

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
JUNE 28, 2022**

The Newbern Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session in the board meeting room. Mayor Pam Mabry presiding. Aldermen present were Daniel Watson, Keith Hardin, Mark Lamb, Tim Ware, Nicky Thomas and Randy Wolf.

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Mabry called the meeting to order and asked Alderman Thomas to open with prayer. Mayor Mabry requested to amend the agenda to include discussion of Wifi Alley. A motion to amend was made by Alderman Thomas and seconded by alderman Ware. All voted aye and the motion carried. Mayor Mabry asked if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen had reviewed the minutes from last month's meeting. Alderman Hardin made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Alderman Wolf. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

BUDGET PRESENTATION

GF ORDINANCE

Recorder Roberts presented the board with Ordinance 2023-01. A motion was made by Alderman Thomas to dispense with the reading and was seconded by alderman Lamb. All voted aye and the reading was dispensed. Recorder Roberts gave an overview of the ordinance covering revenues and expenses and stated the ordinance sets the tax rate at 1.3145. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Wolf to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Alderman Hardin. All voted aye and the motion carried.

W/S ORDINANCE

Recorder Roberts presented the board with Ordinance 2022-02. Roberts was requested to read the ordinance. The ordinance kept the wastewater water rate at \$6.97 per thousand gallons with a base charge of \$12.37. The sewer rate for Tyson was set at \$51,441.13 per month. A motion was made by Alderman Thomas to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Alderman Ware. All voted aye and the motion carried.

GAS RESOLUTION

Recorder Roberts read Resolution 23-03. The ordinance kept the same rate structure as the previous year. A motion was made by alderman Lamb and was seconded by alderman Wolf. All voted aye and the motion carried.

BUDGET

A motion was made by Alderman Wolf to approve all fund budgets submitted in the 2022-23 budget meetings and was seconded by Alderman Ware. All voted aye and the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Monthly status reports were submitted for all departments. Mayor Mabry stated that she had received a notice of pipeline safety inspection where the City of Newbern received no violations. Mayor Mabry thanked the Gas department for all of their hard work.

ATTORNEY BILL

A motion was made by Alderman Ware to approve the attorney's bill and was seconded by Alderman Thomas. All voted aye and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Recorder Roberts presented the board with amendments to the 2021-22 fiscal year budget. Roberts stated that the overall budget expenses did not exceed expenditures these were line item adjustments. A motion was made by Alderman Thomas to approve the amendments and was seconded by alderman Lamb. All voted aye and the amendments were approved.

WIFI ALLEY

Mayor Mabry addressed the board and stated that a request had been made to exchange ownership of WIFI Alley to Shane King in exchange for the demolition of the ice house property. After much discussion the item was tabled to gather further information.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Comments:

Mayor Mabry thanked everyone for their hard work in the budget process and stated good things were happening. Mayor Mabry stated AMTRAK would be beginning renovation to the depot at the end of August. Mayor Mabry stated that the Rescue Squad was holding its annual fireworks show on July 2nd at the Rescue Squad building.

Alderman Thomas thanked everyone for their continued hard work.

Alderman Wolf stated his appreciation for the hard work and wished everyone a safe 4th.

Alderman Hardin echoed previous comments.

Alderman Watson echoed previous comments.

Alderman Ware wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July and stated the sidewalk projects were looking good.

Alderman Lamb thanked everyone for their hard work.

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