

**PUBLIC HEARING  
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
JANUARY 15, 2008  
6:30 PM**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dennison called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and opened with a prayer. Mayor Dennison stated that the purpose for the public hearing was to discuss the proposed dog ordinance and opened the floor for discussion. Alderman Dycus stated that the problem as she saw it was not with the animals but with the owners. She desired more responsible dog ownership. Chief Dunivant suggested scheduling a day with the Humane Society for his officers to work to roundup strays and at large animals in the city.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more discussion Mayor Dennison adjourned the public hearing at 7:00

**REGULAR MEETING  
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
JANUARY 15, 2008  
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Dennison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen reviewed the minutes from the December 18, 2007 Regular Meeting. Alderman Parks made a motion to accept the minutes with Alderman Fesmire 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. There were none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PROPOSED DOG ORDINANCE**

Alderman Parker made a motion to suspend with the second reading of the proposed dog ordinance with Alderman Parks second. All voted aye and the second reading was suspended. Alderman Fesmire made a motion to approve the proposed dog ordinance with Alderman Parks second. All voted aye and the proposed dog ordinance carried.

### **S T ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

Randy Gregory addressed the Board and stated that construction was nearing conclusion at the wastewater plant and all pumps were up and running. Mr. Gregory stated the plant should be a good asset to the City and should alleviate many of the problems the city has experienced. Mr. Gregory also stated that Larry Brewer, the wastewater operator, had turned in his resignation but wanted the option to change his mind. Mr. Gregory stated that he would allow him to consider staying due to the hardships of finding a phase 4 wastewater operators. Bill McBride is acting as the operator until Larry makes his decision.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Fire Chief Cottrell stated the cab and chase on the new fire truck had arrived and should be in around the middle of March.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

None

### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT**

None

### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT**

None

### **ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

Sandy Hill stated that his department would be testing phase 3 equipment.

### **GAS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

None

### **WATER & SEWER REPORT**

None

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Dennison expressed his appreciation for Richard Mills and Randy Gregory on their hard work on the wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Dennison stated his desire for Larry to reconsider his resignation and continue to work for Severn Trent.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:10 p.m., there being no further business to discuss Alderman Parks made a motion to adjourn with Alderman Parker second. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

### **VISITORS PRESENT**

Doug Tyler, Randy Gregory, Jennifer Swimms, Wendi Mills, Daniel Watson, Steve Dodds, Sandy Hill, James Wilkerson, Richard Mills, Phillip Cottrell and Dan Post.

  
K W Dennison, Mayor

  
Jason Roberts, City Recorder