

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 14, 2020**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for discussion of Resolution #2020-12 Ratifying Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the City of Newport, Tennessee. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the Public Hearing.

July 14, 2020

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

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

June 9, 2020 Regular Session

Motion by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, for minutes of the June 9, 2020 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

June 16, 2020 Special Called Meeting

Motion by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight, for minutes of the June 16, 2020 Special Called Meeting to be approved as submitted.

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

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum gave an update on the COVID. Mr. Finchum stated there are no changes from last meeting. The City is following the governor’s guidelines.

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Re-Appointment to the Cocke County Library Board – Pat Mason

Consideration of re-appointment to the Cocke County Library Board – Pat Mason.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the re-appointment of Pat Mason to the Cocke County Library Board..

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

Re-Appointment to the Parks & Rec Advisory Board – Chuck Strange

Consideration of re-appointment to the Parks & Rec Advisory Board – Chuck Strange.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Smith, to approve the re-appointment of Chuck Strange the Parks & Rec Advisory Board.

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

Appointment to the Parks & Rec Advisory Board – Jay Graham Term

Consideration of appointment to the Parks & Rec Advisory Board – Jay Graham term. Mr. Graham dose not want to serve on the Parks & Rec Advisory Board. Chip Oury would like to serve on the Parks & Rec Advisory Board.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the appointment of Chip Oury to the Parks & Rec Advisory Board.

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

Re-Appointment to the Industrial Development Board – Brandon Joynt

Consideration of re-appointment to the Industrial Development Board – Brandon Joynt.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve the re-appointment of Brandon Joynt to the Industrial Development Board.

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

Re-Appointment to the Industrial Development Board – Mike Hansel

Consideration of re-appointment to the Industrial Development Board – Mike Hansel.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight, to approve the re-appointment of Mike Hansel to the Industrial Development Board.

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

Reports from Committees, Members of Council & Other Officers

Community Development Director Gary Carver gave updates on the Tanner Building project. Mr. Carver stated the windows, electrical, and painting is coming together, the parking lot will be last. Mr. Carver stated the ribbon cutting and Partnership moving in should be in August.

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-05 Amending the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Newport Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309, Signs Prohibited Signs, Product Sales Signs

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-05 Amending the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Newport Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309, Signs Prohibited Signs, Product Sales Signs. This ordinance was passed at the June Planning Commission meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-05 Amending the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Newport Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309, Signs Prohibited Signs, Product Sales Signs.

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.

Resolution #2020-11 Adopting the Revised Cocke County Hazard Mitigation Plan - EMA Director Joe Esway

Consideration of Resolution #2020-11 Adopting the Revised Cocke County Hazard Mitigation Plan. EMA Director Joe Esway stated this county hazard mitigation plan is revised every five years.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight, to approve Resolution #2020-11 Adopting the Revised Cocke County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

Resolution #2020-12 Ratifying Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the City of Newport, Tennessee

Consideration of Resolution #2020-12 Ratifying Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the City of Newport, Tennessee. The tax rate, if approved, will be \$2.412 per \$100 of assessed value on all real and personal property set by the State.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve Resolution #2020-12 Ratifying Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the City of Newport, Tennessee.

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

Opening a Bank Account for the State of Tennessee Direct Appropriation Grant

Consideration of opening a bank account for the State of Tennessee Direct Appropriation Grant.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Vice mayor Proffitt, to approve opening a bank account for the State of Tennessee Direct Appropriation Grant.

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

Hiring a Firefighter for the Newport Fire Department

Consideration of hiring a Firefighter for the Newport Fire Department. Fire Chief Jeremy Shelton stated the next on the hiring list from the Fire Civil Service Board was Jacob Rathbone.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve hiring Jacob Rathbone for Firefighter for the Newport Fire Department.

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

Renewal of Annual Contract Between E911 Emergency Cocke County and the City of Newport

Consideration of renewal of annual contract between E911 Emergency Cocke County and the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Knight, to approve renewal of annual contract between E911 Emergency Cocke County and the City of Newport.

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

Discussion of Ordinance Awareness – Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger

Discussion of Ordinance Awareness – Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger. Alderwoman Ottinger stated she had gotten a lot of calls on fireworks after the July 4th holiday. Alderwoman Ottinger said she would like to have an awareness campaign so the residents of the city will be more aware of all ordinance. Alderwoman Ottinger suggested reaching out to the local news media and Facebook to get the word out.

Bids

Repaving Prospect Ave and Heritage Blvd – Surface Transportation Block Grant

Consideration of bids for repaving Prospect Ave and Heritage Blvd – Surface Transportation Block Grant. Community Development Director Gary Carver stated there was only one bid from Newport Paving in the amount of \$341,669.71.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the bid from Newport Paving in the amount of \$341,669.71 for the repaving of Prospect and Heritage Blvd - Surface Transportation Block Grant.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor & Alderman, **Mayor Dykes** adjourned the meeting.

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

Mayor Roland Dykes, III

James Finchum, City Administrator

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