

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

Public Hearing

Mayor Connie Ball opened the public hearing for discussion of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2017-15 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 2 Beer, adding Section 2-206 Outdoor Serving Area Restrictions. There was no one to comment. Mayor Ball closed the Public Hearing.

July 11, 2017

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Followed by a moment of silence for the late Alderman Roger Gribble, Rev. Alvin Watts led the invocation. Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Mayor Ball declared a Quorum.

Mayor Ball and the Board recognized the late Alderman Roger Gribble.

Minutes

August 11, 2017 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Knight for minutes of the August 11, 2017 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

Proclamation and/or Recognition of Citizens by the Mayor

Alderman Hansel presented Animal Control with a proclamation for National Animal Control Month.

Vice Mayor Proffitt recognized the late Glenmoore Smith. Mr. Smith had served on the Police Civil Service Board and the Beer Board.

Old Business

2nd Reading Ordinance #2017-15 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 2 Beer, Adding Section 2-206 Outdoor Serving Area Restrictions

Consideration of 2nd Reading Ordinance #2017-15 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 2 Beer, Adding Section 2-206 Outdoor Serving Area Restrictions.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Fancher to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance #2017-15 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 2 Beer, Adding Section 2-206 Outdoor Serving Area Restrictions.

Roll Call

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

Vote 3-1- Mayor Ball declared the motion passed and approved.

New Business

1st 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 1st 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 Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight to approve 1st 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 Fancher	AYE
Alderman Hansel	AYE
Alderman Knight	AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt	AYE

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

Resolution #2017-12 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the TML Driver's Safety Grant

Consideration of Resolution #2017-12 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the TML Driver's Safety Grant. This grant is a matching 50/50 grant up to \$4,000 for driver's license history of City employees who drive the City vehicles.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Fancher to approve Resolution #2017-12 Authorizing the City of Newport to participate in the TML Driver's Safety Grant.

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

Resolution #2017-13 Authorizing the Issuance, Sale, and Payment of Fiscal Year 2018 Police Vehicle Interfund Loan Capital Outlay Notes

Consideration of Resolution #2017-13 Authorizing the Issuance, Sale, and Payment of Fiscal Year 2018 Police Vehicle Interfund Loan Capital Outlay Notes.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Hansel to approve Resolution #2017-13 Authorizing the Issuance, Sale, and Payment of Fiscal Year 2018 Police Vehicle Interfund Loan Capital Outlay Notes.

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

Resolution #2017-14 Administration Service for the Home Grant

Consideration of Resolution #2017-14 Administration Service for the Home Grant. Community Development Partners LLC was the only applicant for administration service. Administration service is paid a total of \$30,000 from the grant. The City of Newport is not liable for any administration pay.

Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Hansel to approve Resolution #2017-14 Administration Service for the Home Grant.

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

Resolution #2017-15 Inspection Services for the Home Grant

Consideration of Resolution #2017-15 Inspection Services for the Home Grant. Cauthen & Associates and Crossroads Home Inspection were chosen for the inspection services. Inspections are paid by each home rehab from the grant. With this grant, we have asked for two companies due to the demand of homes to stay on the time line of construction.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Fancher to approve Resolution #2017-15 Inspection Services for the Home Grant.

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

Resolution #2017-16 Renaming Cherry Street to TEVET Way

Consideration of Resolution #2017-16 Renaming Cherry Street to TEVET Way. TEVET LLC is a leading supply chain defense contractor within the aerospace and defense industry that is expanding their operations to the City of Newport. TEVET LLC has selected the former Newport Precision location in Newport as their new national headquarters due to the location.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Fancher to approve Resolution #2017-16 Renaming Cherry Street to TEVET Way.

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

Farmer's Market Grant Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Consideration of Farmer's Market Grant Fiscal Year 2017-2018. This grant is 100% reimbursement not to exceed \$1,000. The farmer's market uses this money for advertisement.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight to approve Farmer's Market Grant Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

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

Parade Permit from Coker County High School to Celebrate CCHS 100th Homecoming

Mr. Finchum spoke with Chief of Police Shults who feels confident that no permit is needed for such a small event. No intersections will be crossed by students for this parade.

Request to Utilize Service Credited Hours

Consideration of Request to Utilize Service Credited Hours. Chief of Police Shults asked for the service credited hours for an employee at the Police Department who is out on sick leave.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Fancher to approve request to utilize Service Credited Hours.

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

Open Alderman Position

Discussion of the open alderman position of the late Alderman Roger Gribble. Mr. Finchum stated to follow same as previous to allow qualified candidates to hand in resumes. City Attorney Terry Hurst read section 6 of the Charter that stated the qualifications. Deadlines for the resumes are September 27th at noon at City Hall. Workshop to interview candidates is

October 2nd at 5:00 p.m. Each candidate will have 5 minutes to speak followed by questions by the Board.

Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Knight to approve following the guidelines of the Charter for the open Alderman position.

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

Truck Route on McMahan Street – Alderman Hansel

Alderman Hansel spoke to the Board on the truck route for McMahan Street. Alderman Hansel stated he has had complaints of the Koch trucks coming through McMahan Street. Mr. Hurst stated he would research the truck routes. Mr. Hurst stated he didn't know if we could stop them because it's a state highway.

Animal Shelter – Alderman Fancher

Alderman Fancher stated he doesn't feel comfortable moving forward with the Animal Shelter until he speaks with county mayor and CLB members. Alderman Fancher stated he wants to ask questions before giving money to the Animal Shelter.

Bids

2 Ton Truck for Recycling

Consideration of bids for a 2 Ton Truck for Recycling Department. Street Superintendent Ben Hicks recommended the NJPA bid from Scranton Mfg. Com. Inc/New Way for a 11 RL Viper 2 Ton Truck for the amount of \$132,095.49. Municipal equipment is the authorized dealer for Scranton Mfg.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Fancher to approve the NJPA bid from Scranton Mfg. Com. Inc/New Way for a 11 RL Viper 2 Ton Truck for the amount of \$132,095.49 for Recycling Department.

Roll Call

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

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

Front End Loader for the Street Department

Consideration of bids for a Front End Loader for the Street Department. Street Superintendent Ben Hicks recommended the State bid from Stowers Machinery Corp. for a Caterpillar 918 Wheel Loader for the amount of \$122,160.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Fancher to approve the State bid from Stowers Machinery Corp. for a Caterpillar 918 Wheel Loader for the amount of \$122,160.

Roll Call

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

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

Jaws of Life for the Fire Department

Consideration of bids for Jaws of Life for the Fire Department. Fire Chief Randy Ragan recommended the State bid from Municipal Emergency Services Jaws of Life in the amount of \$29,950.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Hansel to approve the State bid from Municipal Emergency Services Jaws of Life in the amount of \$29,950.

Roll Call

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

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

2 Thermal Image Cameras for the Fire Department

Consideration of bids for 2 Thermal Image Cameras for the Fire Department. Fire Chief Randy Ragan recommended the State bid from Municipal Emergency Services 2 Thermal Image Cameras in the amount of \$16,118.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight to approve the State bid from Municipal Emergency Services 2 Thermal Image Cameras in the amount of \$16,118.

Roll Call

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

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

Citizens Comments

Mr. Finchum stated with the tax increase the Board gave a pledge of 3 years to get the City back on its feet. We have stuck to the plan and we are on schedule. I'm confident the City will be able to roll back the tax rate next year; if nothing major doesn't happen.

Greta Carr with East Tennessee Artscapes reported on the court house benches project. Ms. Carr asked for permission allowing bringing kids to the riverwalk for sidewalk chalk art project on October 1st. The Board had no problem with the sidewalk chalk art on the riverwalk.

Adjournment

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

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

Mayor Connie Ball

James Finchum, City Administrator

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