

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION  
JULY 10, 2018**

**Public Hearing**

Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt opened the public hearing for discussion of Ordinance #2018-10 Amending The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Newport Chapter 3 General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Deleting and Replacing Subsection 3.e.1. Political Campaign Signs. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of Ordinance #2018-11 Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Newport Chapter 1 Municipal Planning Commission Deleting And Replacing Section 101 Creation And Membership. There was no one to comment.

Vice Mayor Proffitt closed the Public Hearing.

**July 10, 2018**

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 5:45 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Alderman Mike Hansel led the Pledge to the Flag.

The following officials were present: Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt, Alderman Jeff Fancher, Alderman Mike Hansel, Alderman Bobby Knight, Alderman Steve Smith, City Administrator James Finchum, and City Attorney Terry Hurst.

The following officials were absent: Mayor Connie Ball.

Vice Mayor Proffitt declared a Quorum.

**Minutes**

**June 12, 2018 Regular Session**

**Motion by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Fancher** for minutes of the June 12, 2018 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

## **Proclamations and/or Recognition of Citizens**

Vice Mayor Proffitt gave recognition of Parks & Recreation Month.

## **Communications from the City Administrator**

City Administrator James Finchum reported he has had several complaints of fireworks over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday week. People started celebrating the Saturday before July 4<sup>th</sup> through the Saturday after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Finchum stated the staff is researching fireworks regulations from surrounding cities to bring back to the Board to make changes to have a balance without disturbance from neighbors.

Mr. Finchum stated for public knowledge the Street Department and Parks and Recreation Department will alter their hours to an hour earlier than normal hours through this heat. The new hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Finchum asked the Board to suspend the rules & add to the agenda a request from Detective Jason Ramsey to access his carry over sick early retirement time due to family medical circumstances. Chief of Police Maurice Shults has recommended with a letter.

**Motion by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Fancher** to suspend the rules & add to the agenda a request from Detective Jason Ramsey to access his carry over sick early retirement time due to family medical circumstances.

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

## **Appointment of Boards, Commission & Committees**

Consideration of re-appointment to the Beer Board – Jimmy Lee.

**Motion by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt** to re-appoint Jimmy Lee to the Beer Board.

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

Consideration of re-appointment to the Industrial Development Board – Tommy Bible.

**Motion by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Fancher** to re-appoint Tommy Bible to the Industrial Development Board.

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

Consideration of re-appointment to the Industrial Development Board – James Finchum.

**Motion by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Knight** to re-appoint James Finchum to the Industrial Development Board.

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

**Old Business**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2018-10 Amending The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Newport Chapter 3 General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Deleting and Replacing Subsection 3.e.1. Political Campaign Signs**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2018-10 Amending The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Newport Chapter 3 General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Deleting and Replacing Subsection 3.e.1. Political Campaign Signs.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Hansel** to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2018-10 Amending The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Newport Chapter 3 General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Deleting and Replacing Subsection 3.e.1. Political Campaign Signs.

**Roll Call**

Alderman Fancher	AYE
Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	AYE
Alderman Smith	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2018-11 Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Newport Chapter 1 Municipal Planning Commission Deleting And Replacing Section 101 Creation And Membership**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2018-11 Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Newport Chapter 1 Municipal Planning Commission Deleting and Replacing Section 101 Creation and Membership.

**Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Fancher** to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2018-11 Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Newport Chapter 1 Municipal Planning Commission Deleting and Replacing Section 101 Creation and Membership.

**Roll Call**

Alderman Fancher	AYE
Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	AYE
Alderman Smith	AYE

Vice Mayor Proffitt                      AYE

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

**New Business**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2018-12 Amending the Municipal Code Title 12 Buildings, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 1 Building Codes Section 12-101 Adopting the 2012 International Building Code**

Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2018-12 Amending the Municipal Code Title 12 Buildings, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 1 Building Codes Section 12-101 Adopting the 2012 International Building Code.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight** to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2018-12 Amending the Municipal Code Title 12 Buildings, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 1 Building Codes Section 12-101 Adopting the 2012 International Building Code.

**Roll Call**

Alderman Fancher                      AYE  
Alderman Hansel                        AYE  
Alderman Knight                        AYE  
Alderman Smith                         AYE  
Vice Mayor Proffitt                      AYE

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

**Resolution #2018- 07 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the TML Risk Management Pool “Safety Partners” Matching Grant Program**

Consideration of Resolution #2018- 07 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the TML Risk Management Pool “Safety Partners” Matching Grant Program. This is a 50/50 grant to purchase boots.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight** to approve Resolution #2018- 07 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the TML Risk Management Pool “Safety Partners” Matching Grant Program.

**Roll Call**

Alderman Fancher                      AYE  
Alderman Hansel                        AYE  
Alderman Knight                        AYE  
Alderman Smith                         AYE

Vice Mayor Proffitt                      AYE

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

**Resolution #2018-08 Engineering Inspection Services for the ARC Project**

Consideration of Resolution #2018-08 Engineering Inspection Services for the ARC Project. Planner Gary Carver stated he would recommend hiring Elizabeth Eason Architecture, LLC.

**Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Smith** to approve Resolution #2018-08 Engineering Inspection Services for the ARC Project.

**Roll Call**

Alderman Fancher                      AYE  
Alderman Hansel                      AYE  
Alderman Knight                      AYE  
Alderman Smith                      AYE  
Vice Mayor Proffitt                      AYE

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

**Retail Recruitment Opportunities for the City of Newport**

Discussion of Retail Recruitment Opportunities for the City of Newport. Will Kline of Retail Coach gave a presentation to the Board.

**Selling a 2005 Kenworth Pierce Fire Engine**

Consideration of Selling a 2005 Kenworth Pierce Fire Engine. Friendsville Volunteer of Friendsville, Tennessee has made an offer of \$80,000 to purchase the fire engine.

**Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Smith** to approve selling a 2005 Kenworth Pierce Fire Engine to Friendsville Volunteer of Friendsville, Tennessee in the amount of \$80,000.

**Roll Call**

Alderman Fancher                      AYE  
Alderman Hansel                      AYE  
Alderman Knight                      AYE  
Alderman Smith                      AYE  
Vice Mayor Proffitt                      AYE

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

**Flag Retirement Ceremony Program – Alderman Mike Hansel**

Discussion of Flag Retirement Ceremony Program – Alderman Mike Hansel. Alderman Hansel gave information of the Flag Retirement Ceremony on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the courthouse. Rob Watkins asked for help from the city for this event.

**Detective Jason Ramsey Request to Access Carry Over Sick Early Retirement Time**

Consideration of request from Detective Jason Ramsey to access his carry over sick early retirement time due to family medical circumstances.

**Motion by Alderman Fancher and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt** to approve a request from Detective Jason Ramsey to access his carry over sick early retirement time due to family medical circumstances.

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

**Bids**

**Bids for 2 Used SUV's for the Planning and Buildings & Codes**

Consideration of Bids for 2 Used SUV's for the Planning and Buildings & Codes. The follow bids came in: Hometown Auto 2016 Jeep Compass \$14,680; and Stinnett Auto Group 2013 Nissan Rogue \$13,849, 2016 Jeep Patriot \$13,884, 2017 Buick Encore \$21,502, 2016 Jeep Compass \$14,452, 2016 Ford Explorer \$24,875, and 2017 Buick Encore \$27,990. Mr. Finchum stated we had budgeted \$15,000 for each vehicle.

**Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Smith** to approve Bids from Stinnett Auto Group the 2016 Jeep Patriot \$13,884 and the 2016 Jeep Compass \$14,452 for the Planning and Buildings and Codes Department.

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

**Citizens Comments**

Alderman Fancher has received complaints about beautification and parked junk cars in yards and streets. Mr. Fancher handed out information on Kingsport updating their ordinance on parked junk cars.

Joan Lambert stated with the downtown traffic in the construction that people has been very kind letting others out.

Rob Watkins thanked Alderman Hansel for all he has done for the veterans.

**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 Fancher to adjourn.

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

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Mayor Connie Ball

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James Finchum, City Administrator

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