

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2021- 08 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of Resolution #2021- 11 Adopting a Plan of Service for Property Located at 1026 West Highway 25/70. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the public hearing.

November 9, 2021

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the invocation. Vice Mayor Proffitt 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 Mike Hansel, Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger, Alderman Steve Smith, City Attorney Terry Hurst, and City Administrator James Finchum.

The following officials were not present: Alderman Bobby Knight.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

Minutes

October 12, 2021 Regular Session

Motion by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, for minutes of the October 12, 2021 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

Rob Watkins recognized Mayor Roland Dykes, III with a certificate of appreciation for the work with the veterans.

Alderswoman Ottinger recognized Rafting with the Smokies, Mark & Brenda Shults, for the donation of a raft for the swift water rescue.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported the Covid numbers have slowly went down. There are currently no employees out with Covid.

OSHA has an appeal in court for wanting to mandate vaccines to employees. Mr. Finchum stated this is something that he does not want to put into play unless the City Council request it.

The situation with the Newport Rescue Squad has been resolved. Fire Chief Jeremy Shelton has worked to get the training at no cost.

Mr. Finchum asked the Board to suspend the rules and add to the agenda a bid for a recycling truck. The city currently has two recycling trucks and it is in the budget to purchase a truck this year. The motor has blown in one of the trucks. This leaves only one truck to pick up for the entire city.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderswoman Ottinger, to suspend the rules and add to the agenda the bid for a recycling truck.

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

Mr. Finchum reported that on the agenda was a budget amendment for the city. In this budget amendment was to bring the lower paid full-time employees to \$15 an hour and part-time employees to \$12 an hour.

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Consideration of appointment to the Newport Housing Authority Board – Mike Hannon’s Term.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Smith, to reappoint Mike Hannon to the Newport Housing Authority Board.

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

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2021- 08 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2021- 08 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Motion was made Alderwoman Ottinger by and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2021- 08 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

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

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2021-09 Adopting an Unclaimed Property Policy

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2021-09 Adopting an Unclaimed Property Policy.

Motion was made Vice Mayor Proffitt by and second by Alderman Smith, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2021-09 Adopting an Unclaimed Property Policy.

Roll Call

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

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2021-10 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2021-10 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2021-10 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

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

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2021-11 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2021-11 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made Alderman Hansel by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2021-11 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Roll Call

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

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

Resolution #2021-10 Authorizing the City of Newport to Open a Credit Card Bank Account at Newport Federal Bank

Consideration of Resolution #2021-10 Authorizing the City of Newport to Open a Credit Card Bank Account at Newport Federal Bank.

Motion was made Alderwoman Ottinger by and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve Resolution #2021-10 Authorizing the City of Newport to Open a Credit Card Bank Account at Newport Federal Bank.

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

Resolution #2021-11 Annex Certain Territory Upon Written Consent of the Owners and to Incorporate the Same Within the Boundaries of the City of Newport Tennessee located at 1026 West Highway 25/70

Consideration of Resolution #2021-11 Annex Certain Territory Upon Written Consent of the Owners and to Incorporate the Same Within the Boundaries of the City of Newport Tennessee located at 1026 West Highway 25/70.

Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve Resolution #2021-11 Annex Certain Territory Upon Written Consent of the Owners and to Incorporate the Same Within the Boundaries of the City of Newport Tennessee located at 1026 West Highway 25/70.

Roll Call

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

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

Resolution #2021-12 Closing and Quitclaim the Alley Right-of-Way at Twilight Lane

Consideration of Resolution #2021-12 Closing and Quitclaim the Alley Right-of-Way at Twilight Lane.

Motion was made Alderwoman Ottinger by and second by Alderman Smith, to approve Resolution #2021-12 Closing and Quitclaim the Alley Right-of-Way at Twilight Lane.

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

Parking Plan for Main Street

Consideration of Parking Plan for Main Street. This parking plan is to remove all angled parking on Main Street and replace with parallel parking.

Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve the parking plan to remove all angled parking on Main Street and replace with parallel parking.

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

Covid Premium Pay

Consideration of Covid Premium Pay for City of Newport employees. This is to utilize the American Rescue Plan Act to pay for premium pay for essential city employees. Mr. Finchum is asking to give \$6,000 bonus to full time employees and \$3,000 to part-time employees. This will cover 2020 and 2021. These amounts fall within the parameters allowed by the guidelines of the ARPA.

Motion was made Vice Mayor Proffitt by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the Covid Premium pay to employees in the amount of \$6,000 to full time employees and \$3,000 to part-time employees to cover 2020 and 2021.

Roll Call

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

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

Hiring a Firefighter for the Newport Fire Department

Consideration of hiring a Firefighter for the Newport Fire Department. Request to hire Dylan Johnson to fill the vacant firefighter position at the Newport Fire Department.

Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve hiring Dylan Johnson as Firefighter for the Newport Fire Department.

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

Application for a Certificate of Compliance for a Liquor Store

Consideration of application for a Certificate of Compliance for a Liquor Store. Mike Ottinger has submitted an application and is compliance for a liquor store. Mr. Ottinger's store will be The Bottle Store located at 1026 West Highway 25/70.

Motion was made Alderman Smith by and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve a Certificate of Compliance for a liquor store for Mike Ottinger, The Bottle Store Located at 1026 West Highway 25/70.

Roll Call

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

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

Bids, Purchases and Expenses

Renovation of the Cosby Highway Side of the Community Center

Consideration of bids for Renovation of the Cosby Highway side of the Community Center. There was only one bid from Lakeway Door & Glass, Inc. in the amount of \$72,950 for the renovation to bring the community center to the ADA standards.

Motion was made Alderman Hansel by and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve the bid from Lakeway Door & Glass, Inc. in the amount of \$72,950 for the renovation to bring the community center to the ADA standards.

Roll Call

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

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

Recycling Truck

Consideration of bids for recycling truck. This is to replace the 2006 F450 Ford recycling truck. The state bid from TT of Ford Murfreesboro for a 2020 F550 Ford truck in the amount of \$44,421.

Motion was made Alderwoman Ottinger by and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve the bid from TT of Ford Murfreesboro for a 2020 F550 Ford truck in the amount of \$44,421.

Roll Call

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

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

Comments from Citizens

Rob Watkins invited the Board to many events for veterans coming up in the next month.

Adjournment

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