

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

August 1, 2017 at 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mark Bolander, Mayor

In the absence of Mayor Bolander, Attorney Max Tedford 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, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: Eric Blake

Also present: Attorney Max Tedford and Clerk Rosetta York

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to appoint Alderman Bloomberg Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Bloomberg

Nays: None

4. **ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the proposed agenda.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg and Rubsam

Nays: None

5. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES** of July 18, 2017

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017 regular meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brown

Nays: None

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Casey Tibbs and Amber Wakefield: Discussed the number of "people reach" by the City's social media and how to get information to Image Square Marketing with the email address:

ExperienceJasperCounty@gmail.com

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Consider and act on Connor and Connor Engineering Agreement for S. Van Buren water main upgrade.

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the Connor and Connor Engineering Agreement for the South Van Buren water main upgrade.

Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks

Nays: None

B. Consider and act on SCIRP&DC Legal Services Agreement with City Attorney. (This for the police vehicle grant application.)

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the SCIRP&DC Legal Services Agreement with City Attorney. (This for the police vehicle grant application.)

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner

Nays: None

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Consider and act on Fall Festival Special Event Application from Chamber.

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Reisner, to approve the Fall Festival Special Event Application from the Jasper Co. Chamber of Commerce.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Bloomberg

Nays: None

B. Consider and act on Resolution 17-07 Fall Festival Parade.

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Bloomberg, to pass Resolution 17-07 Fall Festival Parade.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg and Rubsam

Nays: None

C. Consider and act on "Newton Cruise Night" Special Event permit application from Chamber.

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to approve the "Newton Cruise Night" Special Event permit application from the Jasper Co. Chamber of Commerce.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brown

Nays: None

D. Consider and act on Resolution 17-08 Funding Support for 2016 ITEP grant project.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Resolution 17-08 Funding Support for 2016 ITEP grant project.

Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks

Nays: None

E. Consider and act on Dumpster Reimbursement application for 108 W. Curtis St. from Suzie Thornton.

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to approve and authorize the Dumpster Reimbursement application for 108 W. Curtis St. from Suzie Thornton.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner

Nays: None

F. Consider and act on hiring wastewater treatment operator.

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to hire Scott Rubsam as a wastewater treatment operator for the Wastewater Department effective ASAP.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Bloomberg

Nays: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Rubsam – The Finance Committee met July 20, 2017 with Amanda Lessley, representing the Southeastern Community Foundation. She explained the foundation's purpose and the affiliate Jasper Co. Community Foundation. There are different levels of foundation involvement and she will put a packet together for the council to review. The Committee also discussed Friends of the Trail and Jasper Co. Chamber of Commerce involvement with the trail project.

Reisner – The Wastewater Committee met July 24, 2017 and went into closed session to go over applications for the wastewater treatment operator position. Interviews will be held Friday, July 28.

Brown – The Parks and Cemetery Committee met July 24, 2017 and went into closed session to discuss personnel. Open session resumed at 6:30 PM with Heather Johnson, sales representative with Kings Graphix giving a presentation to the committee regarding signage at Dufrain Park for the skate park. Kings Graphix would like to donate their labor and materials as a way to give back to the community. The committee thanked her for her company's donation.

Reisner – The Wastewater Committee met July 28, 2017 and went into closed session to interview four people for the vacant position. The committee also discussed department head wages.

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members

Reisner: No Comments

Brooks: No Comment

Brown: Street Department, Electric Department and the other Department employees did a great job with Street maintenance and storm damage. August 15 Dieterich Bank is sponsoring a "Free Swim Day" at Newton Aquatic Center. A contractor working in town complimented Newton on the Aquatic Center by saying how nice and well ran the pool was.

Rubsam: The effects of the past 10 years are starting to pay off. Reminded everyone to go to Newton Cruise Night this Friday on the square, come and enjoy.

City Attorney: He is preparing an ordinance to amend golf cart hours requested by Chief Swick.

City Treasurer: Not Present

City Clerk York presented a purchase order #006498 for the Water Department.

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize purchase order #006498 for the Water Department: Midwest Meter, for meter bases, encoders, lids, covers, etc. at a cost of \$5,106.50.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg and Rubsam

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Tem Bloomberg: None

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **August 15, 2017 at 6:00 PM**
SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: **None**

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation and sale of real estate

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

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brown

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:44 PM.

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

Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:50 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Bloomberg announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation, potential litigation and sale of real estate.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York

