

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 14, 2019**

April 9, 2019

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 5:45 p.m. in Regular Session.

Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the invocation. Alderman Steve Smith 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

April 9, 2019 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight for minutes of the April 9, 2019 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

April 23, 2019 Special Called

Motion by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight for minutes of the April 23, 2019 Special Called to be approved as submitted.

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

Proclamations and/or Recognition of Citizens by the Mayor

Mayor Dykes presented a Proclamation for National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day on May 6th. Vice Mayor Proffitt presented Scottie Thornton a certificate for community service. Alderman Hansel announced Police Week is May 12-18.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported the City of Newport has received a grant for wifi for downtown Newport. The City will spend \$60,000 and will be reimbursed \$58,000.

Mr. Finchum stated the paving on Broadway is finished but the State will be back to mark the crosswalks.

Mr. Finchum announced it was Rocky Gentry's birthday. Mr. Finchum stated he appreciates Rocky coming in to work on his birthday for the recording of the City Council meeting.

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-03 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-03 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Mr. Finchum stated this will be the last budget amendment for fiscal year 2018-19.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-03 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-04 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-04 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-04 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

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

New Year's Eve Holiday

Consideration of adding New Year's Eve holiday for the City of Newport employees. The City of Newport follows the State of Tennessee holiday calendar. The State of Tennessee has added New Year's Eve to the 2019 calendar. Mr. Finchum stated since the employees aren't getting a raise in pay this would be good to give them something this year.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve adding New Year's Eve Holiday for the City of Newport employees.

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

Health Insurance Options for City of Newport Employee's

Consideration of health insurance options for City of Newport Employee's. There were three (3) bids that came in: United Health Care, Humana, and Blue Cross Blue Shield. Mr. Finchum's recommendation was the low bid from Humana.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight to approve the low bid from Humana for the health insurance for City of Newport Employee's.

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

1st Reading of Ordinance # 2019-05 City of Newport Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance # 2019-05 City of Newport Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance # 2019-05 City of Newport Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

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

State Highway Maintenance Contract Between the City of Newport and the State of Tennessee

Consideration of State Highway Maintenance Contract Between the City of Newport and the State of Tennessee.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve State Highway Maintenance Contract Between the City of Newport and the State of Tennessee.

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

Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate a New Contract for the City Administrator

Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to negotiate a new contract for the City Administrator. Mr. Finchum's contract will expire July 1. Alderman Hansel acknowledge Mr. Finchum and staff on the good job they do. Alderman Hansel stated the City is better now then it was 5 year's ago when this Board came in.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel to approve authorizing the Mayor to negotiate a new contract for the City Administrator.

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

Bids, Purchases and Expenses

Renovation of the Tanner Building Project

Consideration of bids for the renovation of the Tanner Building Project. There were four (4) base bids came in: Evans-Ailey \$1,577,000, Preen \$1,276,725, Trademark, Inc. \$1,395,309, and Duco Construction \$1,430,000. There were add on's to the base bids: alt #1 windows, alt #2 canopy, alt #3 water, alt # 4 sealant to the outside of the building (CMU) and alt #5 insulation. Mr. Finchum recommendation was to take the low bid from Preen for base bid \$1,276,725 with alt #5 insulation \$17,802 and if needed alt # 3 water \$13,806. Mr. Finchum stated there was a leak under the parking lot and the City was planning to fix it if they can.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve the low bid from Preen for base bid \$1,276,725 with alt #5 insulation \$17,802 and if needed alt # 3 water \$13,806.

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

Comments from Citizens

Alderman Hansel called on Chief of Police Maurice Shults to speak about Police Week. Chief Shults stated he was proud of he's people and that he appreciates the City Council support.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor & Alderman, **a motion was made by Alderman Hansel 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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