

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
APRIL 13, 2023**

The Newbern Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in special called session in the Newbern Library. Mayor Pam Mabry presiding. Aldermen present were Keith Hardin, Kim May, Randy Wolf and Tim Ware. Mayor Mabry opened the meeting and stated that the purpose of the special called meeting was to discuss the Newbern Library renovation grant.

LIBRARY

Mayor Mabry recognized Library Director Mitzi Willis and Betty Jackson. Mrs. Jackson gave a presentation on the history of the Library and its current function. Mrs. Jackson stated that it was their desire to make the Newbern Library a 21st century library and become a modern tool for the residents of Newbern.

Mayor Mabry presented cost estimates for moving the library to the former City Hall building and the figures for renovating the current library. TLM was hired to do the estimation. Moving the library was estimated at \$1,172,868.14 and renovation of the current site was estimated at \$1,455,990.13. TLM recommended adding a 20% economic uncertainty to both estimates.

Mayor Mabry stated that the grant application would fund \$630,000 towards the project. There was also a grant of \$100,000 that could be applied. Mayor Mabry felt strongly that the remainder could be raised through donations.

After much discussion a motion was made by Alderman May to approve applying for the grant. The motion died from lack of second.

With no further action taken the meeting was adjourned.

Pam Mabry, Mayor

Jason Roberts, City Recorder