

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Roland Dykes opened the public hearing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-13 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the public hearing.

**September 13, 2022**

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the invocation. Alderman Connie Ball 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**

**August 9, 2022 Regular Session**

**Motion by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt**, for minutes of the August 9, 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 stated he had several items that the City Council would need to vote on. Mr. Finchum asked to suspend the rules and add these items to the agenda after his presentation.

The duck race that was voted on last week did not include the concession behind the police department. The people that have organized this event has asked for the use of the parking lot behind the police department and to use power for a concession stand.

The State Crosswalk Project has been submitted for phase two. This is through TDOT with a 100% reimbursement for the upgrades. The estimated cost of this project is \$139,620 with the city paying upfront.

Newport Grammar School Resource Officer (SRO) wants to be replaced. The Police Department is having a hard time getting another officer to take this position. Mr. Finchum has proposed giving a supplemental pay to the SRO salary of \$100 weekly for 36 weeks while in school only for a total of \$3,600.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel, to suspend the rules and add the following items to the agenda: the duck race, the State Crosswalk Project and School Resource Officer supplemental pay.**

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

### **Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committees**

#### **Appointment for the Fire Civil Service Board – Mike Overholt Term**

Discussion of Appointment for the Fire Civil Service Board – Mike Overholt Term. The Fire Civil Service Board has appointed Amy Ball to the serve the remainder of Mike Overholt’s term.

### **Old Business**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-13 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport**

Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-13 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-13 Budget Amendment for 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.**

**New Business**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-14 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone 226 Jaybird Street**

Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-14 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone 226 Jaybird Street. This is for Rural Medical that has purchased three properties for staff parking.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Ball,** to approve 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-15 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone the Woodland Park**

Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2022-15 Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Newport to Rezone the Woodland Park.

**Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt,** to approve 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**Contract Between E911 Emergency of Cocke County and the City of Newport**

Consideration of Contract Between E911 Emergency of Cocke County and the City of Newport.

**Motion was made by Alderman Ball and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve Contract Between E911 Emergency of Cocke County and the City of Newport.**

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

**Annual Tennessee Highway Safety Office High Visibility Grant for the Newport Police Department**

Consideration of the annual Tennessee Highway Safety Office High Visibility Grant for the Newport Police Department. This grant is for safety equipment in the amount of \$5,000.

**Motion was made by Alderman Ball and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the annual Tennessee Highway Safety Office High Visibility Grant for the Newport Police Department.**

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

**Duck Race for CCHS Basketball Team**

Consideration of Duck Race for CCHS Basketball Team to use the parking lot behind the police department and the power for a concession stand on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion was made by Alderman Ball and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve the Duck Race for CCHS Basketball Team to use the parking lot behind the police department and the power for a concession stand on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**State Crosswalk Project**

Consideration of State Crosswalk Project through TDOT for phase two with a reimbursement at 100% for the upgrades. The estimated cost of this project is \$139,620 with the city paying upfront.

**Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve the State Crosswalk Project phase two as presented.**

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

**Newport Grammar School Resource Officer Supplement Pay**

Consideration of Newport Grammar School Resource Officer supplement pay. This proposed supplement pay is in the amount of \$100 weekly for 36 weeks while in school only for a total of \$3,600.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the supplement pay for the Newport Grammar School resource Officer in the amount of \$100 weekly for 36 weeks while in school only for a total of \$3,600.**

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

### **Bids, Purchases and Expenses**

#### **Renovation of the Burn Pit for the Street Department**

Consideration of bids for renovation of the Burn Pit for the Street Department. There was only one bid from Brockwell Construction Company in the amount of \$40,887. Finance Director Tina Matthews stated a budget amendment for this renovation will be needed.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Ball, to approve bid received from Brockwell Construction in the amount \$40,887 for the renovation of the burn pit for the Street Department.**

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

#### **Renovation the Tanner Building**

Consideration of bids for renovation the Tanner Building. This bid includes to the remove and replace facer board and all soffit with new, including aluminum wrapping; clean and paint the external building façade; and paint the second floor inside, east wing and lobby. There was only one bid from Preen Construction LLC in the amount of \$46,769.93.

Mr. Finchum reported the damage to the walls to the upstairs at the Walter State area. Mr. Finchum stated someone from Walter State said that they would help with the cost of repair. After much discussion, Alderwoman Ottinger suggested tabling this item until they meet with Walter State to get help with the cost. The bid is only good for 15 days due to the cost of materials going up. The Board requested a meeting with Walter State to be reimbursed for some of the cost of damage to the walls.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve bid from Preen Construction LLC in the amount of \$46,769.93.**

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

#### **Operations Desk at the Community Center**

Consideration of bids for operations desk at the Community Center. There was only one bid from Heartland Company in the amount of \$19,239.08.

**Motion was made by Alderman Ball and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve bid from Heartland Company in the amount of \$19,239.08.**

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

**Comments from Citizens**

Carlene Robinson asked if the historical marker would be placed on the Tanner Building. Mayor Dykes stated the historical maker would be on the building.

**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 Smith** adjourned the meeting.

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

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Mayor Roland Dykes, III

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James Finchum, City Administrator

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