

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

June 20, 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 Eric Blake
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Eric Blake.
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk
Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Absent: Scott Bloomberg
Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the proposed agenda.
Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Blake
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of June 6, 2017:
Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Newton City Council held June 6, 2017.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Rubsam
Nays: None
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$157,191.53 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and made a motion to approve the pre-pays and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of \$153,115.96. Reisner seconded the motion.
Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam and Brown
Nays: None
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **None**
8. OLD BUSINESS: **None**
9. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Consider and act on the agreement with Planning Success LLC to update the comprehensive plan and the marketing plan for the city.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to approve and authorize the agreement with Planning Success LLC to update the comprehensive plan and the marketing plan for the city at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00.
Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks
Nays: None
10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: **None**
11. STATEMENTS:

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Rubsam: Strawberry Festival was a success. The Chamber is planning a Jeep Run on July 15 and Crouse Night in August.

Brown: Terri Ann Sharp from St. Anthony Hospital has bought a new backboard for the Aquatic Center. Please remind everyone, The Aquatic Center is for the enjoyment of everyone in safest environment as possible.

Brooks: The Strawberry Festival went very well.

Reisner: The Street Department are painting curbs. They're doing a great job. The new Wastewater Department Head is also doing well.

Blake: None

City Attorney: None

City Treasurer: We are working on appropriation. We will have a Finance Meeting to discuss them and a Public Hearing on July 18 before the City Council Meeting.

City Clerk: Clerk presented two purchase orders for the Wastewater Department. (a third purchase order was held until the next Council meeting)

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize a purchase order for aluminum frames and labor to be purchased from A-J Welding at a cost of \$3,552.34.
Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner
Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize a purchase order for 2 flowmeters/sensors/cable/labor/calibrate for the wastewater plant by Sidner Environmental Services at a cost of \$5,244.00.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Blake

Nays: None

Mayor: The Chamber and Tourism Council did a great job with the Strawberry Festival. The new board and director with the ERTC are working well together and doing a great job.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Finance Committee Meeting June 22, 2017 at 5:30 PM

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

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Rubsam

Nays: None

Open session suspended at **6:25 PM.**

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

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam and Brown

Nays: None

Open session resumed at **7:32 PM.**

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Blake to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York