

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTMEBER 8, 2020**

Public Hearing

Mayor Roland Dykes, III opened the public hearing for discussion of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-06 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Dykes closed the Public Hearing.

September 8, 2020

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session.

Chief of Police Maurice Shults led the invocation. Alderman Bobby Knight led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

The following officials were not present: Alderman Steve Smith.

Mayor Dykes declared a Quorum.

Minutes

August 11, 2020 Regular Session

Motion by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, for minutes of the August 11, 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 there has been one (1) employee tested positive that was asymptomatic and has already returned to work. Mr. Finchum stated he was proud of the department directors for their hard work and

all employees. Everything in the City of Newport has opened up except the pool at the community center.

Appointment of Boards, Commissions & Committee

City of Newport Municipal Judge

Consideration of appointment of City of Newport Municipal Judge. Candidates who submitted a resume for Municipal Judge are as follows: Joanna Sheldon, Carty McSween IV and Brittany Wild Vick. Each candidate gave a five (5) minute presentation of qualifications to the Board.

Nomination was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Knight, to appoint Brittany Wild Vick as City of Newport Municipal Judge.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderman Knight AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

The swearing in ceremony for Municipal Judge will be the following day September 9th at 10:00 am at the Newport City Hall.

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

Reports from Committees, Members of Council & Other Officers

Community Development Director Gary Carver gave updates on the Tanner Building project. Mr. Carver stated the lights and air condition are on and the painting is next.

Mr. Carver gave a report on the CDBG storm drainage project. Randy Beckner with Mattern & Craig gave a timeline on this project. Mr. Beckner stated this project has been delayed several times. RailPros permit pertaining to flagging and construction monitoring will be required by the railroad of \$60,000 in unanticipated fees. Mr. Carver asked for the Board to make calls to state representative or anyone who can be an influence to put pressure on the railroad to change this. Mr. Beckner stated Mattern & Craig would provide \$15,000 of this by reducing their contract if the City wishes to move forward.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-06 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-06 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2020-06 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderman Knight AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-07 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School

Consideration of 1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-07 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance #2020-07 Budget Amendment for Newport Grammar School.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderman Knight AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

Resolution #2020-15 Authorizing the City of Newport to Accept Funding Earmarked for the Tanner Building Project from Walters State Community College Foundation and to Amend the Contract with Preen Construction

Consideration of Resolution #2020-15 Authorizing the City of Newport to Accept Funding Earmarked for the Tanner Building Project from Walters State Community College Foundation and to Amend the Contract with Preen Construction.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve Resolution #2020-15 Authorizing the City of Newport to Accept Funding Earmarked for the Tanner Building Project from Walters State Community College Foundation and to Amend the Contract with Preen Construction.

Roll Call

Alderman Hansel AYE
Alderman Knight AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

Amending the Newport Police Department General Orders

Consideration of Amending the Newport Police Department General Orders. Chief of Police Maurice Shults stated the changes are part of the Governors new initiative to standardize the use of force policies of Tennessee Law Enforcement Agencies. The changes will include the rewriting of General Order Chapter 5, the addition of General Order Section 2 Chapter 25 Duty to Intervene and Section 2 Chapter 26 Asphyxia Awareness.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ottinger and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve Amending the Newport Police Department General Orders.

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

Bids

Annual Salt Bid for the City of Newport

Consideration of Annual Salt Bid for the City of Newport. The State contract bid for annual salt for the City of Newport was from Cargill Incorporated in the amount of \$94.14 a ton.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderwoman Ottinger, to approve the bid from Cargill Incorporated in the amount of \$94.14 a ton for the annual salt for the City of Newport.

Roll Call

Alderman Knight AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

Purchase and Installation of Equipment for New Police Vehicles

Consideration of bids for purchase and installation of equipment for two (2) new police vehicles. The following are bids submitted: Trucker's Lighthouse in the amount of \$10,099 per vehicle; and Ford of Murfreesboro in the amount of \$14,513 with On-Duty Depot doing the light package.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt, to approve the state bid from Ford of Murfreesboro with On-Duty Depot doing the light package.

Roll Call

Alderman Knight AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

Downtown Newport Signage

Consideration of bids for Downtown Newport Signage. This is a grant for the Tennessee downtown project. The two bids received are Parrott Printing in the amount of \$11,720.14 and Morristown Signs, Inc in the amount of \$7,625.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Hansel, to approve the bid from Morristown Signs, Inc in the amount of \$7,625 for the downtown Newport signage project.

Roll Call

Alderman Knight AYE
Alderwoman Ottinger AYE
Alderman Smith AYE
Vice Mayor Proffitt AYE

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

Adjournment

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