

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 12, 2016**

Moment of Silence

Mayor Connie Ball asked for a moment of silence in honor of the Dallas Police Officer victims.

Public Hearing

Mayor Connie Ball opened the public hearing for discussion on Ordinance #2016-Financial Policy for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment. Mayor Ball closed the Public Hearing.

July 12, 2016

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Alderman Jeff Fancher led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Mayor Ball declared a Quorum.

Minutes

June 2, 2016 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Fancher for minutes of the June 2, 2016 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

Proclamations and/or Recognition of Citizens by the Mayor

Vice Mayor Proffitt presented Hard Times Street Rods Club with a proclamation.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported he has received several complaints and calls due to fireworks in the city. There is no ordinance restricting fireworks in the city. The only way to address this issue would be through the noise ordinance, projectile, and littering regulations.

Mr. Finchum announced that Safe Routes to School project has passed its final stage. The target date to have this project done will be November 2016. But Mr. Finchum did state that this could change. This project was started in 2008 and has been through many changes.

Mr. Finchum stated the auditors came to the City Hall to do their preliminary work. The auditors were very pleased with the work and stated that everything looked good. The auditors were happy the tax anticipation note was gone but did say they would like to see the cash balance build up.

Sales tax revenue is up \$300,000 from last year. Mr. Finchum wanted to clarify some statements. The \$100,000 that the city gave to the Partnership for the roof on the distillery was not from tax payers money. This money was from the sales tax revenue. Also, the state has given the Tanner Building a \$250,000 grant that is actually a reimbursement grant. The city was unaware of this being a reimbursement grant. The state will get back with Mr. Finchum on this issue. The city had pledged \$150,000 for the Tanner Building. Mr. Finchum stated this appropriated money would have to be voted on by the Board.

Alderman Gribble asked about the Animal Shelter. Mr. Finchum stated the Friends of the Animal Shelter have sent in some money in to the City Hall but not all money that they owe. The operation has not changed since the lease was broken. Mr. Finchum stated, "after everything is worked out between the Friends of the Animal Shelter and the city, we will work on a lease."

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Consideration of Beer Board appointment – Glenmore Smith. Nomination from Vice Mayor Proffitt to appoint Jimmy Lee to replace Glenmore Smith. There were no other nominations.

Motion by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Fancher to cease nominations for the Beer Board.

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

Motion by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel to appoint Jimmy Lee to the Beer Board to replace Glenmore Smith.

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

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-06 Financial Policy for the City of Newport

Consideration of approval of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-06 Financial Policy for the City of Newport. City Administrator Finchum stated this was required by the State.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-06 Financial Policy for the City of Newport.

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-07 Planning Commission Monthly Pay for Meetings

Consideration of approval of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-07 Planning Commission Monthly Pay for Meetings. Mr. Finchum stated the monthly pay for the Planning Commission will be \$50 a month and only if the commissioners attend the meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Fancher to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-07 Planning Commission Monthly Pay for Meetings.

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

Resolution #2016-08 Seeking to Form an Industrial Development Board Between the City of Newport and Cocke County

Consideration of approval of Resolution #2016-08 Seeking to Form an Industrial Development Board between the City of Newport and Cocke County. Planning Director Gary Carver and Cocke County Partnership Director Lucas Graham explained that by approving this resolution it will include the resolution, application, charter and by-laws for the Industrial Development Board. This will also appoint 7 board members that are as follows: 2 year term Tommy Bible and City Administrator James Finchum; 4 year term Brandon Joynt and Alderman Mike Hansel; and 6 year term Linda Wester and Jason Oury along with Mayor Connie Ball to represent the City of Newport. The county will vote for the approval of the resolution on July 18th in their monthly meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve Resolution #2016-08 Seeking to Form an Industrial Development Board between the City of Newport and Cocke County.

Roll Call

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

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

Discussion of Drone Usage in the City of Newport

Discussion of drone usage in the City of Newport by Alderman Hansel. Alderman Hansel stated he is gathering information to regulate the use of drones. Alderman Hansel has contacted MTAS for information as well.

Update on City of Newport Logo

Alderman Hansel gave an update on the City of Newport logo. Alderman Hansel reported the committee was looking into creating a city flag. The new logo should be presented to the Board for their approval by the August meeting.

Utilizing Acquired Leave for Brad Ball

Consideration of approval of utilizing acquired leave time for Brad Ball. Mr. Ball has written the Board a letter requesting to use his acquired time while on medical leave.

Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Knight to approve utilizing acquired leave time for Brad Ball.

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

Bids

Vehicle for the Fire Department

Consideration of approval of bids for a vehicle for the Fire Department. Bid from Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram of Columbia. This is a state bid in the amount of \$29,915.54.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Fancher to approve the bid from Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram of Columbia as submitted for a vehicle for the Fire Department.

Roll Call

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

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

Fire Truck Lease for the Fire Department

Consideration of approval of bids for two pumper fire truck lease for the Fire Department. This is a 10 year lease for both trucks. State bid from KME Kovatch and North American Fire Equipment Co. Inc. in the amount of \$820,300.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Hansel to approve the bid from KME Kovatch and North American Fire Equipment Co. Inc. in the amount of \$820,300 as submitted for two pumper fire trucks for the Fire Department.

Roll Call

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

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

City Hall Roof

Consideration of approval of bids for a roof for the City Hall. The following bids were submitted: Brockwell Construction Company \$271,558; Centi Mark \$209,438; Construction Service Group PC \$195,500; and Davis Brothers Roofing Inc. \$177,950. Gary Carver and Mark Hill had been working on getting information and the best roof for the City Hall. After much review, Mr. Carver and Mr. Hill recommendation was for Centi Mark but to upgrade to the 20 year warranty and greater mill thickness of installation for an additional \$4,339.

Roll Call

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

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Gribble to approve the bid from Centi Mark in the amount of \$209,438 with the upgrade to the 20 year warranty and greater mill thickness of installation for an additional \$4,339 as submitted.

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

Rock Salt for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Consideration of approval of bids for bulk ice control rock salt for fiscal year 2016-2017. The city conglomerate salt bid is as follows: Cargill \$83.45; Compass Minerals \$77.09; and Morton Salt \$93.62 per ton. The state bid for Cocke County was \$89.17 per ton. Street Superintendent Ben Hicks recommendation was for the low bid. Mr. Hicks asked if the awarded bid was to not have the salt needed could he go with the next lowest bidder.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve the bid for Compass Mineral in the amount of \$77.09 per ton for bulk ice control rock salt with the option to go with the next lowest bid if no salt was available.

Roll Call

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

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

Citizens Comments

Vice Mayor Proffitt introduced and welcomed the new reporter for Newport Plain Talk Allison Brooks. Tim Dockery invited the Board to the ribbon cutting of the new playground at the City Park. Assistant Fire Chief Mark Ramsey stated he admires the Board along with Finance Director Tina Matthews and City Administrator James Finchum. Mr. Ramsey stated the departments have benefitted greatly because of the decisions they have made.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor & Alderman, **a motion was made by Aldermen Gribble and second by Alderman Hansel** to adjourn.

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

Mayor Connie Ball

James Finchum, City Administrator

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