OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
March 21, 2017

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 Scott Bloomberg
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk
   Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Robert Reisner and Scott Bloomberg
   Absent: Larry Brooks and Eric Blake
   Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, and Clerk Rosetta York
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA
   Committee Meetings Advertising and Marketing at 5:30 PM and Finance and Water at 6:30 PM on 3-22-17
   Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adopt the amended agenda.
   Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner and Bloomberg,
   Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of March 7, 2017
   Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Newton City Council March 7, 2017.
   Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg, and Rubsam
   Nays: None

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
   Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-paids in the amount of $116,531.66 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and made a motion to approve the pre-paids and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of $173,413.31.
   Brown seconded the motion.
   Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brown
   Nays: None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: None

8. OLD BUSINESS:
   a. Consider and act on Dues and Donation distribution funds.
      Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam to authorize the distribution of dues and donations:
      Jasper Co. youth soccer $1,000;
      Jasper Co. Jr. High science lab $250;
      Newton Community High School post prom $200;
      GFWC Newton Women's Club $200;
      Daring to Soar Ministries $200;
      St. Thomas School –Scientific Calculators $300;
      St. Thomas School library $300;
      Jasper Co. Jr. High student council $200;
      Jasper Co. Jr. High PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentive Systems) $200;
      Newton Eagle Football Pride $500;
      Newton junior football league/cheerleading $1,000;
      Sunrise Youth Center soccer program $500;
      Jasper County Junior High Language Arts $200;
      R.E.A.D. – Reading Excites All Dreams $450;
      for a total distribution of $5,500.
      Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Reisner, Bolander
      Nays: None
      Abstain: Brown
   b. Consider and act on approving May 19 and 20, 2017 for "City Wide Clean Up" dates.
      Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize "City-Wide Clean-Up" days on May 19 and 20, 2017.
      Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg,
      Nays: None

   c. Consider and act on 17- 01 Ordinance Amend Section 25 Article II – Weeds.

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to pass Ordinance 17-01 to Amend Section 25 Article II – Weeds.
Ayes: Brown, Reisner and Bloomberg, Rubsam,
Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg to table 8d and 8e vote after Closed Session.
Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown
Nays: None

d. Consider and act on 17- 04 Resolution Induce Development of Biofuels Production Facility located within the City of Newton Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area No. 1.
e. Consider and act on 17-02 Ordinance Amending the TIF Ordinance.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Consider and act on pursuing a housing rehabilitation grant in 2017.
Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Bloomberg, to pursue a Community Development Block Grant for housing rehabilitation in 2017.
Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner,
Nays: None

b. Consider and act on each household that completes the housing survey will receive a $2.00 credit on their utility bill and an additional $3.00 will be credited to their utility account if the completed Comprehensive Plan questionnaire is also completed returned. (only a completed questionnaire will qualify for the credit)
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize payment of a $2.00 credit on a property's utility bill for a completed housing survey and an additional $3.00 to be credited to the account if the <u>completed</u> Comprehensive Plan questionnaire is also returned to City Hall by the date on the request, for a total of $5.00 per property. (only a completed questionnaire will qualify for the $3.00 credit.)
Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg,
Nays: None

c. Consider and act on entering into a grant writing services agreement with SCIRP&DC for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for housing rehabilitation.
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to enter into a grant writing services agreement with SCIRP&DC for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for housing rehabilitation.
Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam
Nays: None

d. Consider and act on not raising water rates.
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to authorize not raising water rates May 1, 2017.
Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown
Nays: None

e. Consider and act on not raising wastewater rates.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize not raising wastewater rates May 1, 2017.
Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner
Nays: None

f. Consider and act on not raising electric rates.
Motion was made by Brown seconded by Reisner, to authorize not raising electric rates May 1, 2017.
Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg
Nays: None

g. Consider and act on hiring an as needed part-time billing and collector employee.
Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Reisner, to authorize hiring an as-needed part-time billing and collector employee.
Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Bolander
Nays: Brown

h. Consider and act on entering into an agreement with Milano and Grunloh Engineering to apply for 2017 IDNR Federal Recreational Trail Grant.
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to enter into an agreement with Milano and Grunloh Engineering to apply for the 2017 IDNR Federal Recreational Trail Grant.
Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown,
Nays: None

i. Consider and act on hiring one summertime employee for the Electric Department.
Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by NO ONE, to authorize hiring one summertime employee for the Electric Department.
MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND, NO ACTION TAKEN.

j. Consider and act on approving opening the yard waste facility to be open the first and third Saturdays from 8:00 AM to noon beginning April 1, 2017, under the landscape waste collection site rules.
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve opening the yard waste facility to be open the first and third Saturdays from 8:00 AM to noon beginning April 2017, through November 2017 under the landscape waste collection site rules and allowing the department heads to decide on being open the second and fourth Saturday in November.
Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg,
Nays: None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
Police Committee met March 8, 2017 and discussed having a combined city/county neighborhood vehicle permit; discussed the city-wide cleanup for May 19 – 20; discussed police budget and squad car; discussed updating the city ordinance regarding cannabis.
Dues and Donations met March 8, 2017 and discussed applicants and amounts for the distribution of funds with the budget amount of $5,500. Distribution to be as listed in the motion above.
Finance Committee met March 14, 2017 and discussed credit for completing the housing survey and comprehensive plan questionnaire; discussed the City's funds to be used if the housing grant is awarded; discussed a residential water leak; discussed estimated costs for a GPS/GIS mapping system for the water department and possibly all city utility departments; reviewed a request for a donation to Nick's Race from the Aquatic Center; agreed to have Milano & Grunloh Engineers complete a Federal Recreational Trail Program Grant application; agreed to hire a part-time as-needed clerk in the utility billing and collecting department; discussed a request for summer help for the Electric Department.

11. STATEMENTS:
Council Members:
Bloomberg: None
Reisner: Presented Lawrence Dorn's letter of resignation.
Brown: Electric Department said Big D work be in Newton for 2 more weeks
Discussed Parks Department using the Ricchio donation for painting the pool.
Rubsam: None
City Attorney: None
City Treasurer: presented an appropriation change
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to make the following appropriation change in the Insurance Account - move $20,000.00 from the contingency fund to MRP Claims.
City Clerk: presented Wastewater PO dated 3/15/17 and Water PO # 006495
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to approve purchase order dated 3/15/17 for the Wastewater Department in the amount of $3546.62 for Vandevanter Engineering, 704C controller at WWTP lift station.
Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg,
Nays: None
Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, to approve purchase order #006495 for the Water Department in the amount of $3,598.00 for Vandevanter Engineering, VFD.
Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam
Nays: None

Mayor: None

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 4, 2017 at 6:00 PM
SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: none
The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be April 4, 2017 at 6:00 PM. Committee Meetings: Advertising and Marketing at 5:30 PM and Finance and Water at 6:30 PM both on 3-22-17.
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate 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 and personnel pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.
Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown
Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:32 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to go out of closed session and back into open session.
Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner
Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:27 PM.

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

8d. Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to pass Resolution 17-04 to Induce Development of Biofuels Production Facility located within the City of Newton Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area No. 1.
Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg,
Nays: None

8e. Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to pass Ordinance 17-02 Amending the TIF Ordinance.
Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam
Nays: None

14. ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to adjourn the meeting.
Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown
Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.
Submitted by Rosetta York

