

**CALLED MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
OCTOBER 21, 2008
6:30 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Dennison Called the Public Hearing to order and stated its purpose was to discuss, in open forum, Proposed Ordinances 09/02 and 09/03. City Recorder Roberts addressed the board and stated that the ordinances addressed changes in zoning on Hwy 211 from residential to commercial and Johnson Street property from R-2 to R-4. Recorder Roberts presented the Board members with illustrations of the proposed changes.

With no further discussion Mayor Dennison closed the public hearing at 7:00pm

**REGULAR MEETING
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OCTOBER 21, 2008
7:00 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, 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 opened with a prayer. Mayor Dennison asked if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen had reviewed the minutes from the September 16th Meeting. Alderman Fesmire made a motion to approve the minutes with Alderman Dycus 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

Meter Reader Truck. Discussion continued on the purchase of a smaller truck for the reading of meters. Mayor Dennison stated that he felt the larger truck would last longer than the smaller option. Recorder Roberts stated that through his checking a smaller truck was at or above the \$13,900 bid received from Tim Castlelaw Ford. Alderman Hart made a motion to approve the bid from Tim Castlelaw Ford with Alderman Parks second. All voted aye and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 09/03

Mayor Dennison asked the members if they had any comments on Ordinance 09/03. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to suspend the second reading and approve Ordinance 09/03 and was seconded by Alderman Parks. All voted aye and the motion carried.

ORDINANCE 09/04

Mayor Dennison asked the members if they had any comments on Ordinance 09/04. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to suspend the second reading and approve Ordinance 09/03 and was seconded by Alderman Parks. All voted aye and the motion carried.

PROPERTY TAX DEADLINE

Recorder Roberts addressed the board and stated his request to extend the property tax deadline to December 1st. Mr. Roberts stated that the reappraisal delayed the mailing of notices one month. This extension would give the citizens of Newbern the same amount of notice time before penalty and interest would accrue. A motion was made by Alderman Parks approving the extension with Alderman Fesmire second. All voted aye and the motion carried.

ELECTRIC BID OPENING

City Recorder Roberts presented the board with a summary of bid openings received on Electric Pole Replacements. Electric Department Supervisor addressed the board and stated that Standard Electric came in as low bidder. Mr. Hill stated that he was more than confident in their abilities. A motion was made by Alderman Hart to approve the bid from Standard Electric with Alderman Parker second. 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. Mr. Gregory stated that a new operator had been hired and he expected good things from him.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Harold Duvivant requested permission to hire a patrolman to fill the vacancy created by the loss of Ricky Wells. Alderman Hart made a motion to approve the hire with Alderman Fesmire second. All voted aye and the motion carried.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Utilities Office Manager Rosalind Green addressed the board on the new secrecy requirements. Mrs. Green presented the board with a manual that will keep the City of Newbern in compliance. Mrs. Green stated the importance of protecting against identity theft and this manual will help our efforts. Alderman Hart made a motion to approve the manual with Alderman Dycus second. All voted aye and the motion carried.

GAS DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

WATER & SEWER REPORT

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dennison encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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.

VISITORS PRESENT

Doug Tyler, Glen Campbell, James Wilkerson, Sandy Hill, Daniel Watson, Randy Gregory, Greg Barr and Chris Odom.

K.W. Dennison

K.W. Dennison, Mayor



Jason Roberts, City Recorder