

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

November 7, 2017 at 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor
Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman David Brown
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman David Brown.
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk
Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg
Absent: None
Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: **Item 8A replace Dynegy with Illinois Power Marketing Company and Item 6 add Ben and Melissa Borgic and add Doug Long and Ed Francis**
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adopt the amended agenda.
Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of October 17, 2017
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2017 regular meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:
Ben and Melissa Borgic: The Chamber would like to rent a synthetic ice rink for one of the Holly Jolly weekends and wanted to know if the City would allow the use of part of W. Washington and what was required to use that area for a weekend.
Ed Francis and Doug Long: Discussed and explained the timeline for the October 25, 2017 event.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on Carl Baker's letter of retirement and presentation for years of service.
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve and accept the notice of retirement from Water Department Head Carl Baker effective February 26, 2018.
Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brown
Nays: None
Mayor Bolander recognized Carl Baker "In grateful appreciation of Outstanding leadership, Service and Dedication to the City of Newton from 1990 to 2018".
 - B. Consider and act on finalizing purchase of 506 S. Van Buren Street, Newton, IL from Jasper County as Trustee for the total consideration of \$805.00.
Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to authorize purchase of 506 S. Van Buren Street, Newton, IL from Jasper County as Trustee for the total consideration of \$805.00.
Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks,
Nays: Blake
 - C. Consider and act on placing a speed bump in N-S Alley between Owens and Henry St., west of College St. and east of S. Van Buren St.,
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to place a speed bump in the north-south alley between Owens and Henry Streets, west of College Street and east of South Van Buren Street.
Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner
Nays: None
 - D. Consider and act on the request for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services on the City of Newton ITEP phase IV-Eagle Trail Riverwalk grant.
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, for the acceptance of the received request for qualifications (RFQ) from Milano and Grunloh Engineers, LLS for engineering services on the City of Newton ITEP phase IV-Eagle Trail Riverwalk grant.
Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Blake
Nays: None
 - E. Consider and act on Agreement with B & T Drainage, Inc, for the South Van Buren Water Main Project.
Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to accept and approve the Agreement with B & T Drainage, Inc. for the South Van Buren Water Main Project.
Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg
Nays: None
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on proposed amendment to extended power supply agreement with Illinois Power Marketing Company.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve and authorize the First Amendment to the power supply agreement between Illinois Power Marketing Company and the City of Newton, Illinois.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on having a booth in the Jasper County Business Expo.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize having a booth at the Jasper County Business Expo January 20, 2018 in the Newton Community High School gymnasium at a cost of \$100.00.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brown

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on Resolution 17-12 Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Resolution 17-12 Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on approving Christmas bonuses for all present full-time and part-time employees.

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, to authorize a Christmas bonus of an extra day's pay or a day off with pay (to be taken by April 30, 2018) be given to full-time employees and to part-time employees who have worked at least 3 months and are currently working.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner

Nays: None

- E. Consider and act on TIF application at 104 N. Van Buren St. for \$2,500.00.

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Bloomberg to approve the TIF application for Galloway Insurance, 104 N. Van Buren Street for \$2,500.00.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Blake

Nays: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Brooks: The Water Committee met October 23 to discuss a water line extension to the Charles Dhom property. Also discussed was the south water tower maintenance, a 5-year plan for the water department including these projects and discussed next year's budget for these projects. The committee will meet again to review the 5-year plan.

Reisner: The Street and Alley Committee met October 23 and discussed the north-south alley at Owens and Henry Streets and College Street. The committee also discussed purchasing a new skid steer between Street, Electric and Water Departments. Shannon will put together 5-year plans for each department. A storm drain west of NAPA will need to be replaced.

Rubsam: The Finance Committee met November 2 to review a TIP application for 104 N. Van Buren St., discuss the tax levy, discuss a proposal by Illinois Power Marketing Company (Dynegy), discuss having a booth at the Jasper Co. Business Expo, discuss an Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Program through the Illinois Housing Development Authority and discuss the City providing the hepatitis B vaccine for City workers that assist the Sewer Dept. with sewer main problems.

Brown: The Insurance Committee met November 2 and discussed minor changes to the benefit plan for 2018. If the City accepts with little to no changes, the City remains "grand-fathered" in with Snedeker.

Bloomberg: JEDI met today, November 7, with guest speakers from Workforce Investment Opportunity Act WIOA Area 23, a program for employers needing to train staff. The community marketing program was discussed. Updates were heard from CED Extension Educator Ken Larimore, Mayor Mark Bolander, Jasper Co. Board Chairman Ron Heltsley and Superintendent of Schools Andy Johnson.

10. STATEMENTS:

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Rubsam: No Comments

Brown: Congratulation to the High School football team and best luck to High School girl's volleyball team.

Brooks: Water department has finished well # 5 and going to start well # 6. The S. Van Buren water main and services upgrade is starting soon.

Reisner: No Comments

Blake: Gave the Jasper County Animal Report and there is an Animal Control Committee Meeting Nov 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the county annex building.

Bloomberg: Police Department is get a newer golf cart and selling the one they have now. Gave Image Square report on the metrics for Facebook.

City Attorney: No Comment

City Treasurer (Tax Levy Statement): "The treasurer's office has determined that the City would need to levy \$601,000 for the tax year 2017. The amount to be levied will not exceed 5% of the 2016 tax year levy extended."

City Clerk (Water Dept. PO #6499 and Police Dept. PO #6385):

Clerk York presented two purchase orders:

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize purchase order No. 006499 for the Water Department, RE: replacement VFD and installation for the 2nd backwash pump at a cost of \$3,604.00 from Vandevanter Engineering, in Decatur, Illinois.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize purchase order No. 6385 for the Newton Police Department, to purchase a 2003 Yamaha golf cart at a cost of \$2,800.00 from Ross Martin in Dieterich, Illinois.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam

Nays: None

Mayor:

- John Shimkus' representative will be at City Hall tomorrow, 11-8-17.
- Call a joint committee meeting to discuss parking lot south of Cobblestone, Bloomberg volunteered to organize the meeting.
- Please review Vitale's 3 plans, 1. Comprehensive Plan, 2. Strategic Marketing Plan and 3. Planning Policies, and let him know their thoughts.
- A memory care facility is needed in the community, but a plan or survey is needed to determine the need.
- Lora Short and her late husband were honored as "Philanthropist of the Year" by the Jasper County Community Foundation at their second annual event evening.
- Ask Brooks to call a Personnel Committee Meeting with the Department Heads.
- Congratulation to Lanette Huddleston for being voted the "Citizen of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce.
- JEDI had a speaker on "Work Force Opportunity for Dislocated Workers and Youth." Who provided information on how to utilize their program. It could be an opportunity for the City to use.
- The Revolving Loan Fund could be used to develop the semi parking lot.
- Illinois Municipal League is coordinating a state wide bicentennial flag raising ceremony on December 4, 2017 to mark Illinois 200th year of statehood. Rubsam is going to investigate it to see if Newton can participate.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Animal Control Committee 11-9-17 at 6:30 PM, Insurance Committee 11-20-17 at 5:00 PM and Finance Committee 12-18-17 at 5:30 PM. David Brown left the Meeting at 7:19 PM

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate and purchase of real estate
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate and purchase of real estate pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 7:20 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to go out of closed session and back into open session.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brooks

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:31 PM.

Mayor Bolander announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate and purchase of real estate.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks and Reisner

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Submitted by Rosetta York

