

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
REGULAR SESSION  
JULY 11, 2023**

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Roland Dykes opened the public hearing for consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2023-11 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Prohibited Signs, Electronic Reader Board. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the public hearing.

**July 11, 2023**

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Alderman Mike 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 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**

**June 13, 2023 Regular Session**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Ball and second by Alderwoman Ottinger**, for minutes of the June 13, 2023 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**

Alderwoman Ottinger spoke on behalf of Bill Hudson, the owner of storage buildings that were broken into twice in three days, to give out certificates of recognition for the teamwork and professionalism of the apprehending the suspect to the following police officers: Josh Spurgeon, Justin Shelton, Eli Suggs, Alex Reece, BJ Woody, Mike Robey, Matthew Elliott, Will Garber, and Scott Lamb.

**Communications from the City Administrator**

City Administrator James Finchum reported the Fire Department has moved classification with the Insurance Services Office to level three and almost a level two. Fire Chief Jeremy Shelton has packets for the Board in the monthly department reports.

Mr. Finchum reported the next summer concert behind the city hall is Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> with a new band, the Outlaw Whiskey Band.

**Appointment Of Boards, Commissions & Committees**

**Re-Appointment to the Beer Board – Jimmy Lee’s Term**

Consideration of Re-Appointment to the Beer Board – Jimmy Lee’s Term.

**Motion was made by Alderman Ragan and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve Re-Appointment Jimmy Lee to the Beer Board.**

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

**Appointment to the Beer Board – LC Gregg’s Term**

Consideration of Appointment to the Beer Board – LC Gregg’s Term. This term will be to serve the remainder of the late LC Gregg’s term that will end March 2026.

**Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Smith, to approve Derrick Whitson to serve the remainder of LC Gregg’s term to the Beer Board ending March 2026.**

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

**Re-Appointment to the Planning Commission – Jim McSween’s Term**

Consideration of Re-Appointment to the Planning Commission – Jim McSween’s Term.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ball and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve Re-Appointment Jim McSween to the Planning Commission.**

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

**Old Business**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2023-11 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Prohibited Signs, Electronic Reader Board**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2023-11 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Prohibited Signs, Electronic Reader Board.

**Motion was made by Alderman Ragan and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2023-11 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Prohibited Signs, Electronic Reader Board.**

**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**

**Audit for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2022**

Auditor Frank McDaniel from Brown Jake and McDaniel gave a report to the Board on fiscal year 2022. Mr. McDaniel stated the City of Newport had a clean audit.

**Audit Contract Between Brown Jake and McDaniel and the City of Newport**

Consideration of Audit Contract Between Brown Jake and McDaniel and the City of Newport.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Ragan, to approve Audit Contract Between Brown Jake and McDaniel and the City of Newport.**

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

**Resolution #2023- 03 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the Public Entity Partners “Safety Partners” Matching Grant Program**

Consideration of Resolution #2023- 03 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the Public Entity Partners “Safety Partners” Matching Grant Program. This is a matching sum grant for safety equipment.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ball and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve Resolution #2023- 03 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the Public Entity Partners “Safety Partners” Matching Grant Program.**

**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.**

**Annual Contract Between 911 Office and the City of Newport**

Consideration of Annual Contract Between 911 Office and the City of Newport. The contract between the City of Newport and 911 Office is for three years, 2023-2026.

**Motion was made by Alderman Ragan and second by Alderman Smith,** to approve Contract Between 911 Office and the City of Newport for 2023-2026.

**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.**

**Authorizing the Police Department to Participate in the Statewide School Resource Officer Grant Program**

Consideration of Authorizing the Police Department to Participate in the Statewide School Resource Officer Grant Program. This School Resource Officer Grant Program requires no matching funds for the City of Newport and will pay up to \$75,000.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ball and second by Alderwoman Ottinger,** to approve Authorizing the Police Department to Participate in the Statewide School Resource Officer Grant Program.

**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.**

**Bids**

**New Vehicle for the Police Department**

Consideration of bids for a New Vehicle for the Police Department to replace a wrecked vehicle. The State bid from Ford of Murfreesboro with decal and up fit the vehicle in the total amount of \$50,395.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Ragan**, to approve the State bid from Ford of Murfreesboro with decal and up fit the vehicle in the total amount of \$50,395.

**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.**

**Annual Salt Contract for the City of Newport**

Consideration of bids for the Annual Salt Contract for the City of Newport. Street Superintendent Ben Hicks recommendation for Compass Minerals America Inc. in the amount of \$124.58 a ton. This was the low bid.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Ball**, to approve the bid from Compass Minerals America Inc. in the amount of \$124.58 a ton for the annual salt 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.**

**Comments from Citizens**

Alderman Ragan stated he was proud of Fire Chief Shelton and the Fire Department for an excellent job on moving up the classification with the Insurance Services Office to level three.

**Adjournment**

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

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

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Mayor Roland Dykes, III

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James Finchum, City Administrator

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