

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 8, 2019**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for discussion of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-17 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the Public Hearing.

January 8, 2019

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the invocation. Chief of Police Maurice Shults 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

December 11, 2018 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight for minutes of the December 11, 2018 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 reported the work on the new traffic lights downtown Newport is wrapping up. The traffic light in front of the library is up and working. The light at Mims Avenue is almost completed.

Vice Mayor Proffitt recognized the city departments on their work throughout the City.

Alderman Hansel recognized Chief of Police Maurice Shults and the Newport Police Department on the successful drug bust at a local hotel.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-17 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-17 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-17 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-01 Budget Amendment for City of Newport

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-01 Budget Amendment for City of Newport.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-01 Budget Amendment for City of Newport.

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

Hiring a Full-Time Firefighter for an Open Position

Consideration of hiring a full-time Firefighter for an open position. This position is to replace Shannon Ball. Colby McGaha was recommended by the Fire Civil Service Board. Mr. McGaha will not start working until February.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel to hire Colby McGaha as a Fire Fighter for the Newport Fire Department to replace Shannon Ball's position.

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

Bids, Purchases and Expenses

2 Used Trucks for the Street Department

Consideration of bids for 2 Used Trucks for the Street Department. Street Superintendent Ben Hicks recommend taking the only bids that came in by Fincher Truck & Equipment for a 2011 Ford F-350 in the amount of \$13,900 and 2012 Ford F-350 in the amount of \$15,900.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to purchase the 2 used trucks from Fincher Truck & Equipment a 2011 Ford F-350 in the amount of \$13,900 and a 2012 Ford F-350 in the amount of \$15,900.

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

Comments from Citizens

Matthew Vandaley from Newport Fight Club asked the Board for bike lanes and/or signs for bikes. After much discussion, Mayor Dykes asked for research on this issue and will address it in the next couple of weeks.

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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