

**PUBLIC HEARING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
MAY 19, 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.

ORDINANCE 09-07

Mayor Dennison called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the public hearing was to address proposed rezoning on Wheatley Drive. A motion was made by Alderman Hart to dispense with the second reading and was seconded by Alderman Clements. All voted aye and the motion carried. Recorder Roberts stated that the proposed rezoning would change the property to R-O which would allow the current residence to house a restaurant. Mayor Dennison recognized Kim and David Leggett who addressed the board on their plans for the property.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
MAY 19, 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 May meeting. Alderman Hart made a motion to accept the minutes with Alderman Greene second. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 09-07

A motion was made by Alderman Hart to approve the rezoning with Alderman Parks second. All voted aye and the motion to approve the rezoning carried.

SLUDGE HAULING

Utilities Office Manager Rosalind Green addressed the board on the bid opening for sludge hauling. Mrs. Green stated that Alan's Industrial Waste Service and Barker Brothers Waste, Inc were the lone bidders. The bids were as follows:

1. Alan's Industrial Waste Service		
30 cubic yard open top	-	\$185.00
Per ton	-	\$27.50
State Tipping Fee	-	\$1.15 per ton
Obion Co. Tipping Fee	-	\$0.90 per ton
Fuel Surcharge	-	Base Fuel - \$2.25 per gallon. .10 increase in fuel = \$5.00 per load.

2. Barker Brothers Waste, Inc		
20 cubic yard open top	-	\$212.50
Per ton	-	\$27.89
County Tax	-	\$0.90
Fuel	-	Undetermined. Based on current diesel fuel prices to get average monthly fuel percentage of which 4% is the environmental fee.

A motion was made by Alderman Fesmire to approve the low bid from Alan's and was seconded by Alderman Hart. All voted aye and the motion carried.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mayor Dennison addressed the board and stated that recommendations concerning the operation of the plant should be ready to present by the following week.

NEW BUSNISS

MISTY WARDEN MINLEY

Absent.

RESOLUTION - 09-08

City Recorder Roberts read the proposed ordinance aloud. The ordinance called for the assumption of the Depot Days activities including the staging of the annual festival. The proposed ordinance required Recorder Roberts to secure an accounting of the funds received through the depot day's festival and fund raising activities and to secure such funds. A motion was made by Alderman Parks to approve the proposed resolution and was seconded by Alderman Odom. All voted aye and the resolution passed.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Recorder Roberts stated that the City would be required to amend the current budget to reflect the grant awarded to the Parks and Recreation department. A motion was made by Alderman Fesmire to approve the amendment to the budget and was seconded by Alderman Hart. All voted aye and the motion carried. Alderman Clements stated her displeasure with the lack of planning in the new playground equipment. Alderman Clements stated she wished more people had been consulted which may have lead to the acquisition of equipment that catered to a broader age group of children. Alderman Clements requested clarification as to why the sign read December 2008 but listed the prior Board members. Parks and Recreation Director Dan Post addressed the board and stated the sign was a requirement of the grant and the Alderman listed on the sign were those who approved the grant. The December date was the completion date of the grant.

S T ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Randy Gregory addressed the Board and stated that S T had a PH excursion at Jimmy Dean. The problem had been rectified.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Recorder Roberts stated that he had 74 letters on his desk to be mailed concerning properties in violation of the curbside protocol. These letters will be mailed and it will constitute their notice from the City to bring their property in line. Mayor Dennison asked Recorder Roberts to explain the Ordinance to the members. Recorder Roberts gave a synopsis of the Ordinance and the possible penalties to the citizens.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Utilities Office Manager Rosalind Green presented the board with the TVA rate structure which includes a 4% decrease. Mrs. Green stated that TVA would now be changing their rates monthly as opposed to quarterly. Mrs. Green requested that the board allow her to adjust the changes from TVA as they occur and report such changes at the nearest Board Meeting. Alderman Clements made a motion to approve the decrease and the monthly changes with Alderman Parks second. All voted aye and the motion carried.

GAS DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

WATER & SEWER REPORT


Water and Sewer Supervisor Casey King addressed the Board on the smell emanating from First Citizens Bank. Mr. King stated that a new flapper system had been installed. Mr. King believes this will rectify the problem.


MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dennison thanked the Woman's Club for their donation to the City of Newbern. Mayor Dennison stated that their hard work yielded \$5,000.00 for Park improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

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


K.W. Dennison, Mayor


Jason Roberts, City Recorder