

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION  
JULY 13, 2021**

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for presentation of the final draft of the City of Newport complete streets plan. This study was funded by a TDOT local planning grant that has been ongoing the past several months. KCI Technologies presented the final report draft. This report lays out future development and transportation strategies for the City of Newport. It will be used as another tool in our overall development strategy.

Mayor Dykes closed the public hearing.

**July 13, 2021**

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the invocation. Alderman Steve Smith 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 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**

**June 8, 2021 Regular Session**

**Motion by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt**, for minutes of the June 8, 2021 Regular Session to be approved as amended.

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

**Communications from the City Administrator**

City Administrator James Finchum reported the garbage truck that was budgeted for this fiscal year was going up in cost by the end of the month. This would be a savings of \$4,400 if

voted on tonight. The council were giving the bid packets prior to the meeting for review. Mr. Finchum asked to amend the agenda and add the bid of two garbage trucks.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to suspend the rules and add the purchase of two garbage trucks to the agenda.**

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

Mr. Finchum gave a report on the litter pickup in the city. There were eleven (11) employees that worked with seventy-seven (77) bags of garbage picked up.

Mr. Finchum gave an update on the stimulus monies. The city will not receive the monies no earlier than the end of September. Therefore, the city can not start any projects until the money is received. The restriction for the usage continues to get longer on what the city can use it for.

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

#### **Re-Appointment to Library Board – Linda Hampton-Parker Term**

Consideration of Re-Appointment to Library Board – Linda Hampton-Parker Term.

**Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Smith, to re-appointment to Library Board – Linda Hampton-Parker Term.**

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

#### **Appointment to Library Board – Jeff Fancher Term**

Consideration of Appointment to Library Board – Jeff Fancher Term. The Library Board has asked to postpone this appointment to next months meeting due to the person they nominated has moved.

No action was taken.

### **New Business**

#### **Resolution #2021-03 Ratifying Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the City of Newport**

Consideration of Resolution #2021-03 Ratifying Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the City of Newport. Property tax rate for the City of Newport \$2.412 per \$100 on assessed value on all real and personal property.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve Resolution #2021-03 Ratifying Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the City of Newport.**

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

**Renewal of Contract Between E-911 and the City of Newport**

Consideration of renewal of contract between E-911 and the City of Newport. This is an annual contract for employee’s payment from the city.

**Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Alderman Knight,** to approve renewal of contract between E-911 and the City of Newport.

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

**Hiring a New Firefighter for the Newport Fire Department**

Consideration of hiring a new firefighter for the Newport Fire Department. Fire Chief Jeremy Shelton stated this hire was for a replacement of a retiring fireman in September. Alec Norton was the candidate selected by the Newport Fire Department.

**Motion was made Vice Mayor Proffitt by and second by Alderman Hansel,** to approve hiring Alec Norton as a new firefighter for the Newport Fire Department.

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

**Bids**

**Bids for Two Storage Buildings for City Hall**

Consideration of bids for two storage buildings for City Hall. These would be for the city recorder and human resource for storing records. One bid from Old Hickory Buildings for three sizes of buildings: 12 X 20 foot \$7,084.15, 10 X 24 foot \$8,464.75 and 12 X 28 foot \$9,751.75.

**Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger** for approval of bid from Old Hickory Buildings as submitted.

**Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger** to amend the motion to add no more than \$19,503.55.

**Roll Call**

- Alderman Hansel     AYE
- Alderman Knight    AYE
- Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
- Alderman Smith     AYE
- Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

**Bids for Purchase of Two Garbage Trucks**

Consideration of bids for Purchase of two garbage trucks. The proposed is to purchase two new 2021 Freightliner M2 106-New Way-11 Yard Viper. Staff has recommended a 3-year lease with 4 annual payments of \$76,100.65 for a total cost of \$304,402.60 from Municipal Equipment, Inc.

**Motion was made Alderman Hansel by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the purchase of two new 2021 Freightliner M2 106-New Way-11 Yard Viper for a total cost of \$304,402.60 from Municipal Equipment, Inc.**

**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 Smith and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt** 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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