

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017 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 Robert Reisner
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Robert Reisner.
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk
Physically present: Steve Rubsam, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg
Absent: David Brown
Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the proposed agenda.
Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of November 21, 2017
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2017 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **NONE**
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on Ordinance 17-09 Annual Tax Levy.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to pass Ordinance 17-09 Annual Tax Levy.
Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brooks
Nays: None
 - B. Consider and act on Abatement Certificate for Aquatic Facility.
Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Reisner, to authorize the abatement certificate for the Aquatic Facility.
Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks and Reisner
Nays: None
 - C. Consider and act on 17-10 Ordinance Approving Membership in the IMLRMA (Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association) and Authorizing the Execution of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract.
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Ordinance 17-10 Ordinance Approving Membership in the IMLRMA (Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association) and Authorizing the Execution of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract.
Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner and Blake
Nays: None
 - D. Consider and act on IMLRMA (Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association) Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract.
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the IMLRMA (Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association) Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract.
Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg
Nays: None
 - E. Consider and act on Resolution 17-13 Council Resolution of Support for CDBG Grant Program.
Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to pass Resolution 17-13 Council Resolution of Support for CDBG Grant Program.
Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam
Nays: None
 - F. Consider and act on Resolution 17-14 Resolution Committing Local Funds for CDBG grant of 1.98% of the estimated total project cost of \$505,253 or \$10,000.00.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Resolution 17-14 Resolution Committing Local Funds for CDBG grant of 1.98% of the estimated total project cost of \$505,253 or \$10,000.00.
Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam
Nays: None
 - G. Consider and act on Resolution 17-15 Resolution Approving the “2017-2019 Local Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual: Housing Rehabilitation Plan.”
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Resolution 17-15 Resolution Approving the “2017-2019 Local Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual: Housing Rehabilitation Plan.”
Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brooks
Nays: None
 - H. Consider and act on Ameren Gas Main Extension agreement for 602 Woods Farm Ln, with a deposit of \$2,160.00.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to authorize and approve the Ameren Gas Main Extension agreement for 602 Woods Farm Ln, with a deposit of \$2,160.00.
Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks and Reisner
Nays: None
 - I. Consider and act on advertising for water department employee.

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize advertising for a water department employee.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner and Blake

Nays: None

J. Consider and act on accepting of silent bids on residential property located at 602 Stevens St. a bid must exceed a minimum \$ (to be determined at meeting) amount.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize solicitation of sealed bids for the property located at 602 Stevens Street, with a minimum bid to be the sum of the City's expenses incurred relative thereto, said amount to be included in the published notices having a deadline to submit bids by February 2, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consider and act on Dumpster Reimbursement for 208 Wilson St. for \$2,350.40 to Charles and Nancy Jamerson.

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize the Dumpster Reimbursement for 208 Wilson St. for \$2,350.40 to Charles and Nancy Jamerson.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam

Nays: None

B. Consider and act on Axon Enterprise, Inc. 5 year purchasing plan agreement for Newton Police Department Tasers at a total cost of \$9,266.72.

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Reisner, to approve and authorize the Axon Enterprise, Inc. 5 year purchasing plan agreement for Newton Police Department Tasers at a total cost of \$9,266.72.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brooks

Nays: None

C. Consider and act on authorizing hepatitis A and B vaccinations for all employees, the cost of which is covered by their health insurance.

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Bloomberg, authorizing hepatitis A and B vaccinations for all employees, the cost of which is covered by their health insurance.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks and Reisner

Nays: None

D. Consider and act on Property Damage Release from Abi Inc., Alan H. Moss, Great West Casualty Company of \$2,052.58 paid to the City of Newton.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the Property Damage Release from Abi Inc., Alan H. Moss, Great West Casualty Company of \$2,052.58 paid to the City of Newton.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner and Blake

Nays: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Bloomberg/JEDI on 12-5-17: Trisha Vitale presented the 3 plans: 1. Comprehensive Plan, 2. Strategic Marketing Plan and 3. Planning Policies.

Bloomberg/Police/Joint 11-27: 1. Committee discussed Semi truck parking in the lot off of Gregory drive. Ideas proposed include adding electrical boxes to designated parking spots. Charge monthly/yearly fee for parking. Curb cut for access off of Gregory drive. More research needs to be done and another meeting will be called. 2. Taser training has been completed recently. New Tasers will need to be purchased to be compliant with new standards. Some of the old units can be traded for the new ones. Cost and warranty was discussed.

Rubsam/Finance 11-27: Sandra Zumbahlen, from the Jasper County Health Department, discussed the need for hepatitis vaccination for city employees. HIPPA laws need to be considered. Hepatitis A & B combination shot was recommended. If employee has already been vaccinated for either A or B or both, those shots will not be repeated. Shots would be offered with an option to decline. If declining, a declination form would need to be signed. A supplement to paycheck envelopes would notifying employees of the offer. The City will verify employee health insurance coverage for the shots. The subject will be brought to a vote before the city council at the next available date.

Brooks/Personnel 11-28: The committee met to discuss updates in all the departments. It was a very good meeting. A five-year plan for each department is in the works. Needed equipment was brought up. Everybody is helping each other.

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members

Bloomberg: Social media metric are doing well. Everyone should come out and enjoy Holly Jolly Ice Rink the weekend, Friday 5-9 PM, Sat 12-9 PM and Sun 12-6 PM.

Blake: No Comment

Reisner: Wastewater Department is looking at a dry slug handling system which will save the City money.

Brooks: The City looks good.

Rubsam: Thank you to the all of the participants in the "Bicentennial Flag Raising," Andrew Johnson, Superintendent & staff, Beth Probst, Principal High School, Travis Wyatt, Junior High Principal, Cathy Johnson, Principal Newton Elementary, Cub Scout Pack 67, Girl & Boy Scout Troop # 2274, 2559, 2640 & 156 who led the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Leaders Angela Atkins, Emily Myers & Melissa Olmstead, N.C.H.S. F.F.A for Raising Flag, C.E.O. Class for reading the proclamation, drum Line for performing during flag raising & N.C.H.S Chorus singing Illinois state song, "Illinois" and all school teachers involved with these groups. Jeanie Waddell for taking photos & documenting event. Jeanie donated her time and talent at no cost to the city. Veterans of Foreign Wars & American Legion Post 20 organizations for attending and showing support. Thanks to the speakers: Mayor Mark Bolander, Chamber of Commerce member Ryan Millsap, Keith Simpson representing Representative David Reis from the Illinois 109th District and Mike Hall representing U.S. Representative John Shimkus from the 15th Congressional Dist. Special thanks to all of the Elementary, Junior High & High School

students and student scouts. (Too numerous to mention) Without their performance, this event would not have been possible. Their performance was outstanding and a beautiful reflection on our young people.

City Attorney: No Comment

City Treasurer: No Comment

City Clerk (2 Water Dept POs and 1 Police PO):

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Bloomberg to authorize Water Department Purchase Order # 6500 for \$15,250.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize Water Department Purchase Order # 6501 for \$11690.00.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize Police Department Purchase Order # 17-2 for \$9,266.72

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brooks

Nays: None

Mayor

- David Reis or his representative will be at City Hall on December 14, 2017 at 9:30 AM to speak with the citizens in the Newton area.
- Steve Jones Plumbing and Hardware was rank as the #2 best hardware stores in Illinois. Congratulation to Steve and Jane, <https://bestthingsil.com/hardware-stores/>
- The Mayor stressed how important it is to buy locally.
- Trisha Vitale had an excellent presentation at JEDI meeting.
- Pledge request for "Friends of the Trail" are coming to Jasper County Community Foundation. We will have a meeting in January to decide the next step.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Finance Committee Meeting December 18, 2017 at 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 Reisner, 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: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks and Reisner

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:57 PM.

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

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner and Blake

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:08 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 Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York