

**REGULAR AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

The Newbern Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in called session in the Board Meeting Room. Mayor Pam Mabry presiding. Aldermen present were Keith Hardin, Tim Ware, Randy Wolf, Nicky Thomas and Chad Cunningham. Mayor Mabry read a scripture and asked Recorder Roberts to open the meeting with prayer.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Mabry addressed the board and stated the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss Ordinance 25/04 which made Zoning changes to address the downtown business district. Recorder Roberts read aloud the ordinance. The board discussed the ordinance and the proposed changes. With no visitors present the meeting was adjourned to start the regular meeting.

RECONVENE

Mayor Mabry called the regular meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Mabry asked if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen had reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Alderman Wolf made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Alderman Thomas. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 25-04

Mayor Mabry presented Zoning Ordinance 25-04 for consideration. A motion was made by Alderman Hardin and was seconded by Alderman Cunningham. All voted aye and the Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Recorder Roberts presented the monthly financial update.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Barr stated that the city was undergoing a software upgrade which did not allow for the creation of the monthly reports. Chief Barr stated that he hoped it would be corrected by next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly reports were submitted. Mayor Mabry thanked the City crews for their hard work during the snow storm.

Alderman Ware expressed his concern about contractors placing excessive curbside on work sites.

Alderman Ware also expressed frustration with dogs defecating on the walking track. Alderman Ware stated this was a problem for those that walk on the track and suggested signage to try to curtail.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly status reports submitted.

LIBRARY

None.

ATTORNEY BILL

The Lannom Coronado bill was reviewed by the board.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 25-05

Mayor Mabry addressed the board concerning resolution 25-05 which would authorize the application for a CDBG grant. The grant would be used for road paving. After much discussion a motion was made by alderman Thomas to dispense with the reading and was seconded by Alderman Cunningham. A motion was made by Alderman Wolf to approve the resolution and was seconded by Alderman Ware. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Closing Comments

Alderman Thomas: Expressed her appreciation for the city crews in all the bad weather.

Alderman Cunningham: Thanked the police officers especially the third shift and thanked the 911 dispatchers for their efforts stating he has seen a lot of improvement. Alderman Cunningham also stated he had a new grandchild.

Alderman Wolf: Echoed precious remarks and reminded everyone to be mindful of the school travelers.

Alderman Hardin: Stated that the Choctaw basketball teams are in the tournaments and asked everyone to support the schools.

Alderman Ware: Reminded everyone to work on some of the ordinances previously mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Mabry led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and adjourned the meeting by acclamation.

Pam Mabry, Mayor

Jason Roberts, City Recorder