

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 9, 2019**

July 9, 2019

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Fire Chief Randy Ragan 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

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Motion by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Hansel for minutes of the June 11, 2019 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

Vice Mayor Proffitt recognized Hard Times Street Rod Club for their role in last month's car show at the City Park.

Vice Mayor Proffitt recognized the Street Department in the storm clean up stating they are still working on the brush pick up. Also, Vice Mayor Proffitt recognized the Newport Utilities and Wolf Tree Company. The Police Department was recognized for directing traffic through the power outage.

Vice Mayor recognized Patrolman Brandon Cassidy for working with a baby for an hour to save it.

Vice Mayor Proffitt recognized Sergeant David Clevenger by presenting him with a Meritorious Service certificate for his work to help save an employee at the library by pulling a shelf off of her and saving a choking woman at a restaurant.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported on the brush pickup after the storm that the brush truck was down but is now working and making runs going from street to street. Mr. Finchum stated there are a lot of brush in the city to be picked up and asked for the citizens to have patience.

The Chamber has asked to hold a car show in the city hall parking lot at the Street Festival. The car show will only be on Saturday and will not interfere with operations of the city hall. Mayor Dykes asked how many cars and if the parking lot will be enough room for the car show. Mr. Finchum stated the Chamber didn't give him a number of vehicles attending the car show. Mayor Dykes asked to add this item to the August agenda for discussion.

Mr. Finchum gave a reminder about the concert series behind City Hall on July 11th with Mountain Edge and July 25th with Grits from Dumpling Valley. Mr. Finchum stated the attendance at the concerts have been up from last year.

Reports from Committees, Members of Council & Other Officers

Planning Director Gary Carver reported for the Tanner Preservation Alliance on the pre-construction meeting for the renovation of the building with the city, contractors, engineers and grant consultants.

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Re-Appointment to the Beer Board – Jimmy Lee

Consideration of Re-Appointment to the Beer Board – Jimmy Lee. Mr. Lee is the third and last member to be re-appointed after the beer ordinance was revised. He will serve a four-year term.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Smith to approve Jimmy Lee to be re-appointed to the Beer Board.

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

Re-Appointment to the Library Board – Elizabeth Parker

Consideration of Re-Appointment to the Library Board – Elizabeth Parker.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Knight to approve Elizabeth Parker to be re-appointed to the Library Board.

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

Re-Appointment to the Planning Commission – Jim McSween

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

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Hansel to approve Jim McSween to be re-appointment to the Planning Commission.

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

New Business

Resolution #2019-05 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the Public Entity Partners Safety Matching Grant Program

Consideration of Resolution #2019-05 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the Public Entity Partners Safety Matching Grant Program.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel to approve Resolution #2019-05 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the Public Entity Partners Safety Matching Grant Program.

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.

Allowing the Tennessee Picnic Association to Hold an Event Behind City Hall

Consideration of allowing the Tennessee Picnic Association to hold an event behind City Hall. This is a block party in conjunction with the annual Tennessee Picnic on August 10th from 8-10:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight to approve allowing the Tennessee Picnic Association to hold an event behind City Hall on August 13th from 8-10:00 p.m.

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

Early Storm Warning System for the City of Newport – Alderman Mike Hansel

Discussion of Early Storm Warning System for the City of Newport – Alderman Mike Hansel. Alderman Hansel gave out packets with information on early storm warning systems to the Board. There are grants available to pay that will pay 75/25 on these systems. Alderman Hansel asked for an endorsement to allow EMA Director Joe Esway to look into grants for an early storm warning system for the City of Newport. The Board agreed for an indorsement to allow EMA Director Joe Esway to look at grants for an early storm warning.

Camera System at the Intersection of McMahan and Broadway – Alderman Mike Hansel

Discussion of Camera System at the Intersection of McMahan and Broadway – Alderman Mike Hansel. Alderman Hansel asked for an indorsement to allow EMA Director to look into camera system that will get the truck numbers and tag numbers of trucks if the traffic signs are hit. This camera system will only be for the intersection at McMahan and Broadway. The Board agreed for an indorsement to allow EMA Director Joe Esway to look into camera system.

Bids, Purchases and Expenses

Filtration System for the Community Center Pool

Consideration of bids for the filtration system for the Community Center Pool. There was only one bid from Duffield Aquatics for the total amount of \$90,531.45.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve the bid from Duffield Aquatics for the total amount of \$90,531.45 for the Filtration System for the Community Center Pool.

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.

Annual Paving for the City of Newport

Consideration of bids for annual paving for the City of Newport. Newport Paving & Ready Mix has extended their bid from last year.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve the bid annual paving for the City of Newport.

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.

Annual Rock Salt for the City of Newport

Consideration of bids for annual rock salt for the City of Newport. The State bid for rock salt is from Cargill Incorporated in the amount of \$84.85 per ton.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel to approve the bid for rock salt from Cargill Incorporated in the amount of \$84.85 per ton for the City of Newport.

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

Adjournment

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

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

Mayor Roland Dykes, III

James Finchum, City Administrator

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