

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 14, 2023**

Public Hearing

Vice Mayor Connie Ball opened the public hearing for the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-01 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Consideration of the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 4 Personnel Policy, Chapter 8 Miscellaneous Polices Adding Section 4-818 Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan. There was no one to comment.

Vice Mayor Ball closed the public hearing.

March 14, 2023

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The following officials were present: Vice Mayor Connie Ball, Alderman Mike Hansel, Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger, Alderman Randy Ragan, Alderman Steve Smith, City Attorney Terry Hurst and City Administrator James Finchum.

The following officials were not present: Mayor Roland Dykes, III.

Vice Mayor Ball declared a Quorum.

Minutes

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Motion by Alderman Ragan and second by Alderman Smith, for minutes of the February 14, 2023 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum introduced Tourism Information Center Manager Monica Hommel. Ms. Hommel has been working hard on getting the welcome center ready to open. Mr. Finchum stated the ribbon cutting and grand opening looks like sometime in April.

Mr. Finchum gave an update on the budget stating the Board would have packets for review in April to be voted on for the first reading in May. Mr. Finchum did state there were several things removed from the department's budget due to inflation. Mr. Finchum also stated there was a 5% raise for city employees in this budget. Revenue is good but the inflation has hurt the city.

The city, county and Keep Cocke County Beautiful is going to be working together on litter pickup at the end of April.

The alcohol rehab behind CVS has been inspected by the state fire marshal with several deficiencies in the building. One of the findings was the building needs to be sprinkled and will have to comply or be in violation of the state.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-01 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-01 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-01 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger	AYE
Alderman Ragan	AYE
Alderman Smith	AYE
Vice Mayor Ball	AYE

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 4 Personnel Policy, Chapter 8 Miscellaneous Polices Adding Section 4-818 Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 4 Personnel Policy, Chapter 8 Miscellaneous Polices Adding Section 4-818 Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Ragan, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-02 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 4

Personnel Policy, Chapter 8 Miscellaneous Polices Adding Section 4-818 Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Ragan AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Ball AYE

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-03 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-03 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made by Alderman Ragan and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-03 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Ragan AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Ball AYE

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-04 Amending the Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages Adding Outdoor Serving Area in C-1 Zone Regulations

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-04 Amending the Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages Adding Outdoor Serving Area in C-1 Zone Regulations.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Smith, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-04 Amending the Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages Adding Outdoor Serving Area in C-1 Zone Regulations.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Ragan NAY
Alderman Smith AYE

Vice Mayor Ball NAY

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-05 Amending the Zoning Map to Include Properties of Highway 73

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-05 Amending the Zoning Map to Include Properties of Highway 73.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Ragan, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-05 Amending the Zoning Map to Include Properties of Highway 73.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderman Ragan AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Alderman Ottinger AYE
Vice Mayor Ball AYE

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

Resolution #2023-01 Authorizing the City of Newport to Apply for the ARC Grant for Streetscape Improvements

Consideration of Resolution #2023-01 Authorizing the City of Newport to Apply for the ARC Grant for Streetscape Improvements.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Ragan, to approve Resolution #2023-01 Authorizing the City of Newport to Apply for the ARC Grant for Streetscape Improvements.

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

Sale Agreement of River Front Lots

Consideration of sale agreement of river front lots between Kristy Siu Fong Wu and the City of Newport. The properties on the river front are 150 & 214 East Main Street. The purchase price is \$17,500 to Kristy Siu Fong Wu.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve sale agreement of river front lots between Kristy Siu Fong Wu and the City of Newport at 150 & 214 East Main Street for the total purchase price \$17,500.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Ragan AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Ball AYE

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

Naming an Alley in the City of Newport

Consideration of naming an alley in the City of Newport. There has been found an alley in the Clifton Heights area that is not named. Mr. Finchum proposed the name of No Name Alley for this alley.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve the name of the unnamed alley in the Clifton Heights area to be named No Name Alley.

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

Certificate of Compliance for Lex Wine & Spirits

Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for Lex Wine & Spirits. The certificate of compliance is for Jay Hiral 279, Inc for Lex Wine & Spirits at 355 West Broadway. All paperwork is in order.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve Certificate of Compliance for Lex Wine & Spirits.

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

Bids

Unifirst for the Street Department

Consideration of bids for Unifirst for the Street Department. This is a three-year contract for Unifirst for work clothing and janitorial supplies. Unifirst was the only bid received.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the bid from Unifirst for a three year contract.

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

Equipment for the Newport Fire Department

Consideration of bids for equipment for the Newport Fire Department. This is for purchase of 4 air packs, 4 face masks, and 8 bottles for the amount of \$35,308 from Sourcewell.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Smith, to approve the state bid from Sourcewell for Equipment for the Newport Fire Department in the total amount of \$35,308.

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

Tractor for the Parks & Recreation

Consideration of bids for a tractor for Parks & Recreation. This is to replace an existing tractor mower. The only bid that came in was from Tri-County Equipment for a Kubota 4WD Tractor with mowing deck in the amount of \$21,500.

Motion was made by Alderman Ragan and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the bid from Tri-County Equipment for a Kubota 4WD Tractor with mowing deck in the amount of \$21,500.

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

Replacing the Roof on Multiple Buildings at the City Park

Consideration of bids for replacing the roof on multiple buildings at the City Park. The buildings needing roof repairs are the City park pool & pavilion, the restrooms, and the two league buildings for a total of five roofs. The only bid was from Calvin Ball Vinyl & Remodeling in the amount of \$25,962.91.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve the bid from Calvin Ball Vinyl & Remodeling in the amount of \$25,962.91.

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

Truck for Parks & Recreation

Consideration of bids for replacing a truck for Parks & Recreation. The state bid from Ford of Murfreesboro for a 2023 Ford F150 crew cab 4WD in the amount of \$42,797.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the state bid from Ford of Murfreesboro for a 2023 Ford F150 crew cab 4WD in the amount of \$42,797.

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

Adjournment

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

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

Mayor Roland Dykes, III

James Finchum, City Administrator

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