

**PUBLIC HEARING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
FEBRUARY 17, 2009
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 Bill Parks, Larry Fesmire, Kathy Clements, Robert Hart, Bennie Greene and Chris Odom. Also present were City Recorder Jason Roberts, Utilities Office Manager Rosalind Greene and Police Chief Harold Dunivant.

FRYER STREET REZONING

Mayor Dennison called the meeting to order and asked Alderman Odom to open the meeting with a prayer. Mayor Dennison stated the purpose of the public hearing was to address proposed rezoning on Fryer Street from R-2 to R-4. Mayor Dennison welcomed all visitors and opened the floor for comments. Yvette Ownby addressed the board and voiced her objections to the rezoning. Mrs. Ownby stated that she felt her property value would decrease due to the zoning change which would allow the installation of rental property. Robert Hart addressed the board and stated he had invested much to improve his property. Alderman Hart stated he had installed a fence to block the line of sight from the current rental properties in his neighborhood. Tommy Wright addressed the board and stated while he could make no guarantees he would attempt to keep the property in a good condition. Mr. Wright was asked if the rezoning was declined what his plans would be. Mr. Wright stated he would build single family houses on the property but his request remained.

HARPER'S MARKET REZONING

There was no discussion on the rezoning.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
FEBRUARY 17, 2009
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Dennison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen had reviewed the minutes from the January 20 regular and called meeting. Alderman Fesmire made a motion to accept the minutes with Alderman Parks second. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 09-04

Alderman Hart made a motion to dispense with the 2nd reading of Ordinance 09-04 with Alderman Parks second. All voted aye and the motion to dispense carried. Alderman Parks made a motion to approve the rezoning with Alderman Clements second. Roll call vote went as follows: Alderman Greene - Aye, Alderman Hart - Nay, Alderman Parks - Aye, Alderman Fesmire - Nay, Alderman Odom - Aye, Alderman Clements - Aye. The motion to rezone carried 4-2.

ORDINANCE 09-05

A motion was made by Alderman Hart to dispense with the second reading and approve the rezoning with Alderman Clements second. All voted aye and the motion to dispense with zoning and approve rezoning

NEW BUSNIESS

HOME GRANT RESOLUTION

City Recorder Jason Roberts addressed the board and requested permission to apply for HOME Grant funding. Recorder Roberts stated that the City had applied in 2008 and came close to gaining approval. It is believed that the City will be approved this year. Alderman Clements made a motion to approve the resolution with Alderman Parks second. All voted aye and the resolution was approved.

ZONING ORDINANCE - 09-06

Recorder Roberts addressed the board concerning proposed ordinance 09-06. Recorder Roberts stated that the proposed ordinance would change the zoning classification of a parcel in Shuck alley from C-M to R-O. Recorder Roberts stated that this was only the first reading of the proposal and a public hearing would be required for approval. Alderman Clements made a motion to dispense with the first reading of the proposed ordinance with Alderman Hart second. All voted aye and the motion carried. Mayor Dennison informed the Board Members on the exact location of the property and stated that the re-zoning had been approved by the Newbern Planning Commission. A motion was made by Alderman Clements to approve the first reading and was seconded by Alderman Fesmire. All voted aye and the motion carried.

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Recorder Roberts addressed the board and informed them of the new website created for the City of Newbern. Recorder Roberts requested all members and citizens to visit the site and offer any suggestion they may have.

S T ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Randy Gregory addressed the Board and stated that S T had 3 violations on Jimmy Dean in the Prior Month. Mr. Gregory assured that board the corrective measures would be taken to prevent this in the future.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Scott Foster approached the board and requested permission to approach land owners in the City of Newbern concerning the purchase of land to create a new Police/Fire station. Mr. Foster stated that there are three areas which would be suitable. The board agreed to allow Mr. Foster to negotiate a firm price on the three potential areas.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Street Supervisor Steve Dodds stated that storm and leaf pickup continues.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Utilities Office Manager Rosalind Green presented the board with the TVA rate structure which includes a 7% decrease. Alderman Hart made a motion to approve the decrease with Alderman Parks second. All voted aye and the motion carried.

GAS DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

WATER & SEWER REPORT

Utilities Office Manager Rosalind Green addressed the board and stated the department has applied to the State Revolving Fund Loan and the Delta Regional Authority to gather necessary funds for sewer repair. Mrs. Green presented the board with the current budgetary condition of the department. Mrs. Green stated the department could not operate through the remainder of the year. Improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant were not budgeted in operating capital. Mrs. Green requested guidance from the board on how to handle their shortfall. Mayor Dennison suggested borrowing money from the CMOM fund with repayment structured. Alderman Parks made a motion to borrow and repay with Alderman Hart second. All voted aye and the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dennison requested that everyone speak to their County Commissioner on behalf of the Newbern Fire Department on the tanker truck needed to fight fires in the County.

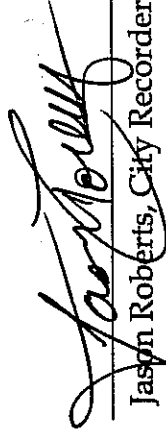
ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m., there being no further business to discuss Alderman Fesmire made a motion to adjourn with Alderman Clements second. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

VISITORS PRESENT

Dan Post, Sandy Hill, Doug Tyler, Philip Cottrell, Randy Gregory, Steve Dodds, Richard Mills, James Wilkerson, Janice Peevyhouse, Yvette Ownby, Glen Campbell, John Gentry, Harold Wright, Scott Foster and Tommy Wright.


K.W. Dennison, Mayor


Jason Roberts, City Recorder