

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**JUNE 30, 2020**

The Newbern Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in called session in the board meeting room and via Zoom, Mayor Pam Mabry presiding. Aldermen present were Daniel Watson, Tim Ware, Keith Hardin Mark Lamb, Nicky Thomas and Randy Wolf.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mabry called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

**BUSINESS**

**BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Recorder Roberts presented General Fund Ordinance 21-01. Roberts stated that the only change from the last reading was \$24,000 added to the police car purchase line. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Alderman Hardin and was seconded by Alderman Lamb. All voted aye and the Ordinance was approved.

**WATER/SEWER ORDINANCE**

Recorder Roberts presented Water and Sewer Ordinance 21-02 which kept the water and sewer rates for the City and Tyson Foods at the same level. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Alderman Wolf and was seconded by Alderman Ware. All voted aye and the Ordinance was approved.

**GAS RESOLUTION**

Recorder Roberts read Resolution 20-03 which set the gas rates for the City and rural customers. The resolution called for setting the Gas rates at the current level with no increase. A motion was made by Alderman Lamb to approve the Resolution and was seconded by alderman Hardin. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**BAD DEBT WRITE OFF**

Recorder Roberts presented the annual bad debt write off for the City of Newbern. This is a accounting necessity required for year end processes. The

list presented showed all customers who owed monies to the utility departments. Roberts explained that the write offs would not stop the collection efforts on the accounts. A motion was made by Alderman Lamb and was seconded by Alderman Hardin. All voted aye and the bad debt would be written off.

### **MASONIC LODGE**

Mayor Mabry addressed the board to gauge their interest in pursuing the purchase of the Masonic Lodge building that would be going up for auction. After much discussion it was decided that Recorder Roberts would attend the auction and attempt to purchase the building.

### **COOLER DONATION**

Recorder Roberts stated that he and Mayor Mabry had discussed the possible donation of the walk in cooler in the new city hall building to Dyer County. The donation was allowable through the inter-governmental rules of property. The cooler would be used for the County feeding program. After much discussion a motion was made by Alderman Thomas to approve the donation and was seconded by Alderman Ware. All voted aye and the motion carried.

### **COVID PROTOCOL**

Recorder Roberts addressed the board and stated that an employee has shown signs and has been tested for Covid-19. With this current test and the recent shutdown of the Dyer County Clerk's Office Roberts requested permission to re-enact the Covid protocols for City Hall. This would allow half of the staff to work from home and hopefully prevent a full shutdown in the event of a positive test or signs of symptoms. Mayor Mabry stated her desire to keep the office open and allow customers to continue to enter the building and conduct business in person. After much discussion it was decided to keep the doors to City Hall open but allow those that were capable to work off site. City crews would also be separated and work staggered shifts.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Pam Mabry, Mayor

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Jason Roberts, City Recorder