

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
MAY 17, 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 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 Ware. 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

Chief Barr requested permission to hire Michael Permenter as a patrolman. A motion was made by Alderman Thomas to approve the hire and was seconded by Alderman Hardin. All voted aye and the motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly reports were submitted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly status reports submitted.

LIBRARY

Mayor Pam Mabry requested approval for the promotion of Glenda Yarbrough to Assistant Library Director. This request came from the recommendation of the Library Board. A motion was made by Alderman Thomas to approve the promotion and was seconded by Alderman Lamb. All voted aye and the motion carried.

ATTORNEY BILL

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOWING BID

Recorder Roberts addressed the board and stated that the current mowing company had requested to modify their bid for service. Roberts stated that the request would increase the mowing amount \$150.00 per mow. Roberts stated that the increase was due to a miscalculation of acreage and increase in chemical costs. The increase would still place MowTech substantially below the next closest bidder. Street Supervisor Peery stated that he reviewed the increase and in his opinion the request was valid. A motion was made by Alderman Ware to approve the modification and was seconded by Alderman Hardin. All voted aye and the motion carried.

OAKVIEW POOL

Recorder Roberts addressed the board concerning the status and history of the pool. The pool was erected in 1969 and served the community well. Unfortunately, the condition has deteriorated to a point that repairs are untenable. Roberts stated that he and Street Supervisor Peery reviewed the costs of operation over the past 6 years. This data showed an average loss of \$51,000.00 per year. Street Supervisor Peery stated that it was his desire to close the pool and erect a Splash Pad in its place. The benefits of the splash pad are increased service times from 8 weeks of pool to 7 months of splash pad, decreased maintenance and operation expense and creating an attraction to our area. After much discussion a motion was made by Alderman Hardin to close the pool this year and seek out costs and designs on a Splash Pad. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lamb. All voted aye and the motion carried.

This program would allow Newbern to achieve membership in the TN Main Street program and open up many new grant opportunities for our town.

ADJOURNMENT

Closing Comments:

Mayor Mabry expressed gratitude to Tyson Foods for their donation of flowers to City Hall and the Carl Perkins Center. Mayor Mabry stated that the DC girls' softball team was still playing and wished them good luck. Mayor Mabry also stated that Newbern was selected to participate in the TN Downtown Program.

Alderman Thomas congratulated the graduates, expressed how great the downtown and New City Hall looked and thanked all of the employees for their hard work.

Alderman Hardin echoed previous comments.

Alderman Watson echoed previous comments.

Alderman Ware congratulated the graduates and encouraged all of them all to make good decisions, continue their education in either college or trade school and return to Newbern.

Alderman Lamb thanked Electric Supervisor Hill for his help with an electrical problem.

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