

**REGULAR MEETING  
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
JANUARY 19, 2021**

The Newbern Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session via zoom. Mayor Pam Mabry presiding. Aldermen present in person were Daniel Watson, Keith Hardin, Mark Lamb with Tim Ware, Nicky Thomas and Randy Wolf meeting via zoom.

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TRIANGLE PAVING**

Mayor Mabry updated the board on the status of a paving grant in which the City paid \$13,000 to the state of TN as its share of road and rail improvements to the Downtown triangle area. This grant was submitted 6 years prior and was never completed. The city made multiple calls and requests to progress the project but the state did not move forward. Recorder Roberts stated that he received a notice from the state that they were finally ready to proceed but do to the lapse in time the cost of the project had increased. Roberts state that the new cost of the project would exceed \$30,000. Roberts submitted the project in the annual paving bid and the cost to pave the triangle was \$24,000. Roberts stated that the board could vote to abandon the current project and pave the area in-house or continue with the grant and approve the increase in cost. After much discussion a motion was made by Alderman Lamb to opt out and pave the triangle in-house and was seconded by Alderman Ware. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**POLICE HIRE**

Mayor Mabry requested permission to formalize the hire of Logan Farley as a patrolman to the Newbern Police Department. A motion was made by Alderman Ware to approve the hire and was seconded by Alderman Hardin. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Recorder Roberts presented the monthly financial update.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Monthly status reports were submitted.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Monthly reports were submitted.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Monthly status reports submitted.

## **ATTORNEY BILL**

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

## **LIBRARY**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **GOLF COURSE CONTRACT**

Mayor Mabry presented addressed the board and stated that West TN Golf had sold its ownership of the farms and had requested to assign its contract to Lenox Event and Golf Co. at the Farms. Alderman Lamb asked if the City was required to bid out the contract. Recorder Roberts stated that the current contract did have an assignment clause which allowed the contract to be transferred as long as the current terms were not modified. After much discussion a motion was

made by Alderman Hardin to approve the assignment and new contract with Lenox Events and was seconded by Alderman Watson. A roll call was requested and all voted aye.

## **REZONING REQUEST**

Recorder Roberts stated that the planning commission had approved a request to rezone the Johnson/Williams property adjacent to the railroad from a R-2 zone to C-M. Roberts stated that a rezoning required two readings and a public hearing before finalization. After much discussion a motion was made by Alderman Ware and was seconded by Alderman Thomas. A roll call was requested and all voted in the affirmative.

## **DAN POST**

Mayor Mabry addressed the board over the passing of Dan Post who served as the City's Parks and Recreation Director. Mayor Mabry stated that she was approached by Alderman Lamb about recognizing Mr. Post's contributions and service. Mayor Mabry stated that the ideas was floated to create a plaque in Mr. Post's honor to be placed at the Park and have a proclamation created to present to the family. Alderman Lamb made a motion to proceed with the plaque and was seconded by Alderman Wolf. All voted aye and the motion carried. Recorder Roberts was directed to create the plaque.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Alderman Comments:**

Alderman Thomas thanked the City employees and supervisors for their hard work through these difficult times.

Alderman Wolf stated hats off to all the city employees.

Alderman Watson thanked everyone and Jesus.

Alderman Hardin thanked all the employees of the city.

Alderman Lamb thanked everyone who had a hand in the show of appreciation for Dan Post. Alderman Lamb said he was honored by the progress of the city citing all of the activity he sees as occurring.

Alderman Ware gave praise on the progress of the New City Hall building and asked everyone to pray for our country.

Mayor Mabry gave her thanks for being able to meet even in zoom and expressed her desire to get back to a more normal meeting schedule. Mayor Mabry also thanked the board for their cooperation in working together through all of the challenges and their continued cooperation.

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

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Pam Mabry, Mayor

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Jason Roberts, City Recorder