

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 9, 2018**

October 9, 2018

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 5:45 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Alderman Jeff Fancher led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

The following officials were absent: Mayor Connie Ball and Alderman Mike Hansel.

Vice Mayor Proffitt declared a Quorum.

Minutes

September 11, 2018 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Smith for minutes of the September 11, 2018 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

Proclamations and/or Recognition of Citizens

Vice Mayor Proffitt gave recognition to Fruit Jar Alley. City Administrator James Finchum gave recognition to the Fire Department on behalf of himself and Alderman Hansel.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum stated its leaf time so that means leaves or brush will be picked up at the curb side by the Street Department. Mr. Finchum stated the City cannot go on private property to do anything like remove trees, rocks or debris.

Appointment of Boards, Commission & Committees

Consideration of appointment to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – Bill Buda term. The Board re-appointed Bill Buda to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

All Ayes- Vice Mayor Ball declared the appointment passed and approved.

Reports From Committees, Members Of Council & Other Officers

Tanner Preservation Alliance Trey Dykes gave a report on architecture firm.

Keep Cocke County Beautiful Meka Henderson gave a report on a draft bill for beverage container recycling act.

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2018-16 Amending Title 11 Municipal Offenses Chapter 3 Offenses Against the Peace and Quite Adding Section 304 Fireworks Regulations

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Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Knight to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2018-16 Amending Title 11 Municipal Offenses Chapter 3 Offenses Against the Peace and Quite Adding Section 304 Fireworks Regulations.

Roll Call

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

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

Resolution #2018-16 Authorizing the City of Newport to Release Elizabeth Eason Architecture Firm and to Hire Michael Brady, Inc. for Architectural Engineering for the Tanner Building Project

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Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Knight to approve Resolution #2018-16 Authorizing the City of Newport to Release Elizabeth Eason Architecture Firm and to Hire Michael Brady, Inc. for Architectural Engineering for the Tanner Building Project.

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

New Position for a Part-Time General Labor for Parks & Recreation

Consideration of a New Position for a Part-Time General Labor for Parks & Recreation. Parks & Recreation Director Tim Dockery stated this was a 16 hour a week position starting out pay at \$10.30 with no benefits.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Fancher to approve a new position for a part-time General Labor for Parks & Recreation.

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

Request from Parks and Recreation to Change the Hours at the Newport City Park

Consideration of Request from Parks and Recreation to Change the Hours at the Newport City Park. Parks and Recreation are requesting to change the closing hours at the City Park from 11:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The winter hours will continue to stay at closing at 9:00 pm and reopening at regular hours when the time changes in the spring.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Fancher to approve request from Parks and Recreation to change the hours as submitted at the Newport City Park

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

Hiring a Full-time Firefighter for an Open Position

Consideration of hiring a full-time Firefighter for an open position. The Fire Civil Service Board has recommended hiring Steven Nall.

Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Knight to approve hiring a full-time Firefighter Steven Nall to the Newport Fire Department.

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

Citizens Comments

Fred Myers asked the Board to consider de-annexing his property. Mr. Myers stated he had no sewage on his property.

Lars Johnson requested the fluoride be removed from county water. Mr. Johnson also requested to stop smoking in parks.

Alderman Fancher congratulated Vice Mayor Proffitt on receiving the citizenship award.

Adjournment

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