

**The Town of Newborn
Council Meeting
Minutes
October 2nd, 2023**

Present: Mayor Ellwanger, MPT Krieger, CP Bratton, CP Williamson, CP Spitler, Clerk Elisa Rowe,
Attorney Joe Reitman
Citizens: Michael Caw

I. CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7pm

II. INVOCATION:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by Mayor Ellwanger

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 28th council meeting: (September meeting) CP Spitler made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 28th council meeting

Motion: CP Spitler

Second: CP Bratton

Approved: 5-0-0

V. OLD BUSINESS: Attorney Joe Reitman updated the Mayor and Council on the Eubanks land donation and presented the deed of gift and deed of acceptance. Joe stated that he has called and emailed the Eubanks but has not heard back from them. He will reach out to them again, and Mayor Ellwanger stated that he would call Mr. Eubanks also as he would like to get this all finalized in the next two months. Joe stated that the Davis property at 123 Porter has been cleaned up and hopefully it will all stay the way it is now. Clerk Elisa Rowe stated that the contractor was unable to get any of the vehicles on the property because they were all removed by Joe Davis by the deadline. The contractor was not happy about losing out on the cars and he left all the tires that needed to be removed so the town employees removed them and will be taking them to Jackson for recycling (the cost is \$250.00) Joe stated that he has also reached out to “Buck” Rogers regarding the fertilizer building and Mr. Rogers mis-understood what was expected of him and Joe explained it all about the clean up of the property and the roof. Mayor Ellwanger stated that the Town will give him until the first of the year and if nothing has been done, we will go to the next step of what is needed to see that the property is brought up to code.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Utility Management Services: Can help reduce GA Power bills. Worked with Rutledge in the past, currently working with the City of Madison and have helped over 50 municipalities in GA to save money and would like to work with the Town of Newborn to see if they can save us money also.

Utility Management Services policy is never charge for work that does not result in savings for the Town. If savings are identified, they are paid a portion of the savings received. If they are unable to identify savings for the Town, their service is free. Clerk Elisa Rowe stated that Utility Management reached out to her and held on online meeting to discuss their services. They will pull all of the towns Georgia power bills and look to see if there can be any savings made. If they find out there is none, no charge, but if there is and the Town would like to proceed with their services a 3-year contract is required and the company would get half of the town’s savings for their payment. MPT Krieger stated that he sees no need for this service and the

Mayor agreed that we do not have a ton of GA Power bills. Clerk Elisa Rowe stated that the Town has a total of seven. MPT Krieger made a motion to deny this service.

Motion: MPT Krieger

Second: CP Bratton

Approved: 5-0-0

B. Lambert, Reitman & Abney Invoice #850.11994 in the amount of \$2075.00:

CP Bratton made a motion to approved the invoice for Lambert, Reitman & Abney in the amount of \$2075.00.

Motion: CP Bratton

Second: CP Williamson

Approved: 5-0-0

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Ellwanger adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm

Motion: MPT Krieger

Second: CP Spitler

Approved: 5-0-0