

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
JUNE 22, 2023**

The Newbern Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in special called session in the Board Meeting room. Mayor Pam Mabry presiding. Aldermen present were Keith Hardin, Nicky Thomas, Tim Ware, Kim May and Randy Wolf.

Mayor Mabry called the meeting to order and asked Alderman Thomas to open with prayer. Mayor Mabry stated the purpose of the special meeting was for the discussion of the annual budget.

Recorder Roberts presented the General fund and Utility department funds to the board. Roberts stated that all funds could be funded without a property tax increase or rate adjustments.

Roberts presented the board with the General Fund and the W/S budget ordinances. The GF Ordinance proposed keeping the current tax rate of \$1.3145. The Water and Sewer ordinance kept all rates at current levels and raised the Tyson rate to \$56,195.20. A motion was made by Alderman Ware to dispense with the reading and approve the ordinances. The motion was seconded by Alderman May. All voted aye and the second reading was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

With no public comments or additional discussion the public hearing was adjourned.

RECONVENE

Mayor Mabry reconvened the special called meeting to discuss the finalization of the budget process and year end procedures.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

GENERAL FUND ORDINANCE 24-01

Recorder Roberts presented Ordinance 24-01 which set the property tax rate at 1.3145. A motion was made by Alderman Wolf to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Alderman Hardin. All voted aye and the General Fund budget was approved.

WATER/SEWER ORDINANCE 24-02

Roberts presented the board with Water and Sewer budget ordinance 24-02. The Tyson rate was changed to \$56,195.20 with all other customers remaining the same. A motion was made by Alderman Thomas to approve the ordinance and seconded by Alderman Wolf. All voted aye and the Water/Sewer budget was approved.

Recorder Roberts presented Gas Resolution 24-03. The resolution set the gas rates for residential and commercial customers. The resolution called for no changes in the current gas rates. A motion was made by Alderman Wolf to approve the resolution and was seconded by Alderman May. All voted aye and the Gas budget was approved.

YEAR END

AMENDMENTS

Recorder Roberts presented budget amendments for the current 2022-23 fiscal year. Roberts proposed amending line 42200-261 from \$26,000 to \$165,000, line 43100-933 from \$130,000 to \$275,000 and line 44400-295 from \$0.00 to \$40,000.00. A motion was made by Alderman Wolf to approve the amendments and was seconded by Alderman Ware. All voted aye and the motion carried.

BAD DEBT WRITE OFF

Recorder Roberts presented the annual bad debt write off. The annual amount for this fiscal year was \$13,591.02. Roberts explained that this was an accounting function that was required annually. Collection efforts would continue on the accounts but the accounts must be cleared from the books. A motion was made by Alderman Thomas to approve the write off and was seconded by Alderman Hardin. All voted aye and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Mabry adjourned the meeting by acclamation.

Pam Mabry, Mayor

Jason Roberts, City Recorder