

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
AUGUST 16, 2022**

The Newbern Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session in the Board Meeting Room. Mayor Pam Mabry presiding. Aldermen present were Keith Hardin, Nicky Thomas, Daniel Watson, Mark Lamb, Randy Wolf and Tim Ware. Mayor Mabry read a scripture and asked Alderman Watson to open the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Mabry asked if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen had reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Alderman Ware made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Alderman Wolf. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Recorder Roberts presented the monthly financial update.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Mabry stated that the city received a donation of \$20,000 from a donor who wished to remain anonymous. The donor stated that policing was near and dear to their heart and wanted the donation to go toward the recently purchased police vehicle. Mayor Mabry and the board thanked the donor for their generosity.

PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly reports were submitted. Street Supervisor Peery was asked about the new mowing crew. Mr. Peery stated he was pleased with their work and was having no issues.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly status reports submitted. Doug Tyler stated that the main truck was down but repairs were underway.

LIBRARY

None.

ATTORNEY BILL

A motion was made by Alderman Wolf to approve the monthly attorney bill in the amount of \$2,850 and was seconded by Alderman Watson. All voted aye and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

BZA

Recorder Roberts addressed the board and stated that a BZA meeting was held in City Hall on a variance request in GreyStone Subdivision. Roberts stated that the BZA granted a 7 foot variance on the front setback on the corner lot of Sand-

stone and Granite Drive. This variance allowed the lot to be usable as a ditch bisects the property. Roberts stated that this was merely an update to the board and a way to memorialize the meeting in the minutes.

GAS CONTRACT

Recorder Roberts requested permission to enter into a contract with Constellation to purchase natural gas for the City. Roberts stated that our current provider Conoco, had assessed a 12 cent fee on units purchased and the city would save money going with the new provider. Roberts stated that the contract was reviewed by City Attorney Lannom and his recommended changes were included. A motion was made by Alderman Hardin to approve the new contract and was seconded by Alderman Thomas. All voted aye and the motion carried.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Mayor Mabry addressed the board and stated that she was not pleased with the current application of the property maintenance ordinance. Mayor Mabry stated she had talked with Chief Barr and they would find a way to administer the ordinance in a healthy manner and keep Newbern looking beautiful.

LIQUOR LICENSE

Mayor Mabry addressed the board and stated that Sam Patel had made application to move his existing liquor license to a new location in Newbern. Mr. Patel listed 121 and 125 Hwy 77 in Newbern both of which meet the current zoning requirements. After some discussion a motion was made by alderman Lamb to approve the certificate of compliance and was seconded by Alderman Thomas. All voted aye and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Closing Comments:

Alderman Lamb was thankful for cooler weather, thanked the board, employees and encouraged everyone to be safe.

Alderman Ware reminded everyone that school was in full swing and sports would be starting soon.

Alderman Watson thanked the employees for their continued hard work.

Alderman Hardin echoed previous comments.

Alderman Wolf praised the employees and stated their hard work made the role of Alderman easier.

Alderman Thomas agreed with the sentiments of Alderman Wolf.

Mayor Mabry stated that Choctaw Football begins this Friday at Crockett Co.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Mabry led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and adjourned the meeting by acclamation.

Pam Mabry, Mayor

Jason Roberts, City Recorder