

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

September 10, 2019

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Alderwoman Louanna Ottinger led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

The following officials were absent: Alderman Mike Hansel and Alderman Bobby Knight.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

Minutes

August 13, 2019 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger for minutes of the August 13, 2019 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 on the situation with Vickie Turner with the seven dogs. Ms. Turner has hospice dogs on her property. Mr. Finchum reported the research that Lisa Layman had worked on for the dog ordinance. Mr. Finchum stated Knoxville has the same dog ordinance that Newport has. If you have more than four animals, you can apply for a permit for hospice animals, but you cannot replace them when they pass. Mr. Finchum asked if the Board wanted to move forward with amendments to Newport's ordinance. The Board agreed to let Mr. Finchum come back with amendments to the dog ordinance.

Mr. Finchum stated he has received several complaints with grass clippings out in the road. It has been so bad in some areas that the road is covered. There is nothing the city can do about this situation. Mr. Finchum stated this is something to think about fixing.

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees

Appointment to the Equalization Board – Ray Keifer’s Appointment

Consideration of Appointment of Board to the Equalization Board for the remainder term of Ray Keifer, May 2020. Assessor of Property sent a recommendation to appoint John Clark who resides and owns property at 457 College Street for the remanding term May 2020.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Smith to approve John Clark to the Equalization Board for the remainder term of Ray Keifer, May 2020.

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

Reports from Committees, Members of Council & Other Officers

Mr. Finchum stated the abatement is finished and they are finalizing plans to begin construction.

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-06 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-06 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2019-06 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

Alderwoman Ottinger	AYE
Alderman Smith	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

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

Resolution #2019-06 Public Entity Partners Driver Safety Matching Grant

Consideration of Resolution #2019-06 Public Entity Partners Driver Safety Matching Grant. This is a matching grant to help pay for driver’s license checks for employees.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Smith to approve Resolution #2019-06 Public Entity Partners Driver Safety Matching Grant.

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

Bids, Purchases and Expenses

Bids for Street Sweeper

Consideration of Bids for Street Sweeper. State contract bid from Atlantic Machinery, Inc. for a Ravo 5i Series Compact Street Sweeper for \$200,000 after the \$25,000 trade in.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Smith to approve the bid from Atlantic Machinery, Inc. for a Ravo 5i Series Compact Street Sweeper for \$200,000 after the \$25,000 trade in.

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

Bids for the Police Department for Two Vehicles

Consideration of Bids for the Police Department for Two Vehicles. The Police Department has budgeted to purchase two SUV Ford Explorer, one from the drug fund and one from capital fund. State contract from Ford Murfreesboro for a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Unity for \$33,845 (from Drug Fund) and a 2020 Ford Explorer XTL 4WD for \$34,985 (from Capital Fund).

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Ottinger to approve the bid from Ford Murfreesboro for a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Unity for \$33,845 (from drug fund) and a 2020 Ford Explorer XTL 4WD for \$34,985 (from capital fund).

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

Resolution #2019-07 Authorizing the Issuance, Sale, and Payment of Fiscal Year 2020 Police Vehicle Interfund Loan Capital Outlay Notes Not to Exceed \$35,000

Consideration of Resolution #2019-07 Authorizing the Issuance, Sale, and Payment of Fiscal Year 2020 Police Vehicle Interfund Loan Capital Outlay Notes Not to Exceed \$35,000. This resolution is to loan money from the general fund to the drug fund with zero interest for the new vehicle.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Smith to approve Resolution #2019-07 Authorizing the Issuance, Sale, and Payment of Fiscal Year 2020 Police Vehicle Interfund Loan Capital Outlay Notes Not to Exceed \$35,000.

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

Adjournment

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

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

Mayor Roland Dykes, III

James Finchum, City Administrator

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