

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION  
JUNE 13, 2017**

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Connie Ball opened the public hearing for discussion of Ordinance # 2017-07 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of Ordinance #2017-08 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of Ordinance #2017-09 Budget for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Ball closed the Public Hearing.

**June 13, 2017**

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Parks & Recreation Director Tim Dockery 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**

**May 9, 2017 Regular Session**

**Motion by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight** for minutes of the May 9, 2017 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

**Communications from the City Administrator**

City Administrator James Finchum reported to the Board there will be a special called meeting June 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall for a resolution for Newport Utilities to authorize the broadband internet services.

Mr. Finchum reported the Board needs a special called meeting at the end of June for the bids for refurbishing of the Tanner Building. Mr. Finchum reported the deadline for bids are June 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Finchum asked for a time to meet for the special called meeting by the end of June.

The speed monitor for Bryant Town that was voted on at last month's meeting has arrived. The City will coordinate with Newport Utilities next week to get it put up on Cosby Highway.

Mr. Finchum reported the Rhythm on the River Summer Concert started June 1<sup>st</sup> with the biggest attendance since they have started.

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

Consideration of re-appointment for the Planning Commission for Mansfield McMahan.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight** to reappoint Mansfield McMahan to the Planning Commission.

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

Consideration of appointment for the Library Board – Alvin Watts. This appointment is made Mayor Ball. The Library Board has recommended Pat Mason to replace Alvin Watts. The Library Board has also recommended re-appointing Alderman Fancher. Mayor Ball has appointed Pat Mason to replace Alvin Watts and to re-appoint Alderman Fancher to the Library Board. Mayor Ball asked the Board to approve on his appointments.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel** to appointed Pat Mason to replace Alvin Watts and to re-appoint Alderman Fancher to the Library Board.

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

Consideration of re-appointing Alderman Jeff Fancher to the Economic Development Commission. The Economic Development Commission has recommended re-appointing Alderman Fancher to the Board.

**Motion by Alderman Knight and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt** to re-appoint Alderman Fancher to the Economic Development Commission.

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

### **Reports from Committees, Members of Council & Other Officers**

Roland Dykes of the Tanner Preservation Alliance gave a report to the Board.

**Old Business**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance # 2017-07 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2017-07 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

**Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Knight** to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2017-07 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

**Roll Call**

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

**4-1. Mayor Ball declared the motion passed and approved.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2017-08 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2017-08 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

**Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Fancher** to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2017-08 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

**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.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2017-09 Budget for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2017-09 Budget for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel** to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2017-09 Budget for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

**Roll Call**

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

**4-1. Mayor Ball declared the motion passed and approved.**

**New Business**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance #2017-11 Amending the Municipal Code Title 3 Municipal Court Adding Offender Fee for Paid Violations**

Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance #2017-11 Amending the Municipal Code Title 3 Municipal Court Adding Offender Fee for Paid Violations.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Gribble to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance #2017-11 Amending the Municipal Code Title 3 Municipal Court Adding Offender Fee for Paid Violations.**

**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.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2017-12 Amending the Municipal Code Title 16 Streets and Sidewalks, Etc. Replacing Section 103 Heavy Truck Traffic**

Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2017-12 Amending the Municipal Code Title 16 Streets and Sidewalks, Etc. Replacing Section 103 Heavy Truck Traffic. Mr. Finchum reported this truck traffic solution prohibits a right turn for trucks at the intersection on Broadway at the Coffee Shop. This will give the option of writing a citation with this ordinance.

**Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Fancher to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2017-12 Amending the Municipal Code Title 16 Streets and Sidewalks, Etc. Replacing Section 103 Heavy Truck Traffic.**

**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.**

**Design Review Board**

Discussion of the Design Review Board. Planner Gary Carver reported the Planning Commission would like to create a Design Review Board. The intent of this commission would be to review all building permits within our C-1 district (downtown) and establish a set of guidelines that would help steer the aesthetics of Downtown Newport as we develop in the foreseeable future. The recommendation is the current Planning Commissioners can serve as members of the Design Review Commission. Any appeal from the Design Review Commission would come to the City Council. Mr. Carver stated he would go to the Planning Commission with an ordinance to be sent to the Board for a vote at next month's meeting.

**Animal Shelter**

Discussion of the Animal Shelter by Alderman Fancher. Alderman Fancher reported of a meeting two (2) weeks ago with the City, the County and the Friends on the Animal Shelter issues. Alderman Fancher stated we are waiting on the County to see what they were going to do. MTAS has issued a formula based on the population for the funding.

**Discussion of Renovation of Buildings for Sale**

Discussion of Renovation of Buildings for Sale by Alderman Gribble. Alderman Gribble asked about the building on Woodlawn what we are doing and how much is it costing us. Mr. Finchum stated this has been in the newspaper and we have discussed this in meetings to have a temporary solution for the animal control since we have to vacate the animal shelter by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The jail inmates have been removing Keep Cocke County Beautiful items they have stored in the building. The Street Department and Parks & Recreations have been working on the maintenance of the building. The money has come out of the City Hall building repairs line item. The City has spent \$5,800 on the building. Alderman Gribble asked if it is zoned for an animal shelter. Mr. Finchum stated he had checked with the State Planner who said it is zoned correctly. Vice Mayor Proffitt stated we had no other choose. We had to do what we had to do to get out of the animal shelter.

**Bids**

**Police Records and Court System for the City of Newport**

Consideration of Bids for Police Records and Court System for the City of Newport. There was four (4) bids as follows: Agisent Technologies, Inc., Tyler Technologies, Southern Software, Inc., and PTS Solutions, Inc. Travis Gorrell and Rocky Gentry with the Police Department recommended Agisent Technologies, Inc. the lowest one (1) year cost and the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest reoccurring cost. It is web based and user friendly.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel to approve the bid for Police Records and Court System for the City of Newport from Agisent Technologies, Inc.**

**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**

Ann Fontaine spoke to the Board about rumors concerning the Friends of the Animal Shelter. Ms. Fontaine stated the Friends didn't steal money & we deserve an apology. Mr. Finchum stated no one said the Friends stole any money. The monies from the rolling rescue were never turned in to the City. The lease was already broken. The budget was to shut down a building not closing the shelter until the letter from the lawyer evicting the City. Mr. Finchum stated he had to do something before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Finchum called the Aldermen to start making arrangements for animal control. Ms. Fontaine said the Friends were not evicting anyone. The letter from the lawyer was to renegotiate the lease.

Parks & Recreation Director Tim Dockery invited the Board to the upcoming events at the park.

Lori Keller from Valore Furniture told the Board that the company has been behind in their personal property taxes for 3 years and would like to pay them. Ms. Keller asked the Board to consider waive the interest, court cost and attorney fees. City Attorney Terry Hurst suggests adding this to next month's meeting and to ask Attorney Jeff Greene what the Board should do or not do.

Joan Lambert asked if there was an ordinance allowing merchants to put items on the sidewalks. Mayor Ball said this issue has been taken care of.

Linda White stated she had a question but would like to give her time to Ann Fontaine to finish speaking. Ms. Fontaine continued to report the Friends needed money to run the animal shelter. Ms. Fontaine asked for both the city & the county to give \$100,000 each in support of the shelter. Alderman Fancher stated it was up to the county.

**Adjournment**

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

**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.**

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Mayor Connie Ball

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James Finchum, City Administrator

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