

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 10, 2017**

Public Hearing

Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt opened the public hearing for discussion on Ordinance #2017-16 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newport from R-1 Low Density Residential to C-2 General Commercial District Zoning. There was no one to comment.

Vice Mayor Proffitt closed the Public Hearing.

October 10, 2017

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Alderman Mike Hansel led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

The following officials were absent: Mayor Connie Ball and Alderman Jeff Fancher.

Vice Mayor Proffitt declared a Quorum.

Minutes

September 12, 2017 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight for minutes of the September 12, 2017 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

Proclamations and/or Recognition of Citizens

Alderman Hansel presented the Newport Fire Department with a proclamation for National Fire Prevention Month. Vice Mayor Proffitt presented Drs. Foster, Steele, and Eisenhower with a certificate of appreciation for community service.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported the audit is complete. Mr. Finchum met with the auditors who said everything looks good. Mr. Finchum talked to the auditors about the property tax cut the Board wants to do. Mr. Finchum stated if everything stays on track, the City is looking at cutting twenty five cents (.25) next budget year.

Mr. Finchum reported on meeting with the Friends of the Animal Shelter. After long discussions, the City asked to go back to their board on the contract.

City Planner Gary Carver reported of the grants the City has received. The CDBG for storm water study is an 80/20 grant in the amount of \$320,000. The City will be able to complete the Tanner Building project with the ARC in the amount of \$250,000 with an additional grant from the Wright family in the amount of \$50,000.

Appointment of Boards, Commission & Committees

Consideration of the open Alderman position. The following sent in resumes to the City: Linda Hampton-Parker, Louanna Ottinger, Steve Smith, and Dennis Thornton.

Motion by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight to nominate Steve Smith for the open Alderman position.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

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

City Attorney Terry Hurst swore Steve Smith in as Alderman for the remaining term of the late Alderman Roger Gribble.

Reports from Committees, Members of Council & Other Officers

Roland Dykes of the Tanner Preservation Alliance gave a report to the Board.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2017-16 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newport from R-1 Low Density Residential to C-2 General Commercial District Zoning

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2017-16 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newport from R-1 Low Density Residential to C-2 General Commercial District Zoning.

Motion was made by Alderman Kinght and second by Alderman Hansel to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2017-16 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newport from R-1 Low Density Residential to C-2 General Commercial District Zoning.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	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 #2017-17 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-17 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2017-17 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

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

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

New Firefighter Position

Consideration of New Firefighter Position. Mr. Finchum stated Alderman Fancher had ask to do a study on both part time and full time positions. Mr. Finchum met with Finance Director Tina Matthews to do the study on a full time and part time position for the Fire Department. The Fire Department has not filled 3 positions reduced in prior years. The City can afford a full time position as a floater. This position will be filled by the next in line by the civil service.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel to create a full time position for the Fire Department.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	AYE
Alderman Smith	AYE

Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel to hire Patrick Sheldon to the Fire Department.

Roll Call

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

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

Bids

Resurfacing of the Pet Milk Park and Fifth & Filbert Basketball Courts

Consideration of bids for resurfacing of the Pet Milk Park and Fifth & Filbert Basketball Courts. The following bids came in: Playrite: Fifth & Filbert \$9,200 and Pet Milk \$7,500 combined \$16,700; and Competition: Fifth & Filbert \$9,000 and Pet Milk \$8,600 combined \$17,600. Competition will do both parks for \$16,300.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve the bid from Competition for both parks for \$16,300.

Roll Call

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

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

Infield Groomer for Parks & Recreation

Consideration of bids for an Infield Groomer for Parks & Recreation. The only bid is from State contract from Smith Turf & Irrigation Company for a Toro Sand Pro 3040 for \$18,240.30.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight to approve the bid from Smith Turf & Irrigation Company for a Toro Sand Pro 3040 for \$18,240.30.

Roll Call

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

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

Diesel Tractor with Front End Loader for Parks & Recreation

Consideration of bids for a Diesel Tractor with Front End Loader for Parks & Recreation. The following bids came in: Meade: JD 3033 R Utility Tractor \$24,300 and 3032 E Utility Tractor \$19,275 and Tri-County Power L3301 \$16,975. The bids from Meade doesn't meet the bid specs.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight to approve the bid from Tri-County Power L3301 \$16,975.

Roll Call

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

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

Crew Cab Truck for Parks & Recreation

Consideration of bids for a Crew Cab Truck for Parks & Recreation. The only bid is from State contract from Ford of Murfreesboro 2018 F-150 Crew Cab 4X4 XL \$33,329.37.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight to approve the bid from Ford of Murfreesboro 2018 F-150 Crew Cab 4X4 XL \$33,329.37.

Roll Call

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

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

Citizens Comments

Jeff Kyker stated he had a lot to sell that he would like to sell to the City of Newport for a parking lot. Mr. Kyker did say he would reduce the price if the City would landscape the property. The Board asked Mr. Kyker to get with Mr. Finchum on the property.

Lori Keller ask about the arrows in front of Wal-Mart and Lowes where the construction is going on. Ms. Keller stated it was very confusing and someone may get hurt. Mr. Finchum reported that the State was doing that project but he would check with the State.

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 Alderman Knight** to adjourn.

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

Mayor Connie Ball

James Finchum, City Administrator

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