

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
MAY 17, 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, Robert Hart, 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 asked Alderman Parks to open 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

OAKVIEW SWIMMING POOL

City Recorder Roberts addressed the board and requested permission to hire Theron Yarbrough to fill the summer pool manager position at Oakview Recreation. Recorder Roberts stated that Mr. Yarbrough will run the daily activities of the pool through the summer months. A motion was made by Alderman Fesmire to approve the hire and was seconded by Alderman Hart. All voted aye and the motion carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Dennison addressed the board and formed committees to review department budgets. The committees are as follows: Fire and Police - Alderman Green and Fesmire, Street and Water - Alderman Clements and Hart and Electric and Gas - Alderman Parks and Odom. Mayor Dennison also created a job evaluation committee consisting of Alderman Clements, Fesmire and Alderman Odom as chair. Mayor Dennison requested that he, Recorder Roberts and Public Works Director Hill be on the committee as well.

DAN POST RETIREMENT

Mayor Dennison acknowledged the retirement of Dan Post. Mayor Dennison stated that Mr. Post served the City of Newbern with distinction for 31 years and would be missed. Mayor Dennison presented Dan with a retirement watch in thanks for his tenure and wished him and his family well in future endeavors.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Harold Dunivant presented the board with the monthly status reports and requested permission to apply for a COPS grant that would provide funding for an officer for 3 years. A motion was made by Alderman Parks to approve the request and was seconded by Alderman Greene. All voted aye and the motion passed.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Sandy Hill presented the board with monthly status reports.


MAYOR'S REPORT


Mayor Dennison asked everyone to remember those affected by the flooding and tornados. Mayor Dennison reminded everyone that May 21 was the Great American Clean Up Day. Mayor Dennison congratulated all graduating students and wished them all well.

Mayor Dennison stated that the lawsuit between the City and First Response has been resolved. Mayor Dennison thanked the Lannom law firm for their hard work throughout this suit. Mayor Dennison gave a special thanks to Jim Wilder and Christine Coronado for their efforts. Mayor Dennison stated First Response would waive all outstanding bills and pay the City \$250,000.00. Mayor Dennison stated this settlement was a good accomplishment in the case.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 p.m., there being no further business to discuss Alderman Fesmire made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Alderman Parks.


K.W. Dennison, Mayor


Jason Roberts, City Recorder