

# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

November 1, 2016 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 Steve Rubsam

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Steve Rubsam.

3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake (arrived at 6:03 PM), and Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York

4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to adopt the proposed/amended (amendments: November 15, 2016) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Bloomberg

Nays: None

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of October 18, 2016

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the regular minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg and Rubsam

Nays: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on approving payment of Pay Estimate #8 and Final Xander's Addition/City Square Project due B & T Drainage in the amount of \$110,446.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to authorize payment of Pay Estimate #8 and Final Xander's (Brookside) Addition/City Square Project due B & T Drainage in the amount of \$110,446.00.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brown

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on approving payment of Connor & Connor invoice for work on Digesters/Lift Station in the amount of \$6,800.

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to authorize payment of the Connor & Connor, Inc. invoice for work on Digesters/Lift Station in the amount of \$6,800.00

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

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on a donation of \$200 toward the INRR 2016 Santa Train event.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize a donation of \$200.00 toward the INRR 2016 Santa Train event.

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

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on accepting Doug Beirman's resignation.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve and accept Officer Doug Bierman's resignation.

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

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing Newton Police Officer to attend training for fees of \$3,000 plus expenses.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to authorize a Newton Police Officer to attend training for fees of \$3,000.00 plus expenses.

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

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on approving Christmas bonuses for all present full-time and part-time employees.

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, to authorize a Christmas bonus of an extra day's pay or a day off with pay (to be taken by April 30, 2017) be given to full-time employees and to part-time employees who have worked at least 3 months and are currently working.

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

Nays: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Bloomberg – the Police Committee met October 19 to go into executive session to discuss personnel. 5:30-5:50 PM. Committee accepted letter of resignation from Corporal Doug Bierman.

Will send Officer Riley Britton to attend K-9 training with Dano. Discussed property maintenance issues. Adjourned 6:30PM

Rubsam – the Finance Committee met October 31 to discuss the 2016 tax levy. Melissa stated the treasurer's office has determined that the city would need to levy \$582,000 for the tax year 2016. The amount to be levied will not exceed 5% of the 2015 tax year levy extended, per the treasurer. Meeting adjourned 5:55 PM

Bloomberg – JEDI met this afternoon, November 1, and toured the new Jasper Chamber of Commerce building including the new chamber office, Peoples State Bank room and the new business incubator. The main program was to update the strategic plan to establish future goals. Updates were given by Ken Larimore for JEDI, Mayor Mark Bolander for the City of Newton, Joe Bierman for the Jasper County Board and Andy Johnson for Jasper Unit I schools.

10. STATEMENTS:

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Rubsam: Chamber event last Friday was a success. He enjoyed all the younger people attending, great food, good entertainment and many local merchants.

Brown: Park Department prepare for winter. Electric Department head reported the contractor and city are working on Scott St. and at the Boys and Girls Park. Osmose, electric pole inspectors, will be coming to discuss job.

Brooks: Water department reported water well cleaning is done. JEDI meeting today was interesting and people had some good ideas.

Reisner: Street Department is vacuuming leaves.

Blake: Animal Control Report

City Treasurer tax levy statement:

"City Treasurer Brooks' office has determined the City will need to levy \$582,000 for the tax year 2016. The amount to be levied will not exceed 5% of the 2015 tax year levy extended."

Clerk York presented a purchase order:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to authorize purchase order #6494 for the Water Department: Midwest Meter for meter bases, Itron conn, Encoders, brackets with screws and meter box lids at a cost of \$8,294.00.

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

Nays: None

Mayor: There are several outstanding groups, teams and individuals in our community right now that all of us should be very proud of them. Such as: Football team, NHS Band, Grade school band, soccer teams, tennis, volley ball, CEO class, etc. There are many positive thing happening now.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 15, 2016 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Electric Committee Meeting 11-14-16 @ 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: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:24 PM.

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

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

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:45PM.

Bloomberg left at 6:46 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 Reisner, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Blake

Nays:

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York

