

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 2, 2016**

June 2, 2016

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Alderman Roger Gribble led the invocation. Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt 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 10, 2016 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Gribble and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt for minutes of the May 10, 2016 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 that Finance Director Tina Matthews and himself met with the Friends of the Animal Shelter. There was an agreement made that the Friends would pay what is owed for operation from the Rolling Rescue and the City will continue the operation of the Animal Shelter. There was a letter sent from the Friends of the Animal Shelter's lawyer stating if they took control they would close the Animal Shelter. The Friends sent in \$10,000 and requested an invoice for payment of what's owed to the City of Newport for daily operations. Mr. Finchum stated Blount County Animal Shelter is run by the county. But Mr. Finchum did state that the staff only researched the surrounding cities.

Mr. Finchum gave the dates and times for the Rhythm on the River hosted by the Cocke County Partnership.

Mr. Finchum stated department reports will be delayed due to the early meeting but will be emailed to the Board by June 10th. Mr. Finchum also stated the TML Conference packets will be delivered by June 9th to the Board.

Mr. Finchum stated the new “Welcome to Newport” signs are up at both locations entering the city.

Mr. Finchum stated at the last Planning Commission meeting the commissioners asked to be paid. The county just passed to pay their commissioners \$50 a month. Mr. Finchum stated he thought \$50 a month is acceptable for the meetings but the commissioners have to attend or they will not be paid. City Attorney Terry Hurst will draw up the ordinance for this issue for next month’s meeting.

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Mayor Ball appointed Rick Carr back to the Planning Commission and has replaced Charles Rathbone appointment with Randall Freeman. Randall Freeman was serving a temporary appointment for the Mayor. Mayor Ball appointed Elizabeth Parker to replace Martha Loftis to the Library Board. Mayor Ball asked the Board to ratify his decisions of appointments.

Motion by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Fancher to ratify Mayor Ball’s appointments.

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

Reports from Committees, Members of Council & Other Officers

Carlene Robinson of the Tanner Preservation Alliance gave a report to City Council.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-03 City of Newport Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Consideration of approval of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-03 City of Newport Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-03 City of Newport Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Roll Call

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

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-04 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Consideration of approval of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-04 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-04 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Roll Call

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

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-05 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Consideration of approval of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-05 Budget Amendment for the Newport Grammar School for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2016-05 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-06 Financial Policy for the City of Newport

Consideration of approval of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-06 Financial Policy for the City of Newport. City Administrator Finchum stated this was required by the State.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-06 Financial Policy for the City of Newport.

All Ayes- Mayor Ball declared the motion passed and approved

Funding the CHIP Program

Discussion of funding the CHIP Program. Chief of Police Maurice Shults stated he has spoken with Finance Director Tina Matthews and he has money in his budget to fund this program.

Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Knight to approve the funding of the CHIP Program through the Police Department's budget.

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

East Tennessee Development District Contract

Consideration of contract between the City of Newport and East Tennessee Development District for Planning Services.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve the contract between the City of Newport and East Tennessee Development District for Planning Services.

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

TDOT Highway Maintenance Contract

Consideration of the TDOT Highway Maintenance contract with the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Fancher to approve the TDOT Highway Maintenance contract with the City of Newport.

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

Property Sale on White Oak

Consideration of approval of the property sale on White Oak. Attorney Jim McSween was present to explain the sale to John Parker in the amount of \$3,250 for the property on White Oak. After the sale, the city and the county will receive their back taxes and then will split the remainder in half. Buildings & Code Mark Robinson stated the city has done clean up on that property and asked that the city be reimbursed for the cleanup work before the profits are split between the city and the county. After much discussion, City Attorney Hurst recommended the sale as is.

Motion was made by Fancher and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve the sale on White Oak to John Parker in the amount of \$3,250 as stated in the documents.

Roll Call

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

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

Floor Scrubber Purchase

Mr. Finchum asked to postpone this item to a later date. Mr. Finchum said the city is looking at purchasing a used floor scrubber.

Bids

Paving for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Consideration of approval of bids for the paving for fiscal year 2016-2017. Newport Paving and Ready Mix was the only bid submitted in the amount of \$84.75 for hot mix and \$82.75 for base mix.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel to approve the bid from Newport Paving and Ready Mix in the amount of \$84.75 for hot mix and \$82.75 for base mix as submitted.

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

Fence for the Street Department

Consideration of approval of bids for a fence for the Street Department. The only bid submitted was from Shoemaker's Fencing, Inc. in the amount of \$6,551.

Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve the bid from Shoemaker's Fencing, Inc. in the amount of \$6,551 as submitted.

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

Two Elliptical for Community Center

Consideration of approval of bids for two elliptical for the Community Center. The bids that were submitted are as follows: FitWorx; True brand heavy duty in the amount of \$9,350 and Direct Fit; Precor brand in the amount of \$7,800 & Spirit brand in the amount of \$4,800. Parks

& Recreation Director Tim Dockery recommended the FixWorx True brand in the amount of \$9,350 because he needs the heavy duty.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve the bid for FitWorx; True brand heavy duty in the amount of \$9,350 for two elliptical for the Community Center

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

Citizens Comments

Carlene Robinson stated June 15th is celebration day for Elderly Abuse Awareness Month. Ms. Robinson asked for the support of transportation plan for a matching grant she has applied for asking the City for up to \$2,500 in funding.

Fire Chief Randy Ragan reported fire station #2 is almost completed. Mr. Ragan thanked the Board and reported he was going to have an open house.

Adjournment

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

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

Mayor Connie Ball

James Finchum, City Administrator

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