

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**May 16, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor  
**Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.**
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Larry Brooks  
**Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks.**
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk  
**Physically present: Steve Rubsam, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Scott Bloomberg**  
**Absent: Daivd Brown and Eric Blake**  
**Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner to adopt the proposed agenda.**  
**Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner and Bloomberg**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of May 2, 2017  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 regular meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg and Rubsam**  
**Nays: None**
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
**Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$126,559.70 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 \$175,413.30.**  
**Bloomberg seconded the motion**  
**Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brooks**  
**Nays: None**
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **None**
8. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Consider and act on rescinding TIF funds of \$1,750.00 to Newton Elite Fitness.  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to rescind TIF funds of \$1,750.00 to Newton Elite Fitness.**  
**Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks and Reisner**  
**Nays: None**
  - b. Consider and act on TIF revised application for Newton Elite Fitness for TIF eligible reimbursable funds of \$2500.  
**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to approve the TIF revised application for Newton Elite Fitness for TIF eligible reimbursable funds of \$2,500.00**  
**Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner and Bloomberg**  
**Nays: None**
  - c. Consider and act on TIF funds of up to \$30,000.00 to Legend Realty Services, Inc. on behalf of 3 Point Properties III, LLC or its assignee, 3PP Newton, LLC per agreement in Resolution 17-05 passed April 18, 2017.  
**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve TIF funds of up to \$30,000.00 to Legend Realty Services, Inc. on behalf of Three Point Properties III, LLC or its assignee, 3PP Newton, LLC per agreement in Resolution 17-05 passed April 18, 2017.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg and Rubsam**  
**Nays: None**
  - d. Consider and act on SCIRPDC applying for a grant to purchase a Newton PD squad vehicle.  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to authorize SCIRP&DC to apply for a grant to purchase a Newton Police squad vehicle.**  
**Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brooks**  
**Nays: None**

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consider and act on the acceptance of Ina Denton's letter resignation effective May 31, 2017.  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to accept the resignation of Ina Denton effective May 31, 2017.**  
**Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks and Reisner**  
**Nays: None**

**Mayor Bolander recognized Ina Denton for her 44 years of dedicated service to the City. A retirement certificate was presented to her on behalf of the City.**

- b. Consider and act on TIF application for JCCU #1, Newton High School for TIF funds of \$25,000.  
**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks to approve the TIF application for JCCU #1, Newton High School for TIF funds of \$25,000.00, when funds are available.**  
**Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner and Bloomberg**  
**Nays: None**
- c. Consider and act on the appointment of Alan Bogardus to the Zoning Board of Appeals.  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the appointment of Alan Bogardus to the Zoning Board of Appeals.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg and Rubsam**  
**Nays: None**

**Alan Bogardus was sworn in by City Clerk, (administered the Oath of Office).**

- d. Consider and act on one Newton Police officer to attend training on June 8-11, 2017, fee is \$60.00 plus allowable expenses.  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize one Newton Police officer to attend training June 8 – 11, 2017 at a cost of \$60.00 plus allowable expenses.**  
**Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brooks**  
**Nays: None**

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

**Brooks** - The Personnel Committee Met 5-8-17 to go over what the department heads are doing. Each department gave an update on projects.

**Rubsam** - The Finance Committee Met 5-9-17 to discuss TIF applications for Elite Fitness, Tractor Supply and Jasper Unit I and department head wages.

11. STATEMENTS:

**Council Members**

**Rubsam:** Electric opened bids for bucket truck and have scheduled a Committee Meeting 5-30. Strawberry Festival is June 2-3. Finance Committee meeting 5-25 to discuss Eagle Trail-Riverwalk.

**Brooks:** Everyone enjoyed Indiana Railroad's Customer Excursion from Palestine to Newton on railroad safety.

**Reisner:** The city is working on the storm water drainage on the S. Van Buren. The Streetscape sidewalks will be sealed by a different company this year that is experienced with that type of sidewalk.

**Bloomberg:** City Wide Clean Up on May 19-20, City Wide Garage Sales May 20, Image Square Marketing Analysis of social media.

**City Attorney:** No Comment

**City Treasurer:** No Comment

**City Clerk:** City Clerk York presented a purchase order #6496 for the Water Department:

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by, to authorize purchase order 6496:**

**Midwest Meter for encoders, connectors, lids, brackets, and meter bases at a cost of \$16,434.00.**

**Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Reisner and Brooks**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor:** Congressman Shimkus' traveling help desk will be at City Hall Wednesday, June 7, 2017 between 2:00 PM and 3:30 PM.

**12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 6, 2017 at 6:00 PM**

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Finance Committee Meeting on May 25, 2017 and Electric Committee Meeting on May 30, 2017**

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate, negotiations and personnel**

**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, negotiations and personnel pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.**

**Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner and Bloomberg**

**Nays: None**

**Open session suspended at 6:28 PM.**

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

**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, 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, negotiations and personnel.**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

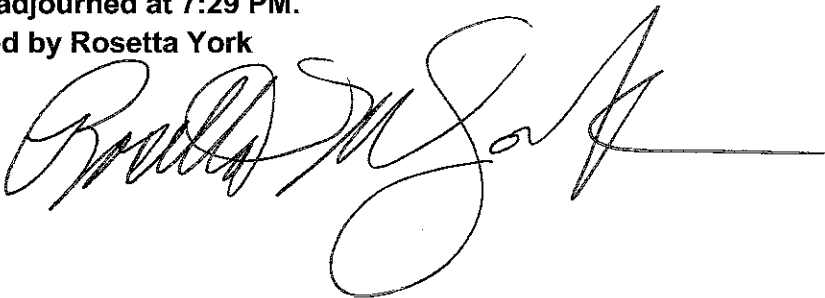
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adjourn the meeting.**

**Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brooks**

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rosetta York', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.