

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
APRIL 19, 2011
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 Kathy Clements, Bill Parks, Larry Fesmire, Bennie Greene and Chris Odom. Also present were City Recorder Jason Roberts, Police Chief Harold Dunivant, Utilities Office Manager Rosalind Green and Public Works Director Sandy Hill.

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Dennison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with a prayer. Mayor Dennison asked if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen had reviewed the minutes from last month's meetings. Alderman Fesmire made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Alderman Greene. 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

LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Librarian Janice Peevyhouse addressed the board and requested permission to fill the vacant library position with Theresa Bryant. Ms. Peevyhouse stated that she had advertised for the position and conducted interviews. Ms. Bryant was the most qualified in her opinion and had the approval of the Library Board. A motion was made by Alderman Fesmire to approve the hire and was seconded by Alderman Greene. All voted aye and the motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

City Recorder Roberts addressed the board and informed the members of the retirement of Dan Post. Mr. Post has served the City since March of 1980. His contributions to the City are greatly appreciated. Recorder Roberts stated that it was the City's intention to not fill the Parks and Recreation Director position at this time. Recorder Roberts stated that he, Public Works Director Hill and Mayor Dennison had conferred and believed that the duties could be split between Recorder Roberts and Hill. Recorder Roberts stated that this would increase the workload on these positions but the potential savings would be significant. Recorder Roberts stated that in this current economic environment of reduced revenues this was a fiscally responsible decision.

Recorder Roberts declared that the swimming pool would need someone to manage it through the summer. This would be a part time position for the three summer months. Recorder Roberts stated that he was presented a plan from the YMCA to manage the pool but the plan was retracted at the last minute.

Recorder Roberts requested permission from the Board to not fill the Parks and Recreation Director position and to begin the process of locating a pool manager. A motion was made by Alderman Parks to not fill the position and to hire a pool manager and was seconded by Alderman Odom. All voted aye and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION RETRACTION

City Recorder Roberts addressed the board and stated that the bid opening conducted at last month's meeting would need to be retracted. Recorder Roberts stated that Engineer Ken King, who originally approved and recommended the bid, was retracting his recommendation. The bid process requires starting over to comply with all regulations. A motion was made by Alderman Clements to approve the low bidder and was seconded by Alderman Fesmire. All voted aye and the motion carried.

STREET PAVING BID OPENING

City Recorder Roberts addressed the board and stated that a bid opening was conducted at City Hall for street resurfacing. Recorder Roberts stated that Ford Construction was the lone bidder at \$82.44 per ton. A motion was made by Alderman Parks to approve the low bidder and was seconded by Alderman Odom. All voted aye and the motion carried.

TENNESSEE CONSOLIDATED RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Recorder Roberts addressed the board and requested permission to make application to the TCRS for a study and cost analysis for the City's retirement. Recorder Roberts stated that the TCRS would not do the study without a resolution from the City. A motion was made by Alderman Clements to dispense the reading and approve the resolution and was seconded by Alderman Fesmire. All voted aye and the resolution carried.

CHARTER AMENDMENT

Recorder Roberts presented the board with a resolution pertaining to the proposed Charter Amendment which would change the Alderman Elections cycle and remove the periodic reappointment of the Recorder and Police Chief. Recorder Roberts stated that the Bill was passed through the TN House of Representatives and was in the Senate for passage. Recorder Roberts stated that the Senate required a resolution before the Bill would be placed on the Calendar for passage. A motion was made by Alderman Parks to dispense with the reading and approve the resolution and was seconded by Alderman Odom. All voted aye and the motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Harold Dunivant presented the board with the monthly status reports.

PUBLIC WORKS

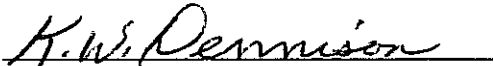
Public Works Director Sandy Hill presented the board with monthly status reports and the proposed street paving plan.

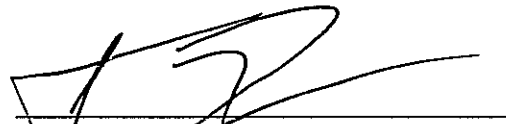
MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dennison congratulated Alderman Odom and his wife on the birth of their son. Mayor Dennison asked everyone to remember and pray for Holly Bobo and her family. Prayers were also requested for the family in Gibson County who lost a four year old. Mayor Dennison reminded everyone about the Great American Clean Up which would occur on May 21. Mayor Dennison also gave the Census information for the City and expressed pride in the growth of Newbern.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m., there being no further business to discuss Alderman Parks made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Alderman Clements.


K.W. Dennison, Mayor


Jason Roberts, City Recorder