

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
October 3, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor
Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Eric Blake
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Robert Reisner.
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk
Present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake (arrived at 6:03 PM), Scott Bloomberg
Absent: None
Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA
Item 8A switch east and west and Item 11 add EMA Committee Meeting 10-12-17 at 6:00 PM in the County Annex Building
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the amended agenda.
Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of September 19, 2017
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2017 regular meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **Chad Miller presented the plans for Lincoln's Place Park an area for special needs children in Peterson Park and discussed the Southeastern Community Foundation agreement which will manage the fund to build the park. In the future, there will be a separate fund developed for the maintenance of Lincoln's Place equipment and area.**
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on advertising a request for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for Eagle Trail Phase IV—Riverwalk.
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to advertise for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for Eagle Trail Phase IV—Riverwalk.
Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brown
Nays: None
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on Resolution 17-12 to Close N-S Alley to thru traffic between Owens and Henry St. and west of College St. and east of S. Van Buren St.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to table Resolution 17-12 to Close N-S Alley to thru traffic between Owens and Henry St. until a committee meeting is called for more discussion on alley closing.
Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks
Nays: None
 - B. Consider and act on an agreement with Southeastern Community Foundation for the special needs playground area in Peterson Park called Lincoln's Place.
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to approve the agreement with Southeastern Community Foundation for the special needs playground area in Peterson Park called Lincoln's Place, with the deletion of "real property" in Exhibit A.
Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner
Nays: None
 - C. Consider and act on City Treasurer attending Illinois Municipal Treasurers Institute November 12-16, 2017, fee is \$410 plus allowable expenses.
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve City Treasurer attending Illinois Municipal Treasurers Institute November 12-16, 2017, fee is \$410 plus allowable expenses.
Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Blake
Nays: None
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
The JEDI met October 3, 2017
Bloomberg: JEDI had a roundtable discussion and canceled the tour that was planned.
10. STATEMENTS:
Council Members:

Rubsam: The Snedeker Conference was informative on liability issues. The Chamber had their second Jeep Run which coincided with Irene's Vineyard's first anniversary.

Brown: No Comment

Brooks: The Snedeker Conference ALSO discussed workman comp issues. Water Department will be starting to plan South Water Tower maintenance.

Reisner: Both Wastewater and Street Departments are back to full a crew.

Blake: 1. Welcomed Tractor Supply Company to Newton. 2. Thank you to St. Thomas Civics Club for their clean up work at Peterson Park. 3. Read the Jasper County Animal Report

Bloomberg: 1. Met with Chief Swick to discuss department issues. 2. Gary Lindemann call to discuss Resolution 17-12. 3. Bergbowers are doing dirt work at the City Range. 4. The motor for garage door #3 at City Hall had to be replaced. 5. The city Facebook page viewership has increased.

City Attorney: No Comment

City Treasurer: Attended Snedeker Conference which dealt with liability, workman's comp and more.

City Clerk: No Comment

Mayor: 1. The Indiana Railroad Santa Train on December 3, 2017 at 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM will be on Hutton Dr. Parking will be allowed by FS and the High School. 2. The planters around the City Square have added appeal to our community. The daily watering team gets a BIG THANK YOU for all of their work. The dedicated watering crew is Lenore Shamhart, Mike Shamhart, Shirley Hoffeditz, Karen Winn, Madonna Schackmann, Ken and Betty Albrecht, Ryan and Kelsey Milsap, Dawn Ochs and especially Maxine Calvert.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **October 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: **EMA Committee October 12, 2017 at 6:00 PM in County Annex Building, Insurance Committee 11-20-17 at 5:00 PM and Finance Committee 12-18-17 at 5:30 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: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg

Nays: None

Open session suspended at **6:49 PM.**

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

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

Nays: None

Open session resumed at **7:18 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 Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at **7:20 PM.**

Submitted by Rosetta York