

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
AUGUST 20, 2019**

The Newbern Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session in the Board Meeting Room at the Newbern Saferoom. Mayor Pam Mabry presiding. Aldermen present were Daniel Watson, Tim Ware, Keith Hardin, Mark Lamb, Nicky Thomas and Randy Wolf.

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Mabry called the meeting to order with a Bible verse. Nicky Thomas was asked to say the opening prayer. Mayor Mabry asked if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen had reviewed the minutes from last month's meeting. Alderman Ware made a motion to amend and approve the minutes and was seconded by Alderman Hardin. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Mayor Mabry

POLICE STATION UPDATE

City Recorder Jason Roberts stated

DEBT OBLIGATION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Recorder Roberts presented the monthly financial update.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Barnes thanked everyone for their help and support on purchasing the new police department building.

PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly reports were submitted. DJ Peery, street supervisor praised the city employees and asked the board to say thanks when they see them.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly reports were submitted.

PLANNING COMMISSION

None

RESCUE SQUAD

BBQ fundraiser for Labor Day.

ATTORNEY BILL

A motion was made by Alderman Hardin to approve the attorney's bill and was seconded by Alderman Watson. All voted aye and the motion carried.

LIBRARY

Olen Parker spoke on the library results of the carnival held to raise money for the new library. He estimated \$4000 had been raised at the event and thanked the city employees for their help.

NEW BUSINESS

HAPPY HOUSE

Mayor Mabry spoke about the condition of the Happy House. On June 25th a meeting was held to discuss the condition of the building. At that time, the known condition of the building was poor but officials didn't want to displace the feeding program. After a building inspection was completed, the building was closed indefinitely due to severe terminate damage.

Clarissa Douglas spoke on the Happy House and the utility billing reading dates. Recorder Roberts suggested signing up for levelized billing.

Nicole McKinnie stated that the board should not have been renting the facility and to remember the children.

BID OPENINGS

ELECTRIC TRUCK

Electric Supervisor Sandy Hill recommended accepting the low bid. Alderman Ware made a motion to approve the low bid and was seconded by Alderman Hardin. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

BACKHOE

The low bidder did not meet the specifications. After much discussion a motion was made to accept the second low bid by Alderman Hardin and was seconded by Alderman Thomas.

SIDEWALK

Tabled to get engineered drawings.

TREE TRIMMING

Alderman Thomas made a motion to approve the low bid and was seconded by Alderman Ware.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Comments

Alderman Thomas thanked the guys for their hard work in the heat.

Alderman Wolf thanked everyone for their hard work.

Alderman Hardin thanked all employees. He also stated he was proud of the new building and outcome of the Carl Perkins Center project.

Alderman Ware thanked the departments and spoke about the passing of Joe Dan Walker.

Alderman Watson also spoke about the passing of Joe Dan Walker and James Woodley.

Mayor Mabry led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and adjourned the meeting by acclamation.

Pam Mabry, Mayor

Jason Roberts, City Recorder