

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION  
MARCH 10, 2020**

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for discussion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance #2020-01 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the Public Hearing.

**March 10, 2020**

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Alderman Bobby Knight led the Pledge to the Flag.

The following officials were present: Mayor Roland Dykes, III, Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt, Alderman Mike Hansel, Alderman Bobby Knight, Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger, Alderman Steve Smith, City Attorney Terry Hurst, and City Administrator James Finchum.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

**Minutes**

**February 11, 2020 Regular Session**

**Motion by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Hansel** for minutes of the February 11, 2020 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 he has researched street name change as asked by Board. Most of the surrounding counties does the same as Newport: request goes to the Planning Commission and City Council. At other counties, request is submitted to 911 and, if approved, the request goes to the Planning Commission and City Council. The larger cities have a committee that is appointed by City Council. All have filing fees from \$250- \$500. Mayor

Dykes asked the Board what they would like to do. Alderman Hansel suggested to look at upgrades. Mr. Finchum suggested to make no decisions at this meeting but to get with him individually to let him know what they would like.

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

Community Development Director Gary Carver gave updates on the Tanner Building project and stated the project should be finished by the end of April.

**Old Business**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance #2020-01 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance #2020-01 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance #2020-01 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.**

**Rollcall**

Alderman Hansel	AYE
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**

**Appointment of Fire Chief for the Newport Fire Department**

Consideration of appointment of Fire Chief for the Newport Fire Department. The candidates for Fire Chief that submitted a resume was Eric Herndon, Justin Gilbert, Barry Nease, Jeremy Shelton and Chuck Styles.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve Jeremy Shelton for appointment of Fire Chief for the Newport Fire Department.**

**Rollcall**

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

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

City Administrator James Finchum stated Fire Chief Randy Ragan will retire April 17<sup>th</sup>. New Fire Chief Jeremy Shelton will take office as of midnight April 17<sup>th</sup>. Fire Chief Jeremy Shelton will be sworn in April 20 at 10 a.m.

**Resolution #2020-08 Hiring an Engineer Firm for Stormwater Study on the Indian Hills Watershed Area**

Consideration of Resolution #2020-08 Hiring an Engineer Firm for Stormwater Study on the Indian Hills Watershed Area. The only firm submitted bid was Barge Design Solutions.

**Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Smith** to approve Resolution #2020-08 Hiring an Engineer Firm for Stormwater Study on the Indian Hills Watershed Area hiring Barge Design Solutions.

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

**Allowing a City of Newport Employee to Use Accumulated Early Retirement Time**

Consideration of allowing a City of Newport employee to use accumulated early retirement time.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel** to approve allowing a city of Newport employee to use accumulated early retirement time.

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

**Citizens Comments**

Gretta Carr from Keep Cocke County Beautiful told the Board they have finished and submitted their annual report. Ms. Carr announced the Douglas Lake clean up and asked for volunteers.

**Adjournment**

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

**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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