

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 13, 2023**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes opened the public hearing for consideration of the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-08 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School. There was no one to comment.

Consideration of the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-09 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Consideration of the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-10 Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the public hearing.

June 13, 2023

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Police Chief Maurice Shults led the invocation. Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger 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 Connie Ball, Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger, Alderman Randy Ragan, Alderman Steve Smith, City Attorney Terry Hurst, and City Administrator James Finchum.

The following officials were not present: Alderman Mike Hansel.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

Minutes

May 9, 2023 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Ragan, for minutes of the May 9, 2023 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported the Street Department employees have sent their thanks and appreciation to the Board for the new asphalt roller. The employees have stated this has made the job so much better with good equipment to work with.

Mr. Finchum stated he has been approached by the county to consider consolidating the recreation programs. Mr. Finchum stated he is open for discussion, but this would have to involve Parks & Recreation Director Tim Dockery.

Mr. Finchum stated he is working with the county now on a plan for the sanitation department to consolidate. The City is working with the county to help the services for the community with no city funding for the operations. At no point can it add any additional cost to the city taxpayers.

Appointment Of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Appointment to the Cocke County Partnership Board

Consideration of appointment to the Cocke County Partnership Board. This appointment is for an alderman to serve an one-year term that is on a three-year rotation from CLB, Newport City Council and Parrottsville Council. Alderman Randy Ragan was appointed to serve this term.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-08 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-08 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Ragan, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-08 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Roll Call

Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Ragan AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Ball AYE

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-09 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-09 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ball and second by Alderman Ragan, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-09 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Ragan AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Ball AYE

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-10 Budget for the City of Newport

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-10 Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Vice Mayor Ball, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-10 Budget for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Ragan AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Ball AYE

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-11 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Prohibited Signs, Electronic Reader Board

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-11 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Prohibited Signs, Electronic Reader Board.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Vice Mayor Ball, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-11 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Prohibited Signs, Electronic Reader Board.

Roll Call

Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Ragan AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Ball AYE

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

Downtown Mural for the Chamber

Consideration of Downtown Mural from the Chamber. Chamber Director Lynn Ramsey gave a presentation to the Board on a new mural for downtown located at the property of 118 McSween Avenue. The Planning Commission passed the proof of the mural at the May meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Ragan and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve Downtown Mural for the Chamber.

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

State Highway 2023-24 City Maintenance Agreement

Consideration of State Highway 2023-24 City Maintenance Agreement. This annual contract is for the same as last year in the amount of \$62,032.15.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Ragan, to approve State Highway 2023-24 City Maintenance Agreement.

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

Bids

Truck for the Street Department

Consideration of bids Truck for the Street Department. The only bid was from Ramsey’s East Tennessee Auto Sales for a 2007 Ford F-350 Super Duty 4X4 Regular Cab Truck in the amount of \$22,000.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ball and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the bid from Ramsey’s East Tennessee Auto Sales for a 2007 Ford F-350 Super Duty 4X4 Regular Cab Truck in the amount of \$22,000.

Roll Call

Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Ragan AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Ball AYE

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

Trailer for Parks & Recreation

Consideration of bids for a Trailer for Parks & Recreation. The only bid was from Gator Made Inc. for a Gator Lift Trailer in the amount of \$15,495.

Motion was made by Alderman Ragan and second by Vice Mayor Ball, to approve the bid from Gator Made Inc. for a Gator Lift Trailer in the amount of \$15,495.

Roll Call

Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Ragan AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Ball AYE

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

Pressure Washing for the Pavilion at the City Park

Consideration of bids for pressure washing, painting, and staining for the Pavilion at the City Park. The only bid was from JEMS Handyman Services in four phases in the total amount of \$10,355.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Vice Mayor Ball, to approve the bid from JEMS Handyman Services in four phases in the total amount of \$10,355.

Roll Call

Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Ragan AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Ball AYE

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 Vice Mayor Ball and second by Alderwoman Ottinger** 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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