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Hearing called to order by Mayor Mark Bolander.

Physically present: Mark Bolander, Joedy Hightower, Rosetta York, David Brown, Steve Rubsam, Larry Brooks, Vanette King and Robert Reisner

Luke Eastin from SCIRPDC explained the USDA grant application for the Newton Police Vehicle.

No public comments or objections were voiced.

Hearing was closed at **5:54 PM** by Mayor Bolander.

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**August 15, 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, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, 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 agenda.**  
**Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of August 1, 2017  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the August 1, 2017 meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg and Rubsam**  
**Abstain: Blake**  
**Nays: None**
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
**Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$186,435.45 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 \$227,945.93.**  
**Brooks seconded the motion.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brown**  
**Nays: None**
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **None**
8. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Consider and act on Resolution 17-09 concerning Closed Session Minutes.
  - b. Consider and act on Resolution 17-10 Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Meetings Sessions.  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam to table (8a.) Resolution 17-09 and (8b.) Resolution 17-10 until after the executive session.**  
**Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks**  
**Nays: None**
  - c. Consider and act on Ordinance 17-08 Amend Section 24-9-2(M) of Article IX – Golf Cart and Neighborhood Vehicles.  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Ordinance 17-08 Amend Section 24-9-2(M) of Article IX – Golf Cart and Neighborhood Vehicles.**  
**Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner**  
**Nays: None**
9. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. Consider and act on Resolution 17-11 Renewal IMRF for City Clerk.  
**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to pass Resolution 17-11 Renewal IMRF for the City Clerk.**  
**Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Blake**  
**Nays: None**
  - b. Consider and act on accepting Alan Bogardus resignation from Zoning Board.  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to accept Alan Bogardus resignation from Zoning Board of Appeals.**  
**Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg**  
**Nays: None**
  - c. Consider and act on Friends of the Trail Designated Fund Agreement with Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation.

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to approve Friends of the Trail Designated Fund Agreement with Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation.**

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

**Nays: None**

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

**Brooks:** Personnel Committee on August 14, 2017: Committee went into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

**11. STATEMENTS:**

Council Members

**Bloomberg:** Chief Swick would like to purchase 600 ft. of used chain-link fence for the firing range which he has located in Casey for \$1,000.00. Council gave consent.

**Blake:** Read Jasper County Animal Control Report

**Reisner:** Showed pictures of the sewer repair on Hutton Dr. City employees did a good job at a cost savings to the city. He is scheduling a meeting with Milano & Gunloh to discuss plans of Eagle Trail Riverwalk area needed from the City's storage area.

**Brooks:** Water Department reported water main leak on S. Van Buren. NewWave has a limb hang over their cable on S. Church St. He has called them.

**Brown:** Cruise Night was great fun. Good idea Doug Waddell. Congrats to Chamber. Park Department is looking at a new system of maintenance for the basketball and tennis courts next year.

**Rubsam:** Cruise Night was a success. The Chamber would like to make this a yearly event. Fall Festival is September 9 and 10. It is bigger and better than ever. They are having a beer garden this year.

**City Attorney:** No Comment

**City Treasurer:** No Comment

**City Clerk:** No Comment

**Mayor:** Presented a bag of trash collected on the trail over someone's lunch hour. The City needs to get trash cans for the trail. Park Department will look into the cost. The Chamber has received several calls from people needing day care services. This is an opportunity for someone to start a day care business.

**12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM**

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: None**

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate, purchase of real estate, personnel and Closed Session Minutes**

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

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

**Nays: None**

Open session suspended at 6:44 PM.

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

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

**Nays: None**

Open session resumed at 7:10 PM.

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

**(8a) Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Resolution 17-09 Closed Session Minutes.**

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

**Nays: None**

**(8b) Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown to pass Resolution 17-10 Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Meetings Sessions Audio Recording.**

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

**Nays: None**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

