

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

Public Hearing

Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt opened the public hearing for discussion of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2019-07 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 10 Animal Control, Chapter 2 Dogs and Cats, Section 10-207 Number of Animals.

Vice Mayor Proffitt closed the Public Hearing.

November 12, 2019

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger led the Pledge to the Flag.

The following officials were present: Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt, Alderman Mike Hansel, Alderman Bobby Knight, Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger, Alderman Steve Smith, City Administrator James Finchum, and City Attorney Terry Hurst.

The following officials were absent: Mayor Roland Dykes, III.

Vice Mayor Proffitt declared a Quorum.

Minutes

October 8, 2019 Regular Session

City Administrator James Finchum stated there was a slight typo in the minutes that will be corrected.

Motion by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Knight for minutes of the October 8, 2019 Regular Session to be approved after corrections.

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

Proclamations and/or Recognition of Citizens

Alderman Smith recognized Chad and Kendall Williams for helping with the handicap ramp and flagpole at the DAV on Pine Street.

The Board presented a \$1,000 check to the Stokely Memorial Library for a one-time roof donation.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum announced the letter of approval from the Comptroller’s office for the interfund loan for the police vehicles.

Mr. Finchum invited the Board to attend a walkthrough of the Tanner Building on Thursday, November 14th at 10:00 am to see the progress on the renovation.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2019-07 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 10 Animal Control, Chapter 2 Dogs and Cats, Section 10-207 Number of Animals

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2019-07 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 10 Animal Control, Chapter 2 Dogs and Cats, Section 10-207 Number of Animals.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2019-07 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 10 Animal Control, Chapter 2 Dogs and Cats, Section 10-207 Number of Animals.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger	AYE
Alderman Smith	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-08 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 15 Motor Vehicles, Traffic and Parking, Chapter 9 Speed Limits, Section 15-903 Speed Limit in School Zones and Near Playgrounds

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-08 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 15 Motor Vehicles, Traffic and Parking, Chapter 9 Speed Limits, Section 15-903 Speed Limit in School Zones and Near Playgrounds.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Hansel to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-08 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 15 Motor Vehicles, Traffic and Parking, Chapter 9 Speed Limits, Section 15-903 Speed Limit in School Zones and Near Playgrounds.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger	AYE
Alderman Smith	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-09 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Title 16 Streets and Sidewalks, Etc., Chapter 1 Miscellaneous, adding Section 16-104 Blowing Mown Grass on to City Streets Prohibited

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-09 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Title 16 Streets and Sidewalks, Etc., Chapter 1 Miscellaneous, adding Section 16-104 Blowing Mown Grass on to City Streets Prohibited.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-09 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Title 16 Streets and Sidewalks, Etc., Chapter 1 Miscellaneous, adding Section 16-104 Blowing Mown Grass on to City Streets Prohibited.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger	AYE
Alderman Smith	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

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

Resolution #2019-08 Adoption of West Highway 25/70 Corridor Plan

Consideration of Resolution #2019-08 Adoption of West Highway 25/70 Corridor Plan.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Smith to approve Resolution #2019-08 Adoption of West Highway 25/70 Corridor Plan.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderman Knight AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

Creating a Part-Time Position for Parks & Recreation

Consideration of creating a part-time position for Parks & Recreation at Community Center. This will be an evening shift from 5:00 – 9:00 pm, 16 hours a week position at \$8 an hour with no benefits.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve creating a part-time 16 hours a week position at \$8 an hour with no benefits position for Parks & Recreation.

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

Farmer’s Market Grant Fiscal Year 2019-20

Consideration of Farmer’s Market Grant Fiscal Year 2019-20. Dianna Hicks asked to apply for the annual Farmer’s Market Grant in the amount of \$750 for advertisement.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve applying for Farmer’s Market Grant Fiscal Year 2019-20.

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

Bids, Purchases and Expenses

Replacing a Compressor for the Air System at the Community Center with Budget Amendment

Consideration of bids for replacing a compressor for the air system at the Community Center with budget amendment. The quote is for repair from Johnson Control for the two compressors, labor and freon for the cooling system in the amount of \$17,486. This has not been budgeted and will need a budget amendment.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Hansel to approve the bid from Johnson Control for the two compressors, labor and freon for the cooling system in the amount of \$17,486 for the air system at the Community Center with a budget amendment.

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

Citizens Comments

Fire Chief Randy Ragan informed the Board the State Fire Marshal has donated smoke alarms to the Newport Fire Department. The Newport Fire Department and State Fire Marshal's office will go door to door on Graham Street and near the park on November 23rd from 9:00 am to noon to offer and install these smoke alarms to Newport residents.

Tammy Allen stated has purchased her dad's house Worex Street and has a rodent problem from the neighbor's trailer. The neighbors have a trailer that they have turned into a chicken coop. The rats have come from the neighbors as they have gutted the trailer out. Ms. Allen is asking for help with this issue. Mr. Finchum stated he would make the Codes Enforcer aware of this problem.

Kim Gregg asked for River Street to be renamed to Waters Edge. Ms. Gregg has asked for the street name change to start at East Main or could start at the beginning of River Street. Ms. Gregg has been to the Planning Commission with this request. There will be a public forum on November 14th on this issue. Ms. Gregg stated there was one person not in favor of the name change. There will be 56 properties effected with this name change.

Angie Buckner stated she has just purchased a property on East Main and has asked to be left out of the name change. Ms. Buckner state she was opening a hair salon, and this would create a problem.

Adjournment

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

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

Mayor Roland Dykes, III

James Finchum, City Administrator

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