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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, October 4, 2016 at 6:00 PM**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Eric Blake.

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adopt the amended (add two scheduled committee meetings, Personnel Committee meeting 10-10-16 at 5:30, Police Committee meeting 10-19-16 at 5:30) agenda.

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

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the September 20, 2016 minutes of the Newton City Council.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the opening of the City yard waste facility every Saturday in November 2016.

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

Nays: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Brooks – the Personnel Committee met September 27 and heard updates from each department by the department heads. Everyone seems to be very busy with different projects.

Bloomberg - JEDI met this afternoon, October 4. The guest speaker was James Patrick, Executive Director of South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission. He provided information about loans and job development in Jasper County. Updates were given by Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator; Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton; Joe Bierman, Jasper Co Board Chairman; and Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Schools for Jasper Unit I.

STATEMENTS:

Rubsam – several upcoming events in Jasper County...St. Thomas annual picnic this weekend on Saturday and Sunday, Chamber of Commerce event October 28, Indoor Trunk or Treat Night at the Grove Township Community Center October 30, Country Rhodes Turkey Supper at the Grove Township Community Center Nov. 5 with a meat bundle raffle.

Brooks – He attended the Snedeker conference last week. Much information was given concerning liability issues for the City.

Treasurer Brooks – Also attended the Snedeker conference and it was very informative.

Reisner – Oct. 17 a portion of Decatur Street will be closed for a couple of days for railroad work of removing switches. Also, replacement of street signs is almost complete.

Blake - gave the animal control report.

Bloomberg – Doug Bierman and Dano went to a national competition and Dano placed 16th out of 80+ dogs. Several trees have fallen on the right-of-way and Chief Swick is seeing about having them removed.

Treasurer Brooks asked for an appropriation change:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to make the following appropriation changes in the Water Department - move \$1,500.00 from the Contingency fund to Engineering.

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

Nays: None

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Mayor Bolander received a letter from IDOT. They will be working on the bridge south of town (Brush Creek Bridge) next year. He also received a letter from Indiana Railroad. The Santa train will be here Sunday, December 4. A consensus of the council was to make a monetary donation. At the Rotary meeting today Rebecca Holkinbrink, Newton Elementary Guidance Counselor, asked for volunteers to be mentors for children. It requires spending time with a child 30 minutes, one day a week. More mentors are needed.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be October 18, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Scheduled committee meetings: Personnel Committee October 10 at 5:30, Police Committee October 19 at 5:30.

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, purchase of real estate and personnel pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner
Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:25 PM.

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

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake
Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:43 PM.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg
Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York

