

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION  
JUNE 8, 2021**

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for discussion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2021-03 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2021-04 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2021-05 Budget for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2021-22. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2021-06 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newport from R-2 Residential to C-2 Commercial Located at 644 East Broadway. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the Public Hearing.

**June 8, 2021**

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 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 Mike Hansel, Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger, Alderman Steve Smith, City Attorney Terry Hurst, and City Administrator James Finchum.

The following officials were not present: Alderman Bobby Knight.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

**Minutes**

**May 11, 2021 Regular Session**

**Motion by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger**, for minutes of the May 11, 2021 Regular Session to be approved as amended.

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

**Proclamations and/or Recognition of Citizens by the Mayor**

Mayor Dykes presented a proclamation to ETHRA for Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

**Communications from the City Administrator**

City Administrator James Finchum gave an update on COVID. Mr. Finchum asked for permission to create a mask and vaccination policy for city employees. This will be for fully vaccinated employees not to wear their mask while working. Mr. Finchum wants to follow the CDC guidelines. Mr. Finchum stated he will ask for proof of vaccination to go in employees' medical files.

Mr. Finchum reported on the summer concert series behind city hall. There were around 180 people that attended the first concert.

Mr. Finchum stated there will be another litter pickup on June 12<sup>th</sup>. There have been several compliments from the community on cleaning up the city.

Mr. Finchum stated the audit has been held up because of Newport Utilities. The auditors have finally gotten the audit from Newport Utilities and can move forward.

**Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees**

**Re-Appointment to Newport Utility Board – Craig Wilds**

Consideration of Re-Appointment to Newport Utility Board – Craig Wilds.

**Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel, to re-appoint Craig Wilds to the Newport Utilities Board.**

**Roll Call**

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

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

**Appointment to Newport Utility Board – Willie Green**

Consideration of Appointment to Newport Utility Board – Willie Green term. Mr. Green does not want to serve.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Hansel, to appoint Chris Edmonds to the Newport Utilities Board.**

**Roll Call**

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

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

**Old Business**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2021-03 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2021-03 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2021-03 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.**

**Roll Call**

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 #2021-04 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2021-04 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Smith, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2021-04 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.**

**Roll Call**

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 #2021-05 Budget for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2021-22**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2021-05 Budget for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2021-05 Budget for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2021-22.**

**Roll Call**

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 #2021-06 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newport from R-2 Residential to C-2 Commercial Located at 644 East Broadway**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2021-06 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newport from R-2 Residential to C-2 Commercial Located at 644 East Broadway. Community Development Director Gary Carver stated this was for a sale of property and has been approved by the Planning Commission.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2021-06 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newport from R-2 Residential to C-2 Commercial Located at 644 East Broadway.**

**Roll Call**

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**

**Hiring a Firefighter**

Consideration of hiring a firefighter for the Newport Fire Department. Fire Chief Jeremy Shelton reported Noah Carson was the next on the list to be hired. After this hire, the Fire Civil Service Board will advise to take test to create another list for candidates to be considered.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve hiring Noah Carson to the Newport Fire Department.**

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

Alderman Hansel reminded everyone in the future the City Council needs to change the charter from hiring and firing of new firemen to be the same as the police department. City Attorney Terry Hurst stated this needs to be done by early fall to be able to get this to the legislative. Mr. Finchum suggested letting the fire civil service draw up the changes and send to City Council for approval.

### **Tennessee Picnic Music Concert on the Riverwalk– Mayor Dykes**

Consideration of the Tennessee Picnic Music Concert on the Riverwalk– Mayor Dykes. Mayor Dykes stated the music concert will be held behind the city hall on the Riverwalk on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:00 pm.

**Motion was made Alderwoman Ottinger by and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve Tennessee Picnic Music Concert on the Riverwalk August 7, 2021.**

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

### **Citizens Comments**

Missy Ellis and Candy Baxter from the CCHS Basketball Booster Club asked to do a fundraiser rubber duck race. Sales of the rubber ducks will be at the summer concerts with the race being held on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The race will start at the bridge on the Eastport and travel to the bridge on Northport.

**Motion was made Alderman Hansel by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to suspend the rules and add to the agenda a rubber duck race for the CCHS Basketball Booster Club.**

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

**Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve a rubber duck race on August 7<sup>th</sup> for the CCHS Basketball Booster Club.**

**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 Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel** 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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