

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
JULY 21, 2009
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 Larry Fesmire, Bill Parks, Kathy Clements, Bennie Greene and Chris Odom. Also present were City Recorder Jason Roberts, Utilities Office Manager Rosalind Greene 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 the meeting with a prayer. Mayor Dennison asked if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen had reviewed the minutes from June. Alderman Clements made a motion to accept the minutes with Alderman Fesmire second. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

VISITORS AND VISITOR BUSINESS

Mayor Dennison welcomed all visitors and requested anyone with items not on the agenda to approach the board with these items. There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSNIESS

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mayor Dennison addressed the Board and requested approval of the appointment of Chris Odom to the Newbern Planning Commission. Alderman Odom will be replacing Alderman Parks as the Board representative. A motion was made by Alderman Parks to approve the appointment and was seconded by Alderman Fesmire. All voted aye and the motion carried.

GAS DEPARTMENT BID OPENING

City Recorder Roberts presented the Board with the submitted bids on the vehicle purchase for the Gas Department. The bids were as follows;

Gene Langley	2010	Ford	\$17,419.71
Delta	2009	Chev	\$24,050.00
Gary Matthews	2009	GMC	\$24,836.00
Gary Matthews	2009	Dodge	\$22,900.00
Castlelaw	2010	Ford	\$18,919.71

Recorder Roberts requested approval of the low bid submitted by Gene Langley Ford. A motion was made by Alderman Parks to approve the low bid and was seconded by Alderman Greene. All voted aye and the motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BID OPENING

Recorder Roberts presented the Board with the submitted bids on the vehicle purchase for the Police Department. The bids were as follows;

Tim Castllelaw	2009	\$23,969.16
Bill Hayes	2009	\$22,697.00
Dobbs Ford	2008	\$22,100.00
Langley	2009	\$23,598.64

Recorder Roberts requested approval of the low bid submitted by Dobbs Ford. A motion was made by Alderman Fesmire to approve the low bid and was seconded by Alderman Parks. All voted aye and the motion carried.

VMS REPORT

Lance Smith addressed the board and stated that they were quite busy assessing deficiencies and problems. Mr. Smith assured the board that they would address the concerns as they uncovered them. Mayor Dennison stated the VMS would be submitting a monthly spreadsheet of repair needs and corrections. Mr. Smith introduced Gary Grimes as the plant operator. Mayor Dennison thanked VMS for their hard work and welcomed Gary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Doug Tyler addressed the board stated that the Fireman Street Dance this Saturday from 5 till 11.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Parks Director addressed the board and stated that the pool has had 7000 visitors thus far. Mr. Post stated that the new playgrounds were installed and seemed to be successful. Mr. Post stated that he had an central unit to fail at Oakview and it had to be replaced. Mr. Post stated he and Public Works Director spoke with the repairmen and decided to replace the unit.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Street Supervisor Steve Dodds addressed the board and stated that he has contacted Jeff Jones concerning the Church Grove ditch problem. Mr. Jones agreed to help dig out the ditches and the problem should be solved. Mr. Dodds stated that the Dozer purchased from Holloway last year had a stipulation in the agreed price that required the City to help clean their property. Mr. Dodds stated that he has been approached to complete the clean up and would begin next week.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Public Works Director Sandy Hill stated that he had replaced 300 feet of underground primary at the Patricia Homes Subdivision. Mr. Hill also stated that lightning damage on the registers was corrected.

GAS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Gas Supervisor James Wilkerson stated that he has repaired 12 anodes and a meltdown at the rectifier station. Mr. Wilkerson stated that he discovered a leak at Blessings Auto Sales and repair required the replacement of the entire section.

WATER & SEWER REPORT


Water and Sewer Supervisor Casey King addressed the Board and reported normal day to day operations. Mr. King stated that the Wet Well would be set on Monday and the State Permit for road boring had arrived.

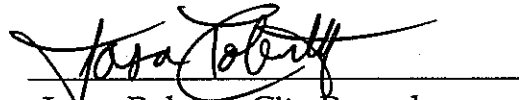
MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dennison addressed the board and reminded everyone again of the Street Dance this Saturday and the Fireman Golf Tournament on August 8. Mayor Dennison thanked Vice Mayor Clements for filling in during the June Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 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.


K.W. Dennison, Mayor


Jason Roberts, City Recorder