

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 9, 2023**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes opened the public hearing for the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-06 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School. There was no one to comment.

Consideration of the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-07 Amending the Zoning Map to Rezone Sequoyah Drive. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the public hearing.

May 9, 2023

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Alderman Steve Smith 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 Connie Ball, Alderman Mike Hansel, Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger, Alderman Randy Ragan, Alderman Steve Smith, and City Administrator James Finchum.

The following officials were not present: City Attorney Terry Hurst.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

Minutes

April 11, 2023 Regular Session

Motion by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Ragan, for minutes of the April 11, 2023 Regular Session 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 recognized the Cocke County High School Girls Track & Field Team with a proclamation for winning the Twin Lakes Conference Meet. This has not been accomplished by the Cocke County girls' team in 25 years.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported the City Park pool new hours will be opening Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The pool will also be staying open later in the day.

The City Hall received a new flagpole that was moved to the yard. This will prevent the flags getting battered from the wind on the building.

Animal Control received their first grant from Petco Love in the amount of \$10,000 for medical, lifesaving procedures.

The budget that was passed out at last month's meeting has had some changes. There was \$100,000 added for the Welcome Center for remodel the museum funded by the hotel/motel taxes; Community Development has added \$5,000 to mow grown up lawns that will have a lean on their properties; and the City will be funding the Partnerships software in the amount of \$35,000.

The city audit has made some headway. Mr. Finchum stated he was concerned about the timeline to get the audit to the state. If the audit isn't approved by the state in time, the City will have to vote to continue with last year's budget. This will also affect the reimbursements of grants.

Appointment Of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Re-Appointment to the Fire Civil Service Board

Discussion of Re-Appointment to the Fire Civil Service Board- Amy Ball. This appointment is appointed by the Civil Service Board.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-06 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-06 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-06 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE

Alderman Ragan AYE
Alderman Smith AYE

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-07 Amending the Zoning Map to Rezone Sequoyah Drive

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-07 Amending the Zoning Map to Rezone Sequoyah Drive. Community Development Director Gary Carver stated this was the adjoining lot behind the lot on Cosby Highway for Zaxby's. This has been sent by the Planning Commission.

Motion was made by Alderman Ragan and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-07 Amending the Zoning Map to Rezone Sequoyah Drive.

Roll Call

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

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-08 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-08 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Smith, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-08 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Roll Call

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

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-09 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-09 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-09 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

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

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-10 Budget for the City of Newport

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-10 Budget for the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Ragan and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-10 Budget for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

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

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

Bids

Heating & Air Unit for Community Center

Consideration of bids for Heating & Air Unit for Community Center. This unit will be the replacement of the compressors at the Community Center. The Trane unit will replace the Johnson Control outside unit. There were two bids: Humphries Heating and Air in the total amount of \$95,300 and Trane U.S. Inc. in the total amount of \$104,557.

Motion was made by Alderman Ragan and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve the bid from Humphries Heating and Air in the total amount of \$95,300.

Roll Call

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

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

Vehicle for the Newport Police Department

Consideration of bids for a Vehicle for the Newport Police Department. The Chief of Police has requested a vehicle to replace a 2013 Dodge Charger from the administrative/detective fleet. This is a state bid from Ford of Murfreesboro for a 2023 Ford Explorer XLT and the Land Air Total Communications package for a total cost of \$41,989.69.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve the state bid from Ford of Murfreesboro for a 2023 Ford Explorer XLT and the Land Air Total Communications package for a total cost of \$41,989.69.

Roll Call

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

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

Equipment for the Newport Fire Department

Consideration of bids for Equipment for the Newport Fire Department. This is to purchase three air packs, three face packs and bottles in the total amount of \$30,336 from Sourcewell contract with Municipal Emergency Services.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Ragan, to approve the bid from Sourcewell contract with Municipal Emergency Services for equipment for the Newport Fire Department in the total amount of \$30,336.

Roll Call

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

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

Comments from Citizens

Chief of Police Shults invited the Board to the Smokey Mountain Bike Run on May 28th. Alderman Hansel announced National Police Week is May 14-20 and Peace Officer Memorial Day is May 15th.

Tim Dockery reported Grad Fest is May 20th after graduation until 6:00 am the following morning at the Community Center.

Mayor Dykes announced the golf tournament fundraiser for the Tennessee Picnic.

Adjournment

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