

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

November 15, 2016

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. in Regular Session.

Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the invocation. Fire Chief Randy Ragan led the Pledge to the Flag.

The following officials were present: Mayor Connie Ball, Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt, Alderman Jeff Fancher, Alderman Roger Gribble, Alderman Mike Hansel, Alderman Bobby Knight, City Administrator James Finchum, and City Attorney Terry Hurst.

Mayor Ball declared a Quorum.

Minutes

October 11, 2016 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Fancher for minutes of the October 11, 2016 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

Proclamations and/or Recognition of Citizens by the Mayor

Vice Mayor Proffitt present certificates of recognitions to Cassidy Gibson, Rachael Watts, Lauryn Munn, and Alayna Perryman for their athletic achievements in golf.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported the Street Department has five (5) surplus items to be put on GovDeals.com. a brush truck, dump truck, 5 foot disc, utility box bed, and trash truck.

Mr. Finchum reported the 4th annual “A Small Town Christmas Celebration” concert will be held at the 1st Baptist Church December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. The City Hall roof is finished. Safe Routes to School project is now under construction.

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Consideration of appointment for the Cocke County Partnership Board. This appointment is for an alderman to serve a one (1) year term that is on a three (3) year rotation from CLB, City Council, and the Town of Parrottsville.

Motion by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Hansel to appoint Alderman Jeff Fancher to the Cocke County Partnership Board.

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

Consideration of appointment for the Newport Housing Authority Board. The Newport Housing Authority Executive Director Charlie Boggan sent a letter of recommendation to appoint Mike Hannon to the Board.

Motion by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Fancher to appoint Mike Hannon to the Newport Housing Authority Board.

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-10 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport

Consideration of approval of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-10 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-10 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-11 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School

Consideration of approval of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-11 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made by Alderman Gribble and second by Alderman Knight to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2016-11 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

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

Ratification of Newport Utilities Resolution to Authorize Applying for a Rural Economic Development Loan

Consideration of Ratification of Newport Utilities Resolution to Authorize Applying for a Rural Economic Development Loan.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Fancher to approve the Ratification of Newport Utilities Resolution to Authorize Applying for a Rural Economic Development Loan.

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

Strategic Planning for Cocke County

Discussion of the Strategic Planning for Cocke County. Planning Director Gary Carver asked the Board if they wanted to make any changes in the Strategic Planning that was given to them at last month’s meeting. This will be taken to the County for their review. The final draft should be presented at the January meeting.

Bids

Animal Shelter Roof

Discussion of bids for the Animals Shelter roof. Two (2) bids were submitted for labor only: Ben Lily General Contractor \$9,852 and Vanzzini Caulking and Painting \$18,720. Mr. Finchum stated the materials cost was around \$5,000 if the tin is reusable after it’s removed from the building. The next step to take in this matter is to meet with the Humane Society to discuss them paying half of the project cost.

Alderman Fancher stated the City has opted out of the lease. Alderman Fancher stated “I’m not in favor of putting a penny in it.” Alderman Fancher reported of a meeting with Greene County animal shelter that he, Alderman Gribble, City Administrator James Finchum, and City Recorder Tina Matthews attended. Alderman Fancher stated he was ready to get out of the animal shelter business.

Utility Vehicle for Parks & Recreation

Consideration of approval of bids for a utility vehicle for the Parks & Recreation. Two (2) bids were submitted: Tri-County Power for a Kubota unit \$ 8,712 and Alph Outdoor Power for a Gravely unit \$11,499. Parks & Recreation Director Tim Dockery’s recommendation was for the low bid.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve the bid from Tri-County Power for a Kubota unit \$ 8,712 for the Parks & Recreation.

Roll Call

Alderman Fancher	AYE
Alderman Gribble	AYE
Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	AYE

Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor & Alderman, **a motion was made by Aldermen Gribble and second by Alderman Fancher** to adjourn.

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

Mayor Connie Ball

James Finchum, City Administrator

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