

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 9, 2020**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for discussion of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-02 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of 1st Reading of Amended Ordinance #2020-03 Budget Amendment for the Newport Grammar School. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-04 Budget for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2020-21. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the Public Hearing.

June 9, 2020

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Alderman Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the invocation. Alderman Steve Smith led the Pledge to the Flag.

The following officials were present: Mayor Roland Dykes, III, Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt, Alderman Bobby Knight, Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger, 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 12, 2020 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Knight and second by Alderwoman Ottinger for minutes of the May 12, 2020 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 stated he was happy to have Vice Mayor Proffitt back at the meeting. Vice Mayor Proffitt appreciated everyone for the messages to the thoughtful deeds of helping his wife through his sickness.

Mayor Dykes recognized the Police Department, Chief of Police Maurice Shults and everyone involved through the situation in town 10 days ago. Mayor Dykes stated he was proud to say the situation was handled with organization and was very professional. Mayor Dykes stated he was very impressed.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum stated the City has opened the swimming pool at the community center, the tennis and basketball courts. The first concert was Thursday, June 4th with the social distancing guidelines from the State.

Mr. Finchum stated the reason of the Newport Grammar School amendment being the 1st reading was because of a late amendment being added to the original amendment. Mr. Finchum asked for a 2nd reading at a special called meeting date. The Board agreed to have a Special Called Meeting on June 16th at 5:30 pm.

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Re-Appointment to the Planning Commission – Rick Carr

Consideration of re-appointment to the Planning Commission – Rick Carr.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve the re-appointment of Rick Carr to the Planning Commission.

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

Re-Appointment to the Planning Commission – Randall Freeman

Consideration of re-appointment to the Planning Commission – Randall Freeman.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the re-appointment of Randall Freeman to the Planning Commission.

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

Appointment to the Cocke County Partnership Board

Consideration of appointment to the Cocke County Partnership Board.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve the appointment of Alderman Steve Smith to the Cocke County Partnership Board.

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

Reports from Committees, Members of Council & Other Officers

Community Development Director Gary Carver gave updates on the Tanner Building project. Mr. Carver stated the City removed stairs from the back of the building that will help with the storm water. The estimated completion date is Mid-July.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-02 Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019-20 for the City of Newport

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-02 Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019-20 for the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-02 Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019-20 for the City of Newport.

Rollcall

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

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

1st Reading of Amended Ordinance #2020-03 Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019-20 for the Newport Grammar School

Consideration of 1st Reading of Amended Ordinance #2020-03 Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019-20 for the Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Knight to approve 1st Reading of Amended Ordinance #2020-03 Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019-20 for the Newport Grammar School.

Rollcall

Alderman Knight	AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger	AYE

Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-04 Budget for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-04 Budget for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-04 Budget for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Rollcall

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

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

New Business

Audit Report – Frank McDaniels

Discussion of Audit Report – Frank McDaniel of Brown Jake & McDaniel, PC. Mr. Daniel gave the audit report for fiscal year 2019-2020 a clean audit with no findings.

Renewal of Audit Contract for the City of Newport

Consideration of renewal of audit contract between Brown Jake & McDaniel, PC and the City of Newport. There is a 4.2% increase in pay. Everything else is the same as the previous contract.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve renewal of audit contract between Brown Jake & McDaniel, PC and the City of Newport.

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

Emergency Medical Responder Agreement Between First Call Ambulance and the City of Newport

Consideration of Emergency Medical Responder Agreement between First Call Ambulance and the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight to approve Emergency Medical Responder Agreement between First Call Ambulance and the City of Newport.

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

State Highway Maintenance Contract

Consideration of State Highway Maintenance Contract between Department of Transportation and the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve State Highway Maintenance Contract between Department of Transportation and the City of Newport.

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

Lien on Property on 136 Blazer Street

Discussion of lien on property on 136 Blazer Street. Carty McSween of McSween McSween & Greene, PLLC stated the property was donated by the City of Newport to Brandon Williams after a dog attack. The lien on the property from the City of Newport was in the amount of \$17,875. The offer to settle this lien for \$15,000 and any remaining funds from the sale of the property be paid directly to Brandon Williams.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman King to approve the settlement on this lien for \$15,000 and any remaining funds from the sale of the property be paid directly to Brandon Williams.

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

Rural Accelerator Leadership Proposal for Born Learning Signage to be Placed at the City Park

Consideration of Rural Accelerator Leadership proposal for Born Learning signage to be placed at the City Park. Kathy Holt represented Rural Accelerator Leadership by reporting this is for 10 signs to be placed at the walking trails at the City Park. There is no cost to the City but asked for Parks & Recreation to place the signs.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Smith to approve Rural Accelerator Leadership proposal for Born Learning signage to be placed at the City Park.

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

Mural Placement for East Tennessee Artscapes – Gretta Carr Program Director

Consideration of Mural Placement for East Tennessee Artscapes – Gretta Carr Program Director. Ms. Carr gave a handout of the sketch for the mural placement to the Board. The mural will be located on the east side of the building at 325 East Broadway.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve the Mural Placement for East Tennessee Artscapes at 325 East Broadway.

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

Adjournment

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

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

Mayor Roland Dykes, III

James Finchum, City Administrator

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