

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 11, 2022**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes opened the public hearing for the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-14 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone 226 Jaybird Street. There was no one to comment.

Consideration of the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-15 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone the Woodland Park. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the public hearing.

October 11, 2022

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Chief of Police Maurice Shults 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 Mike Proffitt, Alderman Connie Ball, Alderman Mike Hansel, Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger, Alderman Steve Smith, City Attorney Terry Hurst, and City Administrator James Finchum.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

Minutes

September 13, 2022 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Ball and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, for minutes of the September 13, 2022 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum reported of TDEC money the city could apply for through the state Covid funds. This money is for infrastructure only, water, sewer or storm drain. Mr. Finchum asked to apply for this money but would need to be added to the agenda.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel, to suspend the rules and add to the agenda consideration of applying for TDEC money.

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

Mr. Finchum readdressed from last month’s meeting the damage of the walls at the Tanner Building. It was to Mr. Finchum’s understanding that a worker from Walter’s State children had damaged the walls at the Tanner building but was determined a worker’s children from the Partnership was that did the damage.

There have been three garbage trucks down in the past two weeks. One of the trucks has been returned and ready to get back to the regular schedule.

Since the last meeting, Mr. Finchum has met with the county mayor and sheriff. These meetings have been very productive. Mr. Finchum stated he wants to work together with the county. Also, Mr. Finchum stated he has looked at trying to get additional sales tax from the state. Coker County is a distressed county which could get a larger percentage of the sales tax back. With the county on board working together, it might make it happen.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-14 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone 226 Jaybird Street

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-14 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone 226 Jaybird Street.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-14 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone 226 Jaybird Street.

Roll Call

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

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-15 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone the Woodland Park

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-15 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone the Woodland Park.

Motion was made by Alderman Ball and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2022-15 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone the Woodland Park.

Roll Call

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

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2022-16 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2022-16 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2022-16 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Roll Call

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

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2022-17 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport Rezoning Properties Main Street

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2022-17 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport Rezoning Properties Main Street.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Ball, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2022-17 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport Rezoning Properties Main Street.

Roll Call

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

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

Purchase Option Agreement Between WU Holdings VII, LLC and the City of Newport

Consideration of Purchase Option Agreement Between WU Holdings VII, LLC and the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Smith, to approve Purchase Option Agreement Between WU Holdings VII, LLC and the City of Newport.

Roll Call

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

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

Newport Fire Department Purchase Increase for Pickup Truck

Consideration of Newport Fire Department Purchase Increase for Pickup Truck. The City Council approved \$34,000 in May for the Newport Fire Department to purchase a Ford F150 pickup truck to replace the 2005 Ford Expedition. The order for the pickup truck was cancelled for all 2022 orders and are requiring 2023 models. There is a \$9,000 increase in these vehicles. The request to increase the approved amount of \$34,000 to \$43,000.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Ball, to approve Newport Fire Department Purchase Increase for Pickup Truck from \$34,000 to \$43,000.

Roll Call

Alderman Ball AYE
Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Smith AYE

Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

November Election Day

Discussion of November Election Day. The November City Council meeting falls on election day this year. Mr. Finchum asked what the board would like to do, reschedule or cancel.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve cancelling the November City Council meeting.

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

TDEC Funding

Consideration of applying for the additional TDEC money for infrastructure.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve applying for TDEC funding for infrastructure.

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

Bids, Purchases and Expenses

Skylift Scissor Lift for Parks & Recreation

Consideration of bids for Skylift Scissor Lift for Parks & Recreation. There was only one bid from Aerial Titans in the amount of \$33,967.63.

Motion was made by Alderman Ball and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve bid received from Aerial Titans in the amount of \$33,967.63 for a Skylift Scissor Lift for Parks & Recreation.

Roll Call

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

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

Railroad Pedestrian Crosswalk Improvement

Consideration of bids for Railroad Pedestrian Crosswalk Improvement. This is Phase II of the signalization project with a 100 percent match. There was only one bid from Progression in the total amount of \$111,750.30.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve bid from Progression in the amount of \$111,750.30 for the Railroad Pedestrian Crosswalk Improvement Project.

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

Comments from Citizens

Vice Mayor Proffitt stated this would be his last meeting. Mr. Proffitt talked about how good it was to work with this board for the past eight years. Mr. Proffitt stated he was endorsing everyone on this board. Mr. Proffitt stated he appreciated the department directors as well.

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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