

**REGULAR MEETING  
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
AUGUST 18, 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, Public Works Director Sandy Hill 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 Sean Sullivan to open the meeting with a prayer. Mayor Dennison asked if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen had reviewed the minutes from July. Alderman Fesmire made a motion to accept the minutes with two omissions and was seconded by Alderman Hart. 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. Sean Sullivan presented the board with his proposed logo for the Depot Days Celebration. The Board of Mayor and Alderman thanked Mr. Sullivan for his contribution.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**HOME GRANT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Randy Nelson presented the board with the policies and procedures for the upcoming Home Grant. Mr. Nelson gave synapses of requirements for acceptance and the roles of the City of Newbern and Nelson-Thornton PC. City Recorder Roberts read a resolution accepting these policies and procedures. A motion was made by Alderman Fesmire and was seconded by Alderman Parks. All voted aye and the Resolution was approved.

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT BID OPENING**

City Recorder Roberts presented the Board with the submitted bids on the tree trimming project. The bids were as follows;

Blume Tree Service	Hourly Rate	\$88.03
Townsend Tree Service	Hourly Rate	\$89.89
Wolfe Tree Service	Hourly Rate	\$78.65
Eaves Tree Service	Hourly Rate	\$76.36

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

#### **VMS REPORT**

Lance Smith addressed the board and stated that they were still busy assessing deficiencies and problems. Mr. Smith stated that 5 pump failures had been repaired, the effluent pump had been installed at Sara Lee and the generator was now up and running. Mr. Smith stated that Clarifier repair was being coordinated with Sara Lee due to potential downtime.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Philip Cottrell thanked everyone for their time and efforts during the street dance. Chief Cottrell stated this year's event was a large success.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Durivant addressed the board about the two police vehicle wrecks that had occurred over the past months.

#### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Parks Director addressed the board and stated that the pool season was now over and 8000 customers had visited the pool this summer. Mr. Post reported \$34,000 in revenues this year. Mr. Post stated the annual employee breakfast was to be held Wednesday morning at 9:00 am. Mr. Post invited all the Board members to attend.

#### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Street Supervisor Steve Dodds addressed the board and stated that his department was busy keeping up with the grass growth. Mr. Dodds stated that the headwall had been poured on Nora Drive.

#### **ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

Public Works Director Sandy Hill stated that the tree crew would begin in September. Mr. Hill stated that he has ten releases signed from property owners granting him permission to take down trees detrimental to power lines. Mr. Hill also stated that McDonalds was going well.

#### **GAS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Public Works Director Hill stated that the Gas department was conducting normal operation.

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


Water and Sewer Supervisor Casey King addressed the Board and reported normal day to day operations. Mr. King stated that the McDonalds sewer line had been installed utilizing an unused manhole which would save the city money. Mr. King also stated that 15 leaks had been repaired throughout the month.

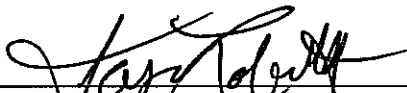
**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Dennison addressed the board and reminded everyone again of the Depot Days Celebration and requested volunteers for the event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:40 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.

  
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K.W. Dennison, Mayor

  
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Jason Roberts, City Recorder