

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
JULY 17, 2007
7:00 PM**

The Newbern Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session in the Board Meeting Room at the Newbern Municipal Building. Mayor K W Dennison presiding. Aldermen present were Mary Dycus, Bill Parks, Robert Hart, Olen Parker, Kathy Clements and Larry Fesmire. Also present were City Recorder Jason Roberts, Utilities Manager Rosalind Green and Police Chief Harold Dunivant.

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Dennison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked Alderman Fesmire to open with a prayer. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen reviewed the minutes from the June 19 Regular Meeting and the June 28th Special and Called Meetings. Alderman Robert Hart made a motion to accept the minutes with Alderman Dycus second. All voted aye and the motion passed.

VISITORS AND VISITORS BUSINESS

Mayor Dennison welcomed the visitors and asked if any had business with the Board.

TICKLED PINK

Gerald Tidwell and Dawn Pewitt approached the Board concerning a high water bill received by the Tickled Pink Boutique. Mr. Tidwell and Ms. Pewitt stated that the bill in question was abnormally high in relation to the prior bills received. The customers also stated that they did not have a leak on the property as they had hired a plumber to check the property. Rosalind Green gave a summary of the bill history to the Board and read the policy on adjusting water bills. Mrs. Green also explained that \$30.00 of the customer's bill was the additional charge for the CMOM project. Mrs. Green gave the board a summary of what actions had already been taken in regards to the account. Mrs. Green stated that she mistakenly made an adjustment to the bill out of belief of the customer having a leak on the property. A question was raised about the water bill adjustment policy concerning the \$100 dollar minimum before adjustment. George Harrison addressed the board on this part of the policy. Mr. Harrison sat on the citizen committee who helped formulate the policy. Mr. Harrison said the minimum was omitted from the policy to protect those with small water bills. After much discussion Alderman Parks made a motion to adjust the bill according to the policy with Alderman Dycus second. All voted aye and the bill would be adjusted.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Dunivant requested the Board approval of new hires Terry Williams and Emily Seat. Alderman Parks made a motion to approve the hire of the employees with Alderman Parker second. All voted aye and the motion carried.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Sandy Hill addressed the board and requested permission to solicit bids on the purchase of a transformer. The city had to replace a transformer for Jimmy Dean. The new transformer would be purchased and kept on hand for future problems. Mr. Hill stated that the best use for the old transformer would be to sell for scrap. Alderman Hart made a motion to approve the solicitation of bids to purchase a new transformer and scrap the old with Alderman Parks second. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Rosalind Green addressed the board and stated the need to increase electric rates .43 per hour. This increase translates into a 3 to 6 dollar a month increase in total bill to the customers of Newbern. Alderman Fesmire made a motion to approve this increase with Alderman Parker second. All voted aye and the motion carried.

GAS DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

WATER & SEWER REPORT

Richard Mills addressed the board on the dry weather and the evidence of leaks throughout the city. He stated that his department was working diligently toward the repair of these leaks. Mr. Mills also thanked Randy Gregory for the job he has done and is doing with S T. Mr. Mills stated Randy was doing an excellent job and was an asset to the city.

ALDERMAN COMMENTS

Alderman Parks made a motion to hire a Public Works Director for the City of Newbern. There was no second and the motion failed.

Alderman Fesmire expressed his appreciation for the hard work and dedication given to the City of Newbern by its employees. These sentiments were seconded by all members of the Board.

MAYOR'S REPORT

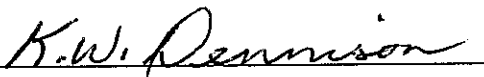
Mayor Dennison stated he had nothing further.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss Alderman Parker made a motion to adjourn with Alderman Fesmire second. All voted yea and the meeting was dismissed at 8:50pm.

VISITORS PRESENT

Doug Tyler, Dan Post, Casey King, Richard Mills, Randy Gregory, Sandy Hill, James Wilkerson, David Epperson, Daniel Watson, Janice Peevyhouse, Wendi Mills, Jennifer Swims, Billy Swims and Bob Thornton.


K W Dennison, Mayor


Jason Roberts, City Recorder