

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
SEPTEMBER 15, 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 if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen had reviewed the minutes from August. Alderman Fesmire made a motion to accept the minutes Odom. 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 BUSINESS

MIKE WARD REZONING DISCUSSION

Mike Ward presented the board with literature concerning his rezoning request. Mr. Ward stated that he has applied for a rezoning through the Newbern Planning Commission and was denied. Mr. Ward stated that it was his desire to erect Multi-Family housing at the end of Granite Drive in the Gray Stone Subdivision. Recorder Roberts addressed the board and gave a synopsis of the Planning Commission discussion on the matter. Recorder Roberts stated that the State Planner had recommended against the rezoning due to the Future Land Use Map. The aforementioned map did not support multi-family use in that area. Recorder Roberts also stated that no action could be taken on Mr. Ward's rezoning tonight. A rezoning required an ordinance to be presented and properly executed with the required readings. No ordinance was prepared or presented. Mr. Ward was explained of this before the meeting but wanted on the agenda anyway. Alderman Clements stated that the proposed revenue from the construction would support the Board looking at a rezoning. Recorder Roberts was directed to prepare an ordinance and present it at the next meeting.

WATER AND SEWER BID OPENING

Utilities Office Manager Rosalind Green presented the Board with the submitted bids on the Inline Valve upgrade. The bids were as follows;

G&C Supply

6"

\$3,300.00

labor and mileage	\$141.00
4"	\$3,100.00

Mrs. Green requested approval of the only bid submitted by G&C. A motion was made by Alderman Parks to approve the low bid and was seconded by Alderman Odom. All voted aye and the motion carried.

CIPP RESOLUTION

Utilities Office Manager Green presented the board with the submitted bids on the Waste Water Upgrade. CIPP or cure in place pipe is a technology that the city intends to use to renovate and repair our sewer system. Bids were as follows; Insituform - \$344,494 / Reynolds - 437,330 / Southeast - \$530,660 / Suncoast - \$377,139. Alderman Parks stated that he attended the presentation from Insituform where they explained the technology and the process and was thoroughly impressed. Mrs. Green stated that this technology was far less intrusive and cost effective than traditional methods. A motion was made by Alderman Parks to accept the low bid from Insituform and was seconded by Alderman Fesmire. All voted aye and the motion carried.

TVA RATE STRUCTURE

Mrs. Green stated that TVA has created new products that are designed to be more economically competitive. These products are a pass-through product to the local industries with no cost to the city. These products will be offered to the industries in an effort to be more energy efficient. Mrs. Green reported a decrease in rates of 3 percent. Mrs. Green also stated October would begin monthly changes. Alderman Clements made a motion to approve the rate change and was seconded by Alderman Fesmire. All voted aye and the motion carried.

VMS REPORT

Gary Grimes addressed the board and stated they were real busy. Mr. Grimes stated that VMS has hired Andrew Taylor to run the lift stations. The discharge permit should be ready next week. Mr. Grimes stated that there were no infractions.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Dunivant addressed the board and requested permission to hire a part time dispatcher to replace Stephanie Cruce. A motion was made by Alderman Fesmire and was seconded by Alderman Greene. All voted aye and the motion carried.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Street Supervisor Steve Dodds addressed the board and stated that his department was busy keeping up with the curb side clean up. Mr. Dodds stated that Depot Days preparation had begun.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Public Works Director Sandy Hill stated that the pad mount transformer recently purchased was flawed. Mr. Hill had contacted the company and repairs have been made. Mr. Hill stated that McDonalds was still ahead of schedule. Mr. Hill stated that TORCO testing will be conducting a power test October 4 through 10 during public power week.

GAS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Public Works Director Hill stated that the Gas department will be providing free gas turn-ons September 28 through October 10. Alderman Clements requested this information be included on the Bill.

WATER & SEWER REPORT


Water and Sewer Supervisor Casey King addressed the Board and reported normal day to day operations. Mr. King stated that the lift station was completed ahead of schedule.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dennison addressed the board and reminded everyone again of the Depot Days Celebration this Saturday 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 Greene second. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.


K.W. Dennison, Mayor


Jason Roberts, City Recorder