

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
MAY 16, 2023**

The Newbern Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session in the Board Meeting Room. Mayor Pam Mabry presiding. Aldermen present were Keith Hardin, Nicky Thomas, Kim May, Mark Lamb, Randy Wolf and Tim Ware. Mayor Mabry read a scripture and asked Street Supervisor Peery to open the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Recorder Roberts presented the monthly financial update.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Barr submitted the monthly statistics.

PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly reports were submitted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly status reports submitted.

LIBRARY

Mayor Mabry presented five appointments to the library board for approval. The appointments were Serge Shoemaker, Rita Jackson, Kevin Hill, Tim Ware and Amber Weatherly. These appointments are to replace current members that are coming off the board. A motion was made by Alderman Lamb to approve the nominations and was seconded by Alderman May. All voted aye and the motion carried.

ATTORNEY BILL

Mayor Mabry presented the monthly attorney bill.

NEW BUSINESS

TORNADO SHELTER

Mayor Mabry discussed the current operation of the two safe rooms. Through this discussion Mayor Mabry requested Vice Mayor Hardin form a committee and put together a policy and procedure recommendation to be presented to the board.

BID OPENING

Mayor Mabry addressed the board and stated that the City's acceptance into the TN Downtowns afforded us the opportunity to perform an initial project for downtown enhancement. The committee recommended a sound project. The TN Downtown program would fund \$15,000.00 towards this project. Recorder Roberts stated that a bid was conducted for this project with only one bid received. Stage 4 Media submitted \$29,218.50 to cover the entire downtown area. The bid was scalable but the coverage would be affected. After much discussion a motion to accept the bid and approve the entire project was made by Alderman Hardin. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thomas. All voted aye and the bid was approved.

BUDGET MEETING

Mayor Mabry addressed the board and stated budget meetings would need to be scheduled for June. After much discussion it was decided to meet on June 7 at 10:00 am for the first reading of the proposed budget and June 22 at 5:00.

ADJOURNMENT

Closing Comments:

Alderman Thomas stated that the City was looking great and wished everyone a safe summer.

Alderman Wolf expressed his thanks for the handwork during the recent storms.

Alderman Hardin stated everyone was doing a great job and agreed that the town did look great. Alderman Hardin gave an update on his brother and thanked the medical personnel and city employees who were on the scene.

Alderman Lamb thanked Casey for discovering a leak on his property while he was out of town.

Alderman Ware thanked the employees for their hard work and asked the supervisors to let their employees know what a good job they were doing. Alderman Ware also spoke about school being out, asked everyone to pray for our country and the county on the Ambulance service.

Alderman May praised Casey King for solving a gas leak issue she had and stated she loves bragging on Newbern.

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