

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 8, 2022**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-02 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School. There was no one to comment.

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-03 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Chapter 3 Purchasing Policy. There was no one to comment.

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-04 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Adding Chapter 4 Credit Card Processing Policy. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the public hearing.

March 8, 2022

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the invocation. Alderwoman Ottinger led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The following officials were present: Mayor Roland Dykes, III, Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt, Alderman Connie Ball, Alderman Mike Hansel, Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger, City Attorney Terry Hurst, and City Administrator James Finchum.

The following officials were not present: Alderman Steve Smith.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

Minutes

February 8, 2022 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Ball and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, for minutes of the February 8, 2022 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum gave report on the Covid status that the numbers were slowly going down.

Mr. Finchum reported CCHS choir has been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City. They have asked for sponsorship for this trip because the cost is so expensive. The City of Newport has pledged \$500 for this trip.

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Re-Appointment to the Beer Board – L.C. Gregg

Consideration of re-appointment to the Beer Board – L.C. Gregg.

Motion was made Alderwoman Ottinger by and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve the re-appointment L.C. Gregg to the Beer Board.

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

Appointment to the Cocke County Municipal Solid Waste Planning Region

Consideration of appointment to the Cocke County Municipal Solid Waste Planning Region. Mayor Dykes explained the County Mayor had sent the resolution for the Cocke County Municipal Solid Waste Planning Region with one seat from the City of Newport. Mayor Dykes appointed Alderwoman Ottinger to serve as the City’s seat on the Cocke County Municipal Solid Waste Planning Region.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-02 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-02 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made Alderman Hansel by and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve 2nd Reading of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-02 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Roll Call

Alderman Ball AYE
Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-03 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Chapter 3 Purchasing Policy

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-03 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Chapter 3 Purchasing Policy.

Motion was made Alderwoman Ottiner by and second by Alderman Ball, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-03 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Chapter 3 Purchasing Policy.

Roll Call

Alderman Ball AYE
Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-04 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Adding Chapter 4 Credit Card Processing Policy

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-04 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Adding Chapter 4 Credit Card Processing Policy.

Motion was made Alderwoman Ottinger by and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-04 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Adding Chapter 4 Credit Card Processing Policy.

Roll Call

Alderman Ball AYE
Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2022-05 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Adding Chapter 5 Grant Management Policy and Procedures

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2022-05 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Adding Chapter 5 Grant Management Policy and Procedures.

Motion was made Vice Mayor Proffitt by and second by Alderman Ball, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2022-05 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance and Taxation, Adding Chapter 5 Grant Management Policy and Procedures.

Roll Call

Alderman Ball AYE
Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2022-06 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone Location 257 Old Knoxville Highway

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2022-06 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone Location 257 Old Knoxville Highway.

Motion was made Alderman Hansel by and second by Alderwoman Ottiner, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2022-06 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone Location 257 Old Knoxville Highway.

Roll Call

Alderman Ball AYE
Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

Request to Apply for Tennessee Fire Adapted Communities Program for the Fire Department

Consideration of request to apply for Tennessee Fire Adapted Communities Program for the Fire Department. Fire Chief Jeremy Shelton stated this request is to accept \$20,000 federal grant obtained through the Tennessee Department of Forestry. This is a 100% reimbursement grant for fire prevention materials, tools, protective equipment and pay for some special projects.

Motion was made Alderman Ball by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve request to apply for Tennessee Fire Adapted Communities Program for the Fire Department.

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

Woodland Park and White Oak Park

Discussion of Woodland Park and White Oak Park. Mr. Finchum is requesting permission to begin negotiations on 90-acre track to create a Woodland Park extension to the existing main city park. This would allow a trail head at the top of the ridge on the property.

Mr. Finchum stated the White Oak expansion has one property owner willing to sale. There is another blighted property that Mr. Finchum is working on for the White Oak Park. Both projects are funded with the Covid money.

Motion was made Alderman Ball by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the negotiation of property for both Woodland Park and White Oak Park.

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

Creating a New Administrative Clerical Position

Consideration of creating a new administrative clerical position. This position will be to help administration at the city hall. The entry level pay for this position is \$15.00 an hour and will be a full-time position.

Motion was made Alderwoman Ottinger by and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve creating a new administrative clerical position for City Hall.

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

Amendment to the Police Department General Orders

Consideration of amendment to the Police Department General Orders. Chief of Police Maurice Shults submitted a request to update the Police Department General Orders stating this was parallel to Tennessee Codes and prevailing laws.

Motion was made Alderman Hansel by and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve amendment to the Police Department General Orders.

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

Comments From Citizens

City Attorney Terry Hurst informed the Board of a fund raiser spaghetti dinner for the softball family of Cocks County for an enclosed facility for the girls' softball to practice.

Parks and Recreation Director Tim Dockery gave a report on the Newport Grammar School basketball boys team going to play at the state tournament.

Adjournment

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

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

Mayor Roland Dykes, III

James Finchum, City Administrator

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