

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION  
MARCH 11, 2014**

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The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 5:45 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Vice Mayor Bill Costner led the Pledge to the Flag.

The following officials were present: Mayor Connie Ball, Vice Mayor Bill Costner, Alderman John Bugg, Alderman Freddie Gregg, Alderwoman Kathy Holt, Alderman Kenny Morgan, City Attorney Terry Hurst, and City Administrator James Finchum.

Mayor Ball declared a Quorum.

**Minutes**

**February 11, 2014 Regular Session**

**Motion by Alderman Morgan and second by Alderman Gregg** for minutes of the February 11, 2014 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

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

**Communications from the City Administrator**

City Administrator James Finchum reported on the asbestos removal of the two riverbank properties. We can start on the demolition of the buildings after the reports on the asbestos from the State. The report on the sinkhole is actually a drain collapse at Jabo's. The pipe will need replacing.

The Audit is on schedule this year. Finance Director Tina Matthews has worked hard to get this completed. There will be a meeting set up with Frank McDaniel in the next few weeks to go over the audit with the Board. We have begun to work on the budget for the upcoming year. Ms. Matthews has been working with Department Directors for their budgets and I have worked daily with Ms. Matthews to get this year's budget on time. It is planned to have the first reading on the budget no later than May.

**Appointment of Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

Consideration of appointment to the Newport Utilities Board to replace Danny Lindsey’s term that will be up April 2014. The applicants are as follows: Donald Collins, Dan Metcalf, Clayton “Skip” Ellison, Mike Proffitt, Phillip Gregg, Jason Ramsey, James Rathbone, and Wayne Ball.

The following Board members made nominations: Alderman Bugg nominated Mike Proffitt, Alderman Gregg nominated Phillip Gregg, Alderwoman Holt nominated Donald Collins, and Vice Mayor Costner nominated Jason Ramsey. Mayor Ball asked for a roll call on all nominations.

**Motion by Alderman Morgan and second by Alderman Gregg to cease the nominations.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Donald Collins**

Alderman Bugg	AYE
Vice Mayor Costner	NAY
Alderman Gregg	NAY
Alderwoman Holt	AYE
Alderman Morgan	NAY

**Phillip Gregg**

Alderman Bugg	AYE
Vice Mayor Costner	NAY
Alderman Gregg	AYE
Alderwoman Holt	NAY
Alderman Morgan	NAY

**Mike Proffitt**

Alderman Bugg	AYE
Vice Mayor Costner	NAY
Alderman Gregg	NAY
Alderwoman Holt	NAY
Alderman Morgan	AYE

**Jason Ramsey**

Alderman Bugg	NAY
Vice Mayor Costner	AYE
Alderman Gregg	AYE
Alderwoman Holt	AYE
Alderman Morgan	NAY

**Mayor Ball declared the motion passed 3-2 vote for Jason Ramsey to be appointed to Newport Utilities Board.**

Consideration of reappointing LC Gregg to the Beer Board.

**Motion by Alderman Morgan and second by Alderwoman Holt to reappoint LC Gregg to the Beer Board.**

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

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

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2014-01 Amending the Zoning Regulations to Permit and Regulate Sales for Tents**

Consideration of approval of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2014-01 Amending the Zoning Regulations to Permit and Regulate Sales for Tents.

**Motion was made by Alderman Bugg and second by Alderman Morgan to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2014-01 Amending the Zoning Regulations to Permit and Regulate Sales for Tents.**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2014-02 to Amend the Municipal Code to Permit and Regulate Sales from Tents**

Consideration of approval of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2014-02 to Amend the Municipal Code to Permit and Regulate Sales from Tents.

**Motion was made by Alderman Bugg and second by Alderman Morgan to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2014-02 to Amend the Municipal Code to Permit and Regulate Sales from Tents.**

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

**Paying for Christmas Lights Using Public Relations**

Consideration of approval of using public relations to pay for Christmas lights. The Christmas lights were for the Christmas tree and the street lights. Kellie Stokely has worked hard to raise the most of the money. The remaining money is in the amount of \$2,200 in the public relations account.

**Motion was made by Alderman Gregg and second by Alderwoman Holt** to approve using public relations to pay for Christmas lights in the amount of \$2,200.

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

**Resolution #2014-04 Home Grant Application**

Consideration of approval of Resolution #2014-04 Home Grant Application. Mr. Finchum reported this year's home grant has changed. This grant is for renovations up to \$40,000 per home. There will be no more rebuilding homes.

**Motion was made by Alderman Gregg and second by Alderwoman Holt** to approve Resolution #2014-04 Home Grant Application.

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

**Resolution #2014-05 Lease Purchase Agreement**

Consideration of approval of Resolution #2014-05 Lease Purchase Agreement. This is a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a master lease agreement, equipment schedule No. 1, an escrow agreement, and related instruments, and determining other matters in connection therewith. This lease agreement is between the City of Newport and Green Campus Partners, LLC for the funding of the energy project for the City of Newport. The project started at \$799,000, the City is paying down \$300,000 for a remaining balance of \$499,000. This lease agreement is for the remaining amount of \$499,000 with Green Campus Partners, LLC. The Board requested to work on the Community Center's HVAC first.

**Motion was made by Alderwoman Holt and second by Alderman Bugg** to approve Resolution #2014-05 Lease Purchase Agreement between the City of Newport and Green Campus Partners, LLC.

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

**Agreement Between the City of Newport and TDOT for Red Lights in the Downtown Area**

Consideration of approval of agreement between the City of Newport and TDOT on the two (2) red lights for downtown. Mayor Ball stated this agreement was the City agreeing to do the maintenance on the new red lights.

**Motion was made by Alderman Morgan and second by Alderman Gregg** to approve agreement between the City of Newport and TDOT for the maintenance on the new red lights for downtown.

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

#### **Utilizing Borrowed Money for Building Repairs**

Consideration of approval of utilizing borrowed money for building repairs. Mr. Finchum asked the Board to use \$30,000 to \$40, 000 of borrowed money to do repairs on existing City builds. Mr. Finchum spoke of some examples of building repairs that he was requesting which were Fire Station 1, Fire Station 2, City Hall, and Police Department but this was not a complete list. The Board requested a new roof on the storage building on the corner of Blazer Street and North Street.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Costner and second by Alderwoman Holt** to approve utilizing borrowed money for building repairs not to exceed \$50,000.

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

#### **Request of Sponsorship for Sarah Stokely Miss Tennessee Pageant**

Consideration of approval of request of sponsorship for Sarah Stokely in the Miss Tennessee pageant program book in the amount of \$300.

**Motion was made by Alderman Bugg and second by Vice Mayor Costner** to approve sponsorship for Sarah Stokely in the Miss Tennessee pageant program book in the amount of \$300.

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

#### **Request of Sponsorship for Grandfest 2014**

Consideration of approval of request of sponsorship for Gradfest 2014. Alderman Gregg asked what the City gave last year with a reply of \$25.

**Motion was made by Alderman Gregg and second by Vice Mayor Costner** to approve request of sponsorship for Gradfest 2014 in the amount of \$1,000.

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

#### **Consent Agenda**

Consideration of approval of the Consent agenda for the following:

- a) Roadblock – CCHS Softball Team – 3/29/2014
- b) Roadblock – NJROTC – 4/5/2014
- c) Roadblock – Gradfest – 4/19/2014
- d) Roadblock – CCHS Boys Basketball Team – 6/21/2014
- e) Roadblock – Alzheimer Tennessee – 8/16/2014
- f) Roadblock – St. Jude – 9/6/2014

Joan Lambert stated at the last roadblock there was no sign saying who they were. Ms. Lambert asked if it was required to have a sign at a roadblock. Mr. Finchum stated we don't require a sign but it would be better for them to have a sign to be identified.

**Motion was made by Alderman Bugg and second by Alderman Gregg to approve the Consent Agenda.**

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

### **Bids, Purchases, and Expenses**

#### **Bids for Used Oil Equipment for the Used Oil Grant**

Consideration of bids for Used Oil Equipment (used oil collection tank and spill pan) for the Used Oil Grant. The bids are as follows: J. Bisio \$1,997, Wilton Springs Hardware \$2,270, Energy Logic, LLC \$2,800, and Fibrex Group \$2,495. Street Superintendent Ben Hicks recommendation was Wilton Springs Hardware. Mr. Hicks stated since there was only \$227 difference he would rather take the bid from Wilton Springs Hardware because they are local and locals would be easier to deal with if there was a problem.

**Motion was made by Alderman Bugg and second by Alderman Gregg to approve the bid for Wilton Springs Hardware in the amount of \$2,270 for Used Oil Equipment (used oil collection tank and spill pan) for the Used Oil Grant.**

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

### **Citizens Comments**

Mayor Ball stated of two Thank You cards: Boys & Girls Club for the annual \$10,000 and Terry & Renée Hurst & family.

Carlene Robinson requested \$2,800 for the Tanner Preservation Alliance for the design plan from Community Design for the Tanner Building. Ms. Robinson stated the company providing the service is decreasing the normal cost of their services. The \$2,800 represents the total amount to be billed to the Tanner Preservation Alliance. Mr. Finchum stated there was no request sent to the City that he recalls. Alderwoman Holt stated she didn't recall Tanner Preservation Alliance asking for money for this project. Mr. Hurst stated this could be put on the next meeting or a called meeting if needed.

**Adjournment**

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

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

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Mayor Connie Ball

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James Finchum, City Administrator

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