

**REGULAR MEETING  
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN  
July 19, 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 Thomas 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 Lamb made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Alderman Thomas. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**WIFI ALLY**

Mayor Mabry addressed the board and stated that there were remaining unanswered questions concerning the proposed property swap and recommended the item remain tabled. After some discussion the item reminded tabled.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Recorder Roberts presented the monthly financial update.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Barr stated that two officers had completed active shooter training.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Monthly reports were submitted. Recorder Roberts requested permission to hire William Kennedy to replace the open position on the tree trimming crew. A motion was made by Alderman Ware to approve the hire and was seconded by alderman Watson. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Monthly status reports submitted.

**LIBRARY**

## **ATTORNEY BILL**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **POLICE CAR RESOLUTION**

Recorder Roberts addressed the board and stated that a rate quote was requested to facilitate the acquisition of the new police car. Two rates were submitted. First Citizens proposed 4.45% and Security Bank offered 5.65%. Roberts stated that in light of the high rates his recommendation was to pay for the purchase with reserve cash and budget annually the loan amount to reimburse the principal amount. A motion was made by Alderman Thomas to approve the purchasing the vehicle from reserves and was seconded by Alderman Ware. All voted aye and the motion carried.

### **MOWING CONTRACT**

Recorder Roberts stated that the city had ended the contract with Mowtech due to non-performance and was moving to the next lowest active bidder. Roberts stated that City Attorney Lannom had advised that the city did not have to rebid the contract if the original bid price was honored. Roberts stated that although higher Street Supervisor Peery was working with the new mowers to adjust the frequency to try and keep the invoices in line. A motion was made by Alderman Lamb to approve the new contract and was seconded by Alderman Ware. All voted aye and the motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Closing Comments:**

Alderman Lamb encouraged everyone to use caution during the heat advisory.

Alderman Ware spoke to the record temperatures and asked everyone to be careful of the school traffic that would be starting in the next few weeks.

Alderman Watson stated he was impressed by the level of work of the new mowers.

Alderman Thomas encouraged hydration and caution when working outside.

Alderman Wolf asked everyone to be mindful of the heat.

Alderman Hardin echoed previous comments and thanked all of the employees for their hard work.

Mayor Mabry stated that AMI training had begun and reminded everyone that voting in the Dyer County Elections had begun and encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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