

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 13, 2018**

Public Hearing

Mayor Connie Ball opened the public hearing for discussion of Ordinance #2018-01 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 7 Fire Protection and Fireworks Chapter 3 Fire Codes Section 7-301 Fire Codes Adoption Replacing Section 6104.2 Petroleum Gas Usage. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of Ordinance #2018-03 Budget Amendment for City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of Ordinance #2018-04 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of Ordinance #2018-05 an Ordinance Granting a Franchise to the Newport Utilities Commission, to Build, Construct, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television System in the City of Newport, Tennessee, and Setting Forth Conditions Accompanying the Granting of this Franchise. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Ball closed the Public Hearing.

March 13, 2018

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 5:45 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Alderman Mike Hansel led the Pledge to the Flag.

The following officials were present: Mayor Connie Ball, Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt, Alderman Jeff Fancher, Alderman Mike Hansel, Alderman Bobby Knight, Alderman Steve Smith, City Attorney Terry Hurst, and City Administrator James Finchum.

Mayor Ball declared a Quorum.

Minutes

February 13, 2017 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt for minutes of the February 13, 2017 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported the traffic signal light in front of City Hall is operational. The next step will be signage and striping the street.

The property sale on Blazer and North Street is concluded, that the City Council voted on in the February meeting.

Budget meetings with departments have begun with Finance Director Tina Matthews. The final budget meetings will be this month. The budget is on schedule with a goal to have the draft to the Board by the end of April with the budget workshop the first week of May.

Mayor Ball reported of alleys in the downtown business area was seeing some drug activity. Mayor Ball asked to have the alley blocked. Mr. Finchum stated the City was aware of this issue and has already been working on it. A building has been boarded up to keep people out of it.

Appointment of Boards, Commission & Committees

Consideration of Appointment Beer Board – LC Gregg.

Motion by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Fancher to re - appoint LC Gregg to the Beer Board.

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

Reports from Committees, Members Of Council & Other Officers

Keep Cocke County Beautiful gave a liter index report to City Council.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-01 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 7 Fire Protection and Fireworks Chapter 3 Fire Codes Section 7-301 Fire Codes Adoption Replacing Section 6104.2 Petroleum Gas Usage

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-01 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 7 Fire Protection and Fireworks Chapter 3 Fire Codes Section 7-301 Fire Codes Adoption Replacing Section 6104.2 Petroleum Gas Usage.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Fancher to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-01 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 7 Fire Protection and Fireworks Chapter 3 Fire Codes Section 7-301 Fire Codes Adoption Replacing Section 6104.2 Petroleum Gas Usage.

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-03 Budget Amendment for City of Newport

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-03 Budget Amendment for City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Hansel to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-03 Budget Amendment for City of Newport.

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-04 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-04 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-04 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-05 an Ordinance Granting a Franchise to the Newport Utilities Commission, to Build, Construct, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television System in the City of Newport, Tennessee, and Setting Forth Conditions Accompanying the Granting of this Franchise

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-05 an Ordinance Granting a Franchise to the Newport Utilities Commission, to Build, Construct, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television System in the City of Newport, Tennessee, and Setting Forth Conditions Accompanying the Granting of this Franchise.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Smith to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-05 an Ordinance Granting a Franchise to the Newport Utilities Commission, to Build, Construct, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television System in the City of Newport, Tennessee, and Setting Forth Conditions Accompanying the Granting of this Franchise.

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2018-06 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Residential District Adding Uses Allowed as Special Exceptions by Approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2018-06 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Residential District Adding Uses Allowed as Special Exceptions by Approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Fancher to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2018-06 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Residential District Adding Uses Allowed as Special Exceptions by Approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

Resolution #2018-03 Adopting the Cocke County Regional Ten-Year Parks and Recreational Master Plan

Consideration of Resolution #2018-03 Adopting the Cocke County Regional Ten-Year Parks and Recreational Master Plan.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight to approve Resolution #2018-03 Adopting the Cocke County Regional Ten-Year Parks and Recreational Master Plan.

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

Waiving the Application Fee for a Special Events Beer Permit for the Chamber

Consideration of waiving the application fee in the amount of \$250 for a Special Events Beer Permit for the Chamber. The Cocke County Partnership will host their Gala, “A night of dinner and entertainment centered around the Roaring 20’s”, Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Bunch Event Center 121 North Cosby Highway. This application will be on the April Beer Board agenda for consideration of the special events beer permit for the Cocke County Partnership Gala.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Fancher to approve waiving the \$250 application fee for a Special Events Beer Permit for the Chamber.

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

Certificate of Support for a Senior Center Facility Located at 225 Cope Boulevard

Consideration of Certificate of Support for a Senior Center Facility Located at 225 Cope Boulevard.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Smith to approve the Certificate of Support for a Senior Center Facility Located at 225 Cope Boulevard.

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

Animal Shelter Funding

Discussion of Animal Shelter funding. As asked from last month's meeting, Mr. Finchum spoke with each Alderman to move forward on the funding of the Animal Shelter. Mayor Ball's recommendation was to pay \$2,000 a month with the expectation that the Friends of the Animal Shelter accept animals from city residents, take the surplus overflow from animal control, give the City a copy of their budget, a quarterly financial report, and a record of the facility activity as per Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Hansel to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Newport and the Friends of the Animal Shelter. (Now pending acceptance and signature of Friends of Animal Shelter to become effective.)

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

Bids

22 Ton Equipment Trailer for the Street Department

Consideration of bids for a 22 Ton Equipment Trailer for the Street Department. The NJPA bid from Felling Trailers, Inc. in the amount of \$16,780.44.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel to approve the bid from Felling Trailers, Inc. for a 22 Ton Equipment Trailer in the amount of \$16,780.44.

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

Comments from Citizens

April Clevenger stated the Steele Away Home Rescue is helping the city with the overflow of animals. The Friends of the Animal Shelter are showing a 30% profit. They have two sets of books. They're not showing any donations or how they are spending the money.

John Thacker gave a bill to the City for \$20,000 repairs on damages to his home that Newport Utilities wouldn't pay for water damages.

Clay Blazer with Newport Theater Guild asked for a one time donation to the Cocke County High School auditorium.

David Veridal asked how to get animal control on weekends. Mr. Finchum stated to call dispatch.

Adjournment

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

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

Mayor Connie Ball

James Finchum, City Administrator

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