

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
JUNE 25, 2024**

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, Mark Lamb and Randy Wolf.

Mayor Mabry called the meeting to order and asked Recorder Roberts 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 \$63,522.21. A motion was made by Alderman Ware to dispense with the reading and approve the ordinances. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lamb. 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 25-01, W/S SEWER ORDINANCE 25-02 AND
GAS RESOLUTION 25-03**

Recorder Roberts presented Ordinance 24-01 which set the property tax rate at 1.3145. Roberts presented the board with Water and Sewer budget ordinance 24-02. The Tyson rate was changed to \$63,522.21 with all other customers remaining the same. 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 ordinances and was seconded by Alderman Ware. All voted aye and the 2024-25 budgets were approved.

YEAR END

BAD DEBT WRITE OFF

Recorder Roberts presented the annual bad debt write off. The annual amount for this fiscal year was \$12,981.50. 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 Wolf. All voted aye and the motion carried.

BID OPENING

Recorder Roberts stated that a bid opening was conducted in City Hall for the acquisition of a Skid Steer. Roberts stated that one bid was received in the amount of \$46,994.65. A motion was made by Alderman Ware to approve the purchase and was seconded by Alderman Wolf. All voted aye and the bid was approved. Roberts advised the board that this purchase would be recorded in the current years budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Thomas stated she was thankful to have Recorder Roberts back. Thomas also asked everyone to watch the heat and was praying for a safe summer. Thomas thanked all the leaders and the employees of the City.

Alderman Wolf stated his pride in how well the board of Mayor and Alderman worked together and thankful for Nicki and Roberts health improvements.

Alderman Lamb spoke about a citizen issue and praised how well the electric department and City Hall worked to resolve the matter.

Alderman Ware echoed previous comments.

Alderman Hardin echoed previous comments.

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

Pam Mabry, Mayor

Jason Roberts, City Recorder