

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
JANUARY 15, 2019**

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

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry called the meeting to order with a word of scripture and led the board in prayer. Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry asked if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen had reviewed the minutes from last month's meeting. Alderman Hardin made a motion to amend and approve the minutes and was seconded by Alderman Watson. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

VACANT SEAT DISCUSSION

Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry addressed the board and asked their wishes on the open seats on the Board. A motion was made by Alderman Ware to appoint Pam Mabry to fill the remainder of the Mayor term and was seconded by Alderman Hardin. The motion carried with all Alderman voting aye.

Mayor Mabry thanked everyone for their support and swore to do her very best to be the best Mayor she could be.

Mayor Mabry nominated Keith Hardin as the Vice Mayor. A motion was made by Alderman Ware to confirm the nomination and was seconded by Alderman Wolf. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Vice Mayor Hardin stated he would do his best to fill the mayor's shoes when needed.

Mayor Mabry nominated Nicky Thomas to fill one of vacant Alderman seats. A motion was made by Alderman Hardin to accept the appointment and was seconded by Alderman Ware. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Mayor Mabry nominated Mark Lamb to fill the remaining vacant Alderman seat. A motion was made by Alderman Wolf to approve the nomination and was seconded by Alderman Ware. All voted aye and the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Recorder Roberts presented the monthly financial update. Roberts invited all Alderman to come by and meet if there were any questions or for a more detailed review.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Barnes stated the investigators had completed an investigator school.

PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly reports were submitted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Doug stated that the FD was fairly quiet.

PLANNING COMMISSION

None

RESCUE SQUAD

William Capps stated that the Rescue Squad responded to 697 calls.

ATTORNEY BILL

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

LIBRARY

None

NEW BUSINESS

LOCAL LIMITS

Lance Smith with VMS addressed the board and stated that the City was required to approve its Local Limit. The calculation was completed by Mr. Smith and was advertised for public comment. This approval would allow the Water and Sewer Department to submit the documentation for state approval. A motion was made by Alderman Watson to approve the local limits and was seconded by Alderman Lamb. All voted aye and the motion carried.

BID OPENING

Recorder Roberts addressed the board and stated that a bid opening was conducted in his office for sludge hauling for the City. There was only one bidder. The bid submitted by Red River was as follows:

DISPOSAL	\$40.00
HAUL:	\$325.00
RENTAL:	\$120.00 PER BOX

A motion was made by Alderman Ware to approve the bid and was seconded by Alderman Watson. All voted aye and the motion carried.

BEER PERMIT

Mayor Mabry addressed the board and stated that the City had received an application for a beer permit at the Tobacco Post. Recorder Roberts stated that the applicant passed the background check performed and did qualify. Roberts also stated that this was not for a new permit but the business had sold. Mayor Mabry reminded the board that their responsibility was to vote on whether or not the applicant met the requirements for the permit and this was not a reflection on their views on consumption. A motion was made by Alderman Hardin to approve the permit and was seconded by Alderman Ware. All voted aye and the motion carried.

SHALONDRA FISK

Shalondra Fisk addressed the board and stated her displeasure with Chief Barnes and the Newbern Police Department.

CARESS WILKES

Caress Wilkes addressed the board and stated her displeasure with Chief Barnes and the Newbern Police Department.

NICOLE MCKINNIE

Nicole McKinnie, mother of Shalondra Fisk, addressed the board and stated her displeasure with Chief Barnes and the Newbern Police Department.

Chief Barnes was allowed to speak regarding the allegations and stated that he was confident in the actions of his officers but would look into the matters further. After much discussion the matter was passed for the next item.

JUSTIN WRIGHT

Former Mayor Justin Wright addressed the Board. Wright stated that he was pleased with Mayor Mabry's appointment as Mayor and also stated that the new Alderman appointments would serve the City well. Wright made several allegations and ended his remarks by rescinding his resignation from the office of Mayor. No action was taken on Wrights comments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Pam Mabry, Mayor

Jason Roberts, City Recorder