

City OF NEWPORT, KY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, April 24, 2017
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peluso at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Newport Municipal Building at 998 Monmouth Street. The meeting was opened with a moment for silent invocation and the mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were: Commissioner Beth Fennell, Commissioner Thomas Guidugli, Commissioner Frank Peluso, Commissioner Ken Rehtin, and Mayor Jerry Peluso. Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, Assistant to the City Manager Larissa Sims, City Attorney Dan Braun, Police Chief Thomas Collins, Fire Chief Bill Darin, Community Services Director Doug Roell, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

PERSONNEL ORDERS

The city clerk read **R-2017-008**, an Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Newport, Kentucky **appointing Thomas Selby to the position of Patrol Officer, Grade III**, in the Newport Police Department effective April 3, 2017. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Fennell:	Yes	Commissioner Rehtin:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

The city clerk read **R-2017-009**, an Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Newport, Kentucky **appointing Aaron McNeil to the position of Patrol Officer, Grade III**, in the Newport Police Department effective April 3, 2017. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	Commissioner Rehtin:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Fennell:	Yes	Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

Mayor Peluso administered the Oath of Office and the newest members of the Newport Police Department were welcomed and introduced their family members in attendance. The mayor called for a brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 7:20 with all members of the Board present and responding to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM Ms. Lauren Goff and Mr. Justin Carabello addressed the Board and reported on a recent bus tour of Walnut Hills organized by ReNewport.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Peluso made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, March 27, 2017 Commissioner Rehtin offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	Commissioner Fennell:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin:	Yes	Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

Commissioner Guidugli made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, March 13, 2017 Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Commissioner Rehtin:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Fennell:	Yes	Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

NEW BUSINESS

The city clerk gave first reading of **O-2017-004**, an Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Newport, Kentucky repealing Chapter 117 of the Code of Ordinances concerning taxicabs. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Peluso. Mr. Braun explained there had been a first reading of an ordinance in March repealing certain sections of the chapter but, upon further review of recent statutory changes, the recommendation is to repeal the entire chapter. In response to a question from Commissioner Peluso, Mr. Fromme confirmed there is still collection of occupational license fees. Following brief discussion, upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Commissioner Fennell:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	Commissioner Rehtin:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

The city clerk gave first reading of **O-2017-005**, an Ordinance **enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances** of the City of Newport, Kentucky. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	Commissioner Rehtin:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Fennell:	Yes	Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

The city clerk gave first reading to Ordinance **O-2017-006**, **awarding an exclusive franchise for the total collection and disposal of solid waste** in the City commencing July 1, 2017 and authorizing and so directing the city manager to execute an exclusive franchise agreement (contract) for the total collection and disposal of solid waste within the City, pursuant to bid, with Rumpke of Kentucky, Inc. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve and award the contract for Option A with trash and recycling collection once a week on the same day**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Rehtin. Mr. Fromme stated 70% of respondents to a recent survey in the West Side said they wanted recycling. There are three companies in the area, all were contacted and advertisement was made, two companies submitted written notices at the bid opening that they elected not to bid. It was noted Rumpke has the current contract and there have been no significant problems nor issues that were not resolved. Mr. Roell responded to questions from the Board along with Mr. Drew Watson and Mr. Greg Pitzer of Rumpke. The contract is for a two-year term with four renewal options. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Commissioner Fennell:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin:	Yes	Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Chief Collins reported on the recent Career Day held at the City building for local students.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Fromme stated several development projects are in progress and the annual budget process is moving forward.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Peluso

- Newport Independent Schools did an outstanding job with their recent production of Music Man. All involved did a fantastic job.

Commissioner Fennell

- Happy to see city-wide recycling finally launch. Information on disposal of household hazardous waste is currently available on the city website.

Commissioner Rehtin

- Thank ReNewport for their efforts including the recent bus tour. Recalled seeing an aquarium in Tennessee some 20 years ago, with open minds Newport embraced the idea; good things can happen when you look at what other cities do.

Commissioner Guidugli

- The Catalytic Fund has applied to be a clearinghouse for a new market tax credits. This has spurred much development in Cincinnati and would be an asset in Northern Kentucky.
- Reminder for residents to get comments in to TANK about proposed route changes.

Mayor Peluso

- Read an email forwarded from Campbell County Dispatch thanking Newport Police for a swift response to a reckless driver.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Fennell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rehtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Fennell: Yes Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes
Commissioner Rehtin: Yes Commissioner Peluso: Yes Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Date Approved/Signed

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Able, City Clerk