anyone else to have a roadblock. We cannot alter the policy.

Ms. Massey asked for suggestions. Vice Mayor Ball stated he knew a paper carrier that feeds and waters the cats on her paper route.

There was no action taken.

Adjournment

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

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

Mayor Roland Dykes, III

James Finchum, City Administrator

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