

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWBERN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
MARCH 21, 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, Kim May, Mark Lamb, Randy Wolf and Tim Ware. Mayor Mabry opened the meeting with a scripture and asked Alderman Thomas to lead the board in prayer.

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 and was seconded by Alderman Ware. All voted aye and the minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

LIBRARY DISCUSSION

Mayor Mabry opened the discussion on making application for a grant to improve the Newbern Library. After much discussion a motion was made by Alderman Wolf to table the discussion and call a special meeting to review more detailed information. The motion was seconded by alderman Lamb. All voted aye and the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Recorder Roberts presented the monthly financial update.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Barr presented Braiden Chism for approval of hire. A motion was made by Alderman Wolf to approve the hire and was seconded by Alderman May. All voted aye and the motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly reports were submitted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly status reports submitted. Doug Tyler stated that the airlocks were delayed.

ATTORNEY BILL

Mayor Mabry presented the monthly attorney bill.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT PRESENTATION

Kevin Howell with ATACPA presented the 2021-2022 audit of the finances of the City of Newbern. Mr. Howell presented a clean report and stated that the financial position of the City of Newbern remained strong. Mr. Howell addressed the findings in the report and stated staff was aware and working to seek solutions. The Board thanked Mr. Howell for his hard work.

BID OPENING

Recorder Roberts stated that a bid opening for sidewalk construction was held in his office. The bids were as follows:

NSITE	\$271,800.00
UNIVERSAL CONTRACTORS	\$347,497.00
MARTIN PAVING	\$365,824.00
FORD CONSTRUCTION	\$454,800.00

Roberts stated that the low bid was \$140,000.00 higher than the amount budgeted. A motion to approve the low bid was made by Alderman Ware and was seconded by Alderman Thomas. All voted aye and the motion carried.

BID OPENING

SOUND SYSTEM

Recorder Roberts stated that bids for the downtown sound project were solicited but none were received.

ADJOURNMENT

Closing Comments:

Alderman May praised the banners and thanked the city employees.

Alderman Ware thanked the employees and reminded everyone that Depot Days was the 3rd Saturday in September.

Alderman Lamb echoed previous sentiments.

Alderman Thomas praised the audit and thanked the staff for working so hard for a clean report.

Alderman Wolf thanked the employees and stated he was looking forward to spring.

Alderman Hardin echoed previous sentiments.

The Board of Alderman congratulated Mayor Mabry on her Sterling Award.

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