

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
OCTOBER 19, 2021**

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, Daniel Watson, Mark Lamb, Tim Ware, Nicky Thomas and Randy Wolf. Mayor Mabry opened the meeting with scripture and asked Alderman Watson to pray.

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 as corrected and was seconded by Alderman Thomas. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

BARKER BROTHERS:

City Attorney John Lannom addressed the board and stated that a settlement offer was made by Barker Brothers in the amount of \$500,000 in the lawsuit. Mr. Lannom gave the history of the suit and the amount of time spent in its filing. After some discussion a motion was made by Alderman Thomas to accept the settlement and was seconded by Alderman Hardin. A roll call vote was requested with all members voting in favor of settlement.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Recorder Roberts presented the monthly financial update.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Monthly status reports were submitted. Captain Barr presented a new investigation protocol proposal that would allow the monitoring of the investigation activities. The proposal would seek to ensure investigators are allocating time and resources efficiently in their duties. Captain Barr introduced the departments newest hire, Grey Scott, to the board.

Mayor Mabry addressed the board and stated that it was her desire to make Captain Barr interim Chief of police. Mayor Mabry stated that Captain Barr was performing admirably since Red's passing and had proved himself to her. Mayor Mabry encouraged the Alderman to use the upcoming weeks to speak with Greg and decide on making him the permanent chief. A motion was made by Alderman Lamb to approve the interim promotion and was seconded by Alderman Thomas. All voted aye and the motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly reports were submitted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly status reports submitted.

ATTORNEY BILL

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

LIBRARY

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CITY HALL UPDATE

Recorder Roberts stated that the construction continues on the City Hall structure. Due to unforeseen issues the proposed possession date was pushed back to December 1.

ADJOURNMENT

Closing Comments:

Mayor Mabry congratulated the Choctaws on their State Tournament run and remind everyone about the Halloween event in downtown Newbern.

Alderman Thomas stated that the fall flags looked great and was excited about the new City Hall.

Alderman Wolf echoed the earlier sentiments, thanked the city supervisors and gave congratulation to interim Chief Barr.

Alderman Hardin echoed previous comments, congratulated interim Chief Barr and stated a local family was appearing on Family Feud.

Alderman Watson congratulated Interim Chief Barr and thanked Electric Supervisor Hill on the tree trimming program.

Alderman Lamb congratulated Interim Chief Barr and stated City Hall looks great.

Olen Parker with the Historical Society thanked everyone for their help with Depot Days and making it another success.

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