

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 11, 2022**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2021-12 Zoning for Property on West Highway 25/70. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the public hearing.

Special Session by the Mayor

Mayor Roland Dykes opened a special session with a moment of silence for former Aldermen Bobby Knight.

Vacant Alderman Position

Discussion of vacant Alderman position. Vice Mayor Proffitt nominated Connie Ball to replace former Alderman Bobby Knight to the end of his term.

Motion was made Vice Mayor Proffitt by and second by Alderman Hansel, to appoint Connie Ball to serve the remainder term for former Alderman Bobby Knight.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE
Alderman Smith	AYE

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

City Attorney Terry Hurst swore Connie Ball into office as Alderman.

January 11, 2022

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the invocation. Alderman Hansel 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 Mike Proffitt, Alderman Connie Ball, Alderman Mike Hansel, Alderman Steve Smith, City Attorney Terry Hurst, and City Administrator James Finchum.

The following officials were not present: Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

Minutes

December 14, 2021 Regular Session

Motion by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Smith, for minutes of the December 14, 2021 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

Alderman Hansel recognized former Alderman Bobby Knight as a great man. Alderman Smith recognized former Alderman Bobby Knight.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported the Covid has hit hard with employees being out. Several departments have employees out with the Covid.

Mr. Finchum asked the Board to suspend the rules and add the purchase of two garbage trucks to the agenda. The state has made changes to the way to lease. Mr. Finchum asked that the city purchase instead of leasing the two garbage trucks.

Motion was made Vice Mayor Proffitt by and second by Alderman Smith, to suspend the rules and add the purchase of two garbage trucks to the agenda.

Roll Call

Alderman Ball	AYE
Alderman Hansel	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE
Alderman Smith	AYE

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

Mr. Finchum announced that Newport Dry Goods was closing due to the owner retiring.

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Re-Appointment to the Police Civil Service Board

Consideration of Re-Appointment of Police Civil Service Board – Christopher Eric Gregg. This appointment is by the Police Department. The Newport Police voted to re-appoint Mr. Gregg.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2021-12 Zoning for Property on West Highway 25/70

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2021-12 Zoning for Property on West Highway 25/70.

Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2021-12 Zoning for Property on West Highway 25/70.

Roll Call

Alderman Ball	AYE
Alderman Hansel	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE
Alderman Smith	AYE

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

New Business

Parks & Recreation Seasonal Employees to be Classified as Part-Time Employees

Consideration of Parks & Recreation seasonal employees, 11 positions, to be classified as part-time employees.

Motion was made Alderman Hansel by and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve Parks & Recreation seasonal employees to be classified as part-time employees.

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

1st Reading of Ordinance # 2022-01 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance # 2022-01 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance # 2022-01 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

Alderman Ball	AYE
Alderman Hansel	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

Alderman Smith AYE

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

Purchase of Two Garbage Trucks

Consideration of purchase of two garbage trucks. Finance Director Tina Mathews and Street Superintendent Ben Hicks are asking the Board to approve the purchase of the two garbage trucks from Municipal Equipment in the total amount of \$294,998.40. Ms. Matthews stated there is money in the budget for this purchase but would have to add this to the budget amendment to move the money.

Motion was made Vice Mayor Proffitt by and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve the purchase of two garbage trucks from Municipal Equipment in the total amount of \$294,998.40.

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 Alderman Ball and second by Alderman Hansel** 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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