

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 12, 2019**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for discussion of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2019-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages Changing the Alcohol Weight and Hours of Sales.

Mayor Dykes closed the Public Hearing.

March 12, 2019

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt led the invocation. Alderman Mike Hansel 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 13, 2019 Special Called Meeting

Motion by Alderman Knight and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt for minutes of the February 13, 2019 Special Called Meeting to be approved as submitted.

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

Proclamations and/or Recognition of Citizens by the Mayor

Vice Mayor Proffitt recognized Finance Director Tina Matthews and City Administrator James Finchum on the great work they do for the City of Newport in the finance department. Mr. Proffitt stated there's not many cities that have zero findings on their audit.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported the construction on the sidewalks at Eastport. The sidewalk was damaged due to not being properly installed and water line damage.

Mr. Finchum stated the new signal crossing light in front of the library was struck by a semi-truck. The truck did stop, and his insurance will cover the damages. Mr. Finchum has spoken with Chief of Police Maurice Shults on charging with destruction of city property in the future.

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Consideration of Re-Appointment to the Beer Board – LC Gregg. Ordinance #2018-15 Amending the Terms for the Beer Board states “all members of the Beer Board shall serve and hold office for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The members appointed by the mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen shall be in staggered terms so at least one member’s term expires each year.

Each existing member shall stagger their term as the first member up for appointment shall serve and hold a two (2) year term, the second member up for appointment shall serve and hold a three (3) year term and the third member up for appointment shall serve and hold a four (4) year term.” Mr. Gregg is the second member to be re-appointed after the new ordinance was revised September 2018. He will serve a three-year term.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel to re-appoint LC Gregg to the Beer Board for a three-year term.

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

Reports from Committees, Members of Council & their Officers

Keep Cocke County Beautiful Assistant Director Gretta Carr reported the cleanup at and around the Tanner building from the volunteers of the Tennessee Promise Program. Planning Director Gary Carver reported he has received an email from ARC on approval of the drawings. The next step will be the bids.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2019-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages Changing the Alcohol Weight and Hours of Sales

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2019-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages Changing the Alcohol Weight and Hours of Sales.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2019-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages Changing the Alcohol Weight and Hours of Sales.

Roll Call

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

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

New Business

Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Between the City of Newport and Omnia Partners

Consideration of Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Between the City of Newport and Omnia Partners. Finance Director Tina Matthews explained the City is a member of US Communities, which was purchased by Omnia Partners. The City must register with this new company for the City of Newport to become a member of the Omnia Partners, Public Sector. This is a government formed group to consolidate purchasing power. This company is the same type of government formed purchasing organization of which the City of Newport was already a member. This request will allow the City to continue that relationship under its new name and take advantage of the savings for any products under this company's contract that the City considers buying.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Between the City of Newport and Omnia Partners.

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

Amending the City of Newport Police Department General Orders

Consideration of amending the City of Newport Police Department General Orders. Chief of Police Maurice Shults explained the following amendments: Wreck Review Policy, Aerosol Spray (Pepper Spray), Firearms and Weapons Restrictions, Hot Pursuit, Vehicle Stops, and Severe Weather Response Plan. In addition to adding the following chapters: Biased Based Policies, Racial Profiling, Sexually Oriented Crimes, and Naloxone Policy.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve amending the City of Newport Police Department General Orders.

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

Request for Annual Events from Cocke County Partnership

Consideration of request for annual events from Cocke County Partnership as follows: Harvest Street Festival, Rhythm on the River, and the Christmas Parade. The Cocke County Partnership has requested that all parade fees be waived.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel to approval of request for annual events: Harvest Street Festival, Rhythm on the River, and the Christmas Parade from Cocke County Partnership and to waive all parade fees.

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

Renewal of Certificate of Compliance for Retail Liquor Store – Newport Package Store

Consideration of renewal of Certificate of Compliance for Retail Liquor Store – Newport Package Store. The application for Newport Package Store has been reviewed by the Chief of Police Maurice Shults and the City Attorney Terry Hurst and is in compliance with the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Hansel to approve Renewal of Certificate of Compliance for Retail Liquor Store – Newport Package Store.

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

Comments from Citizens

Keep Cocke County Beautiful Assistant Director Gretta Carr gave out packets on the Great America Cleanup for Cocke County. Ms. Carr asked for volunteers for cleanup projects in the future.

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 Knight** to adjourn.

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

Mayor Roland Dykes, III

James Finchum, City Administrator

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