

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN
CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

Public Hearing

Mayor Connie Ball opened the public hearing for discussion of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-13 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance & Taxation Chapter 3 Purchasing Policy Section 5-304 Purchases of \$10,000 or of more not Submitted for bids adding to Item 7 per Tennessee Code Annotated 12-3-1208. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-14 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport. There was no one to comment.

Discussion of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-15 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 3 Beer Board, Section 8-303 Terms of Members. There was no one to comment.

Mayor Ball closed the Public Hearing.

September 11, 2018

The City of Newport Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in the Newport City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 5:45 p.m. in Regular Session.

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, Alderman Steve Smith, City Attorney Terry Hurst, and City Administrator James Finchum.

Mayor Ball declared a Quorum.

Minutes

August 14, 2018 Regular Session

Motion by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Fancher for minutes of the August 14, 2018 Regular Session to be approved as submitted.

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

Proclamations and/or Recognition Of Citizens By The Mayor

Rob Watkins presented a certificate of appreciation to the Newport Fire Department, Alderman Steve Smith, Vice Mayor Mike Proffitt, and Alderman Mike Hansel for their participation in the flag ceremony.

Mayor Ball presented a proclamation to WNPC Radio Station for their 40th anniversary.

Communications from the City Administrator

City Administrator James Finchum had nothing to report.

Mayor Ball discussed the panhandling in the City of Newport. Mayor Ball said the city will follow with Knoxville and put signs out to try to stop panhandling in the city. Mayor Ball said this will try to stop the interruption of busy intersections like at Weigel's.

Appointment of Boards, Commission & Committees

Consideration of appointment to the Regional Library Board – Pat Mason term. The Cocke County Library Board has nominated Linda Hampton-Parker for the city's trustee to replace Pat Mason. This will be to serve the remainder of Pat Mason's term that will end July 2021.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Hansel to appoint Linda Hampton-Parker for the city's trustee to replace Pat Mason to the Regional Library Board for the remainder of Pat Mason's term that will end July 2021.

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

Reports From Committees, Members of Council & Other Officers

Tanner Preservation Alliance – City Planner Gary Carver. Mr. Carver asked for permission to speak to Michael Brady's firm for engineering for the Tanner Building. Mr. Carver stated the Board voted to hire Elizabeth Eason Architecture, LLC for the engineering services for the Tanner project. Mr. Carver has spoken with the Eason Firm on the plans that Michael Brady's Firm had made for the Tanner project. The Eason Firm said it would be better to use Michael Brady's Firm so the City can use the plans that his firm has made. If the City stays with the Eason Firm we will need to make new plans which will be more money. Mr. Carver asked the Board if he could renegotiate with Michael Brady's firm to save money. They Board agreed to renegotiate with Michael Brady's firm and bring back next month.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-13 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance & Taxation Chapter 3 Purchasing Policy Section 5-304 Purchases of \$10,000 or of more not Submitted for bids adding to Item 7 Per Tennessee Code Annotated 12-3-1208

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-13 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance & Taxation Chapter 3 Purchasing Policy Section 5-304 Purchases of \$10,000 or of more not Submitted for bids adding to Item 7 Per Tennessee Code Annotated 12-3-1208.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and second by Alderman Fancher to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-13 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 5 Municipal Finance & Taxation Chapter 3 Purchasing Policy Section 5-304 Purchases of \$10,000 or of more not Submitted for bids adding to Item 7 Per Tennessee Code Annotated 12-3-1208.

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-14 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-14 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Vice Mayor Proffitt to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-14 Budget Amendment for the City of Newport.

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

2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-15 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 3 Beer Board, Section 8-303 Terms of Members

Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-15 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 3 Beer Board, Section 8-303 Terms of Members.

Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Smith to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2018-15 Amending the City of Newport Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 3 Beer Board, Section 8-303 Terms of Members.

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

New Business

Resolution #2018-13 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the TML Driver Safety Grant

Consideration of Resolution #2018-13 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the TML Driver Safety Grant.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight to approve Resolution #2018-13 Authorizing the City of Newport to Participate in the TML Driver Safety Grant.

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

Resolution #2018-14 Authorizing the City of Newport the Approval and Submission of a Multimodal Access Grant to the Tennessee Department of Transportation

Consideration of Resolution #2018-14 Authorizing the City of Newport the Approval and Submission of a Multimodal Access Grant to the Tennessee Department of Transportation. This grant is for the cross walks downtown Newport.

Motion was made by Alderman Hansel and second by Alderman Smith to approve Resolution #2018-14 Authorizing the City of Newport the Approval and Submission of a Multimodal Access Grant to the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

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

Resolution #2018-15 Authorizing the City of Newport to Apply for Tennessee Department of Transportation-Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Consideration of Resolution #2018-15 Authorizing the City of Newport to Apply for Tennessee Department of Transportation-Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). This grant is for the continuing of the Riverwalk Project.

Motion was made by Alderman Knight and second by Alderman Smith to approve Resolution #2018-15 Authorizing the City of Newport to Apply for Tennessee Department of Transportation-Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

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

Farmer's Market Grant Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Consideration of authorizing the City of Newport to apply for the Farmer's Market Grant for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$1,000. This grant helps pay for the advertisement for the Farmer's Market. It is a 100% grant.

Motion was made by Alderman Fancher and second by Alderman Knight to approve Farmer's Market Grant Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

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

Work by NUB and Storm Drain Repair Work Downtown Newport – Alderman Jeff Fancher

Discussion of Work by NUB and Storm Drain Repair Work Downtown Newport – Alderman Jeff Fancher. Alderman Fancher gave information to the Board on the construction by Newport Utilities. Alderman Fancher stated the construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

Bids

Bids for a Compact Tractor Loader with Mulcher for the Street Department

Consideration of Bids for a Compact Tractor Loader with Mulcher for the Street Department. Mr. Fichum stated this was budgeted for this year. Contractor's Machinery, Inc for a 2018 Case TV380 Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$103,291.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Proffitt and second by Alderman Knight to approve the bids from Contractor's Machinery, Inc for a 2018 Case TV380 Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$103,291.

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

Comments From Citizens

Mayor Ball stated this has been a great term to go out into retirement. Mayor Ball stated this Board had to raise taxes to get equipment. Mayor Ball stated he pays taxes and he likes to see his tax money going to services in the City. This Board has accomplished a lot to move the City forward. Mayor Ball stated he appreciated this Board and was glad he got to serve his last term with them.

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 Fancher** to adjourn.

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

Mayor Connie Ball

James Finchum, City Administrator

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