

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 13, 2020**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for discussion of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-07 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the Public Hearing.

October 13, 2020

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the invocation. Alderman Steve Smith led the Pledge to the Flag.

The following officials were present: Mayor Roland Dykes, III, Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt, Alderman Bobby Knight, Alderman Steve Smith, City Attorney Terry Hurst, and City Administrator James Finchum.

The following officials were not present: Alderman Mike Hansel and Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

Minutes

September 8, 2020 Regular Session

Motion by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight, for minutes of the September 8, 2020 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 gave an update on the COVID. Mr. Finchum stated he has been meeting with the department directors weekly. Mr. Finchum stated the department directors were doing a good job with their employees.

Mr. Fichum stated reported the demolition and removal of a condemned house of Clifton Heights Road. The codes enforcement took bids and the cost of the clean up will be added to the property tax.

City Hall will be closed on November 3rd due to the election. Mr. Finchum stated he would be working but the staff will not. This is for the safety of staff.

Reports from Committees, Members of Council & Other Officers

Community Development Director Gary Carver gave updates on the Tanner Building project. Mr. Carver stated the inspection was Thursday, October 15th. Some of the residents of the building have been moving some of their things in.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-07 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-07 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-07 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Roll Call

Alderman Knight	AYE
Alderman Smith	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-08 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 1 Building Code, Section 103 Schedule of Permit Fees

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-08 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 1 Building Code, Section 103 Schedule of Permit Fees.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-08 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 1 Building Code, Section 103 Schedule of Permit Fees.

Roll Call

Alderman Knight AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-09 Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Newport Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Prohibited Signs, Electronic Reader Board

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-09 Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Newport Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Prohibited Signs, Electronic Reader Board.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-09 Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Newport Chapter 3, General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Prohibited Signs, Electronic Reader Board.

Roll Call

Alderman Knight AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

Parking Plan for McSween & Mims Avenue

Consideration of Parking Plan for McSween & Mims Avenue. Community Development Director Gary Carver stated it is the determination that the angled parking on McSween and Mims Avenue has the reduction of visibility down each street as well as the inability of passing traffic to navigate without crossing the center line of traffic make it a candidate for a parking design change. McSween has a lot adjacent to it that provides more than enough spots lost on McSween from the changes. A negotiation is being entered into with Commercial Bank to develop a joint use agreement for space in their lot on Mims that would make up for any lost spaces there.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Smith, to approve Parking Plan for McSween & Mims Avenue.

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

Bids

Peterbilt with Curbtender VacPak Leafer Truck for the Street Department

Consideration of Peterbilt with Curbtender VacPak Leafer Truck for the Street Department. This is to replace the 1996 International leaf truck. Bid from The Peterbilt Store for a Peterbilt model #220 with Curbtender 18 yard VacPak for a total amount of \$173,619.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight, to approve the bid from The Peterbilt Store for a Peterbilt model #220 with Curbtender 18 yard VacPak for a total amount of \$173,619 for the Street Department.

Roll Call

Alderman Knight	AYE
Alderman Smith	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

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

Comments from Citizens

Kendall Williams stated a resident on Martini Street was opening up an entrance thru residential area. The neighbors do not want traffic coming through their neighborhood from the Cosby Highway. Mr. Finchum stated he has gotten several calls about this issue and has checked on it. The person in question lives behind the pawn shop is making a drive around to the pawn shop where he works. Mr. Carver stated according to the resident in question, his intent is to drive around to work. Both Mr. Finchum and Mr. Carver stated they would keep an eye on this situation.

Adjournment

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