

**REGULAR MEETING  
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
JUNE 17, 2008  
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, Olen Parker, Larry Fesmire, Kathy Clements and Robert Hart. Also present were City Recorder Jason Roberts, Utilities Office 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. Mayor Dennison asked if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen had reviewed the minutes from the May 20 Regular Meeting, Public Hearing and Beer Board. Alderman Fesmire made a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes with Alderman Parker second. All voted aye and the minutes were approved. Alderman Fesmire made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes with Alderman Hart Second. All voted aye and the minutes were approved. Alderman Fesmire made a motion to approve the Beer Board minutes with Alderman Parks second. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

**WELCOME VISITORS AND VISITOR BUSINESS**

Mayor Dennison welcomed all visitors and asked if any had business to bring before the board. There were none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSNISS**

**SERINTENDENT DWIGHT HEDGE**

Dyer County Schools Superintendent Dwight Hedge came before the Board and presented information concerning various bills at DCHS. Dr. Hedge stated that he felt there was an error in billing. Water Supervisor Richard Mills addressed the Board and stated that the meter in question was tested on February 6, 2008 and showed 21% inaccurate which created a loss to the City. A new meter was installed and has been checked along with existing meter to ensure accuracy. Mr. Mills stated that he did not have an answer as to why the bills were high. Utilities Office Manager Green was requested to figure an adjustment on bills from 12 months prior to new meter installation with the 21 percent adjustment included. Alderman Parks made a motion to adjust the bill with Alderman Parker second. All voted aye and the motion carried.

### **BAD DEBT WRITE OFF**

Utilities Office Manager Green presented the Board with the bad debt write off. Mrs. Green stated that this write off is conducted annually to remove these debts from the active books. All collection efforts will continue. Alderman Fesmire made a motion to approve the write off with Alderman Parks second. All voted aye and the motion carried.

### **BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

Rosalind Green presented the Board with figures concerning the Electric, Gas, Rural Water and the Water and Sewer department. The figures presented included proposed expenditures and proposed revenues. Mrs. Green also informed the Board of a proposed increase in revenue needed to fund the Water and Sewer department. The revenue could be increased by either increasing water rates or taking proceeds from the CMOM fund. Mrs. Green presented the Board with a resolution to enter the City of Newbern into a Muni Gas arrangement. The Muni Gas agreement should allow the City to purchase natural gas at a lower rate. City Recorder Jason Roberts read the Resolution to the Board. Alderman Hart made a motion to approve the Muni Gas Resolution with Alderman Fesmire second. All voted aye and the Resolution Passed.

City Recorder Jason Roberts presented the Board with figures concerning the General Fund. These figures included proposed expenditures and revenues. Recorder Roberts informed the Board of the unknowns in property tax revenues due to the re-appraisal conducted by the State. The re-appraisal created an overflow of tax-payers contesting the values and hearings were still going on to resolve the concerns.

### **BUDGET ORDINANCES**

City Recorder Roberts presented the Board with an Ordinance to approve the Budgets as presented. The first reading of the Ordinance would need to be approved tonight to schedule a public hearing to allow for further discussion. With much discussion about the lack of confidence in revenues, a motion was made by Alderman Parks to wait on Property Tax Data to come from the County before approving the budget and was seconded by Alderman Parker. All voted aye and the motion carried.

### **S T ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

Randy Gregory addressed the Board and stated that there were no problems and presented a good report.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

None

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

None

### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT**

None

### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT**

None

### **ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

Sandy Hill addressed the Board and stated that the 161KV switch was rebuilt. The power outage went as planned with no problems.

#### **TVA ADJUSTMENT**

Rosalind Green stated that TVA had passed on a 2% rate increase to the City of Newbern. Alderman Hart made a motion to approve the increase with Alderman Fesmire second. All voted aye and the motion carried.

#### **GAS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Gas Supervisor James Wilkerson addressed the board and stated that repairs on the gas line located near the Sonic Drive In were completed.

#### **WATER & SEWER REPORT**

Water Supervisor Richard Mills stated that second spot repair on West Main St was on going.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

None.

Steve Dodds asked for prayers for Bradley Dycus who had contracted a form of cancer.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:45 p.m., there being no further business to discuss Alderman Fesmire made a motion to adjourn with Alderman Parks second. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

#### **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING BEER AND LIQUOR BOARD**

**JUNE 17, 2008**

**8:45 PM**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dennison called the Beer and Liquor Board meeting to order to discuss the application made by Tommy Kindle to obtain a beer permit to operate Kindle's Place. Chief Dunivant addressed the board and stated that Mr. Kindle qualified for the permit. Alderman Fesmire made a motion to approve the beer permit with Alderman Parks second. The motion to approve the beer permit carried 5 to 1 with Alderman Dycus opposed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Fesmire made a motion to adjourn with Alderman Parker second. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned.

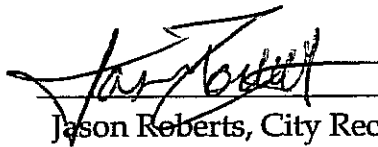
#### **VISITORS PRESENT**

Dan Post, Sandy Hill, Doug Tyler, Philip Cottrell, Randy Gregory, Steve Dodds, Richard Mills, James Wilkerson, Janice Peevyhouse, James Peevyhouse, Jeff Harrison, and Chris Rimel.



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K.W. Dennison, Mayor



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Jason Roberts, City Recorder