

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 14, 2017**

Public Hearing

Mayor Connie Ball opened the public hearing for discussion on Ordinance #2017-01 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 2 Plumbing Code and Adopting the 2012 International Plumbing Code. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of Ordinance #2017-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 9 Mechanical Code and Adopting the 2012 International Mechanical Code. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Ball closed the Public Hearing.

March 14, 2017

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Alderman Jeff Fancher led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Mayor Ball declared a Quorum.

Minutes

February 14, 2017 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Knight for minutes of the February 14, 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 asked the Board for a budget workshop on April 18th at 5:30 p.m. The Board will get their budget a week before the workshop for review.

Planning Director Gary Carver reported the recreation grant was passed by the county for funding. Mr. Carver stated he would give updates on the recreation grant as he gets them.

Appointment of Boards, Commission & Committees

Consideration of appointment for the Beer Board for L.C. Gregg's appointment.

Motion by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Fancher to reappoint L.C. Gregg to the Beer Board.

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

Consideration of appointment for the Municipal Judge Vida Bell.

Motion by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Hansel to reappoint Municipal Judge Vida Bell.

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

Discussion of Newport Utilities Board – William Lewis appointment. Mr. Finchum stated after the passing of William Lewis, the Newport Utilities Board has agreed for Willie Greene to finish the remainder of William Lewis term out after Willie Greene's term is up in April 2017.

Motion by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Gribble for Willie Greene to finish the remainder of William Lewis term out after Willie Greene's term is up in April 2017.

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

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2017-01 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 2 Plumbing Code and Adopting the 2012 International Plumbing Code

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2017-01 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 2 Plumbing Code and Adopting the 2012 International Plumbing Code.

Motion by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Knight to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2017-01 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 2 Plumbing Code and Adopting the 2012 International Plumbing Code.

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2017-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 9 Mechanical Code and Adopting the 2012 International Mechanical Code

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2017-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 9 Mechanical Code and Adopting the 2012 International Mechanical Code.

Motion by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Gribble to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2017-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 9 Mechanical Code and Adopting the 2012 International Mechanical Code.

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-03 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 11 One And Two Family Dwelling Code and Adopting the 2012 International Residential Code

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-03 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 11 One And Two Family Dwelling Code and Adopting the 2012 International Residential Code.

Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Knight to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-03 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 11 One and Two Family Dwelling Code and Adopting the 2012 International Residential Code.

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-04 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 5 Housing Code and Adopting the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-04 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 5 Housing Code and Adopting the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code .

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Gribble to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-04 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 5 Housing Code and Adopting the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code.

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-05 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 10 Existing Buildings Code and Adopting the 2012 International Existing Buildings Code

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-05 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 10 Existing Buildings Code and Adopting the 2012 International Existing Buildings Code.

Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Knight to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-05 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 10 Existing Buildings Code and Adopting the 2012 International Existing Buildings Code.

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-06 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newport From R-1 Low Density Residential To R-2 Medium Density Residential

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-06 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newport From R-1 Low Density Residential To R-2 Medium Density Residential. Alderman Gribble asked if this was the same ordinance that the Board denied a few months ago. Buildings & Code Director Mark Robertson replied that the other ordinance was city wide. This ordinance is just for one area to be rezoned. This rezoning will not affect city wide.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Fancher to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-06 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newport From R-1 Low Density Residential To R-2 Medium Density Residential.

Roll Call

Alderman Fancher	NAY
Alderman Gribble	NAY
Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

3-2. Mayor Ball declared the motion passed and approved.

Resolution #2017-05 to Abandon the Unimproved Hill Street Right of Way and Quit Claim the Property to the Adjacent Property Owner

Consideration of Resolution #2017-05 to Abandon the Unimproved Hill Street Right of Way and Quit Claim the Property to the Adjacent Property Owner.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Fancher to approve Resolution #2017-05 to Abandon the Unimproved Hill Street Right of Way and Quit Claim the Property to the Adjacent Property Owner.

All Ayes- Mayor Ball 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.

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

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

Waste Management Contract

Discussion of the waste management contract between Waste Industries and the City of Newport for the transfer station. Mr. Finchum stated that neither party are happy with this contract. Mr. Finchum is asking to resend this contract and renegotiate a new contract.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel to resend the old contract and renegotiate a new contract.

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

Stormwater Study for the City of Newport

Discussion of stormwater study for the City of Newport for the downtown area. Dave Wilson with Mattern and Craig gave a report to the Board. The first phase would be a total cost of \$380,000 but the community block grant would pay \$315,000 if the City gets it. The City will pay \$65,000. There will be updates on the study after looking at the grant monies.

No action was taken.

Discussion of the Animal Shelter

Alderman Fancher met with the county finance board. He asked them to pay half of the repairs on the roof on the two buildings at the animal shelter. The county agreed to help fund the roof repairs. Alderman Fancher would like to get the county and the city together with both mayors to meet to get an animal shelter board of directors with people from both the county and the city and local veterinarians to work on fixing the animal shelter problem. Alderman Fancher stated he wants to match what the county pays for the animal shelter and will discuss at the budget workshop.

Discussion of Speed Monitor

Alderman Knight asked for a speed monitor to be on the Cosby Highway at Indian Hills to slow down the traffic. Chief of Police Maurice Shults has gotten bids on a speed monitor that

will check the speed and flash if the vehicles are speeding. This will not give citations. The cost per mount is \$2,000. Alderman Knight stated he thinks this will help with the traffic speeding.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Fancher to purchase a speed monitor in the amount of \$2,000.

Roll Call

Alderman Fancher	AYE
Alderman Gribble	AYE
Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

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

Bids

City Hall Computer System

Consideration of updating the City Hall computer system. Finance Director Tina Matthews stated Local Government has recommended an upgrade. The computer system the City Hall has now is 10 years old.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight to update the City Hall computer system in the amount of \$33,000.

Roll Call

Alderman Fancher	AYE
Alderman Gribble	NAY
Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

4-1. Mayor Ball declared the motion passed and approved.

Internet Connections for the Use of Computers for the Police Vehicles

Consideration of internet connections for the use of computers for the police vehicles. Chief of Police Shults stated the internet was secure through the TBI.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight to approve the internet connections for the use of computers for the police vehicles

Roll Call

Alderman Fancher	AYE
Alderman Gribble	AYE
Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

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

Purchasing Portable Radios for Vehicles

Consideration of purchasing portable radios for vehicles. Chief of Police Shults stated these are Kenwood digital and analog radios that the officers carry.

Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Hansel to approve the purchase of Kenwood digital and analog radios in the amount of \$24,091.87.

Roll Call

Alderman Fancher	AYE
Alderman Gribble	AYE
Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

All Ayes- Mayor Ball 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 Aldermen Fancher and second by Alderman Knight** to adjourn.

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

Mayor Connie Ball

James Finchum, City Administrator

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