

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION  
JUNE 14, 2022**

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-08 Budget Amendment City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-09 Budget Amendment Newport Grammar School. There was no one to comment.

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-10 Budget for the City of Newport Fiscal Year 2022-23. An amendment of Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget includes an increase to the Cocke County Partnership annual donation by \$32,000 and a one-time donation in the amount of \$35,000 for Buxton Program. There was no one to comment.

Consideration of Proposed Plan of Service for Owner Consent Annexation – Highway 73. Community Development Director Gary Carver stated this is for four parcels only of the former Conagra warehouse that is now owned by Phoenix Investors Newport Industrial. No residential property is in this annexation. There was no one to comment.

Consideration of Proposed Plan of Service for Owner Consent Annexation – Rankin Road. This is the Woodland Property owned by the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the public hearing.

**June 14, 2022**

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 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 Connie Ball, Alderman Mike Hansel, Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger, Alderman Steve Smith, City Attorney Terry Hurst, and City Administrator James Finchum.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

## Minutes

### May 10, 2022 Regular Session

**Motion by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Ball**, for minutes of the May 10, 2022 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

Mayor Dykes presented members of the Cocke County High School Track 4X100 Meter Relay Team that went to the State AA Championship Track Meet Landon Lane, Jody Swann, Roman Stewart, and Tesean Simpson.

### Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported the county has paved a 35-foot pad at the annex and placed three dumpsters on the property. Mr. Finchum has had the property surveyed. This property belongs to the city. Mr. Finchum asked for guidance on this issue. City Attorney Terry Hurst suggested sending a letter notifying the county to let them use the property.

Mr. Finchum reported there was 69 bags of garbage picked up on May 21<sup>st</sup> around the city with the litter pick up.

Mr. Finchum reminded everyone of the second Rhythm on the River concert on Thursday.

### Appointment Of Boards, Commissions & Committees

#### Re-Appointment to the Planning Commission

Consideration of Re-Appointment to the Planning Commission – Cecil Gilland’s Term.

**Motion was made by Alderman Ball and second by Alderman Hansel**, to re-appointment Cecil Gilland to the Planning Commission.

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

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

Community Development Director Gary Carver gave a report on the Tanner Building. The hotel/motel tax monies are to replace the windows, doors, and awning for the welcome center to be ready to open. Dr. West and his staff are coming June 21<sup>st</sup> to work on the museum.

**Old Business**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-08 Budget Amendment City of Newport**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-08 Budget Amendment City of Newport.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-08 Budget Amendment City of Newport.**

**Roll Call**

Alderman Ball            AYE  
Alderman Hansel        AYE  
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE  
Alderman Smith        AYE  
Vice Mayor Proffitt    AYE

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-09 Budget Amendment Newport Grammar School**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-09 Budget Amendment Newport Grammar School.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-09 Budget Amendment Newport Grammar School.**

**Roll Call**

Alderman Ball            AYE  
Alderman Hansel        AYE  
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE  
Alderman Smith        AYE  
Vice Mayor Proffitt    AYE

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-10 Budget for the City of Newport Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-10 Budget for the City of Newport Fiscal Year 2022-23.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-10 Budget for the City of Newport Fiscal Year 2022-23.**

**Roll Call**

Alderman Ball AYE  
Alderman Hansel AYE  
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE  
Alderman Smith AYE  
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Resolution #2021-14 Charter Change for the City of Newport**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Resolution #2021-14 Charter Change for the City of Newport. This Charter change was voted on December 2021 by City Council, sent to the State of Tennessee General Assembly for approval May 2022 and now needs approval by City Council for a second hearing.

**Motion was made by Alderman Ball and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Resolution #2021-14 Charter Change for the City of Newport.**

**Roll Call**

Alderman Ball AYE  
Alderman Hansel AYE  
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE  
Alderman Smith AYE  
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

**New Business**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-11 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newport for 834 Martine Street**

Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-11 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newport for 834 Martine Street. Community Development Director Gary Carver reported this has been sent by the Planning Commission. This is for 30 feet on the property on Martine Street. This property will be used by Firehouse Subs parking and dumpsters. There will be a privacy fence on this property. This is to rezone the property to commercial zone.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-11 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newport for 834 Martine Street.**

**Roll Call**

Alderman Ball AYE  
Alderman Hansel AYE

Alderwoman Ottinger AYE  
Alderman Smith AYE  
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

**Resolution #2022-08 Annex Certain Territory Upon Written Consent of the Owners and to Incorporate the Same Within the Boundaries of the City of Newport, Tennessee – Highway 73**

Consideration of Resolution #2022-08 Annex Certain Territory Upon Written Consent of the Owners and to Incorporate the Same Within the Boundaries of the City of Newport, Tennessee – Highway 73.

**Motion was made by Alderman Ball and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve Resolution #2022-08 Annex Certain Territory Upon Written Consent of the Owners and to Incorporate the Same Within the Boundaries of the City of Newport, Tennessee – Highway 73.**

**Roll Call**

Alderman Ball AYE  
Alderman Hansel AYE  
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE  
Alderman Smith AYE  
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

**Resolution #2022-09 Annex Certain Territory Upon Written Consent of the Owners and to Incorporate the Same Within the Boundaries of the City of Newport, Tennessee – Rankin Road**

Consideration of Resolution #2022-09 Annex Certain Territory Upon Written Consent of the Owners and to Incorporate the Same Within the Boundaries of the City of Newport, Tennessee – Rankin Road.

**Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve Resolution #2022-09 Annex Certain Territory Upon Written Consent of the Owners and to Incorporate the Same Within the Boundaries of the City of Newport, Tennessee – Rankin Road.**

**Roll Call**

Alderman Ball AYE  
Alderman Hansel AYE  
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE  
Alderman Smith AYE

Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

**Amending the City of Newport Police Department General Orders**

Consideration of Amending the City of Newport Police Department General Orders. This is for the creation of General Order 10.29 Responding to Persons with Mental Illness.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Smith,** to approve Amending the City of Newport Police Department General Orders.

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

**Amendment to the Annual State Highway Contract Between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and City of Newport**

Consideration of Amendment to the Annual State Highway Contract Between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and City of Newport. This is for an increase of equipment rates of \$7,297.90 for a total amount of \$62,032.15.

**Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt,** to approve Amendment to the Annual State Highway Contract Between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and City of Newport.

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

**Bids**

**Salt Spreader for the Newport Street Department**

Consideration of bids for a salt spreader for the Newport Street Department. There was only one bid from B & H Sales in the amount of \$13,250.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel,** to approve bid received by B & H Sales in the amount of \$13,250 for a salt spreader for the Newport Street Department.

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

**Air Compressor for the Newport Street Department**

Consideration of bids for an air compressor for the Newport Street Department. Sourcewell contract has a C185WDO-T4F Doosan air compressor from Brandeis in the amount of \$21,451.42.

**Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve bid a C185WDO-T4F Doosan air compressor from Brandeis in the amount of \$21,451.42.**

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

**Renovation for the Welcome Center**

Consideration of bids for the renovation of the new Welcome Center for doors, windows, gutters, and awnings. Bids received from Lubin Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$163,550 and Preen Construction, LLC in the amount of \$44,700.

**Motion was made by Alderman Ball and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve bid for renovation for the Welcome Center from Preen Construction, LLC in the amount of \$44,700.**

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

**Comments from Citizens**

Aaron McMahan presented City Council with a proposal and review for property owned by the city at the old mill site.

Jay Graham gave the City Council a drawing of a proposed purchase of the same property for a bbq restaurant.

Mr. Finchum stated this property was not on the market for sale. This property has plans to make a loop from the riverwalk project, but this is something the Board needs to look at.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor & Alderman, **motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Ball** 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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