

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**April 18, 2017**

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), 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 Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to adopt the proposed agenda.**  
**Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of April 4, 2017  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam**  
**Nays: None**
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
**Alderman Brooks reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$149,348.17 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 \$147,366.58.**  
**Reisner 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 accepting the notice of retirement from WWTP department head employee, Larry Dorn.  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to approve and accept the notice of retirement from WWTP Department Head Larry Dorn effective June 15, 2017.**  
**Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks**  
**Nays: None**

**Mayor Bolander recognized Larry Dorn for his 32 years of dedicated service to the City in the Wastewater Department. A retirement certificate and gift certificate were presented to him on behalf of the City.**

- b. Consider and act on 2017-18 City of Newton balanced budget.  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks to approve the 2017-2018 balanced budget for the City of Newton.**  
**Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner**  
**Nays: None**
  - c. Consider and act on hiring full time Street Department employee.  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Blake, to approve the hiring of Derek Gorrell as a Street Department employee effective May 8, 2017.**  
**Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Blake**  
**Nays: None**
  - d. Consider and act on 2017 bids for annual MFT Street Maintenance Program. (bid letting is April 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM in city hall)  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to accept the following bids for the 2017 MFT Street Maintenance Program: Lee Kintner & Sons, Inc. from Mt. Carmel for MIT materials seal coat AC-5 in the amount of \$29,250.00; Heuerman Bros. from Effingham for aggregate CA-6 in the amount of \$1,983.00; Charles Heuerman Trucking Co. from Teutopolis for aggregate CA-16 (crushed stone) in the amount of \$6,750.00; Compass Materials America, Inc. from Overland Park, KS for salt in the amount of \$6,919.50.**  
**Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg**  
**Nays: None**
  - e. Consider and act on city clerk pay increase for hours greater than 16 hours/week of \$.40/hour effective May 1, 2017.  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam to authorize a city clerk pay increase for hours greater than 16 hours/week of \$.40 per hour effective May 1, 2017.**

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

**Nays: None**

- f. Consider and act on Department Head pay increase of \$.50/hour effective May 1, 2017

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize a pay increase for \$.50 per hour effective May 1, 2017 for Department Heads.**

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

**Nays: None**

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consider and act on TIF application for Newton Elite Fitness for TIF eligible reimbursable funds of \$1750.

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize payment of TIF eligible reimbursable funds of \$1,750.00 to Newton Elite Fitness.**

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

**Nays: None**

- b. Consider and act on TIF application for Jasper County Realty Broker, Inc. for TIF eligible reimbursable funds of \$2100.

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize payment of TIF eligible reimbursable funds of \$2,100.00 to Jasper County Realty Broker, Inc.**

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

**Nays: None**

- c. Consider and act on TIF application for VWinn Big LLC for TIF eligible reimbursable funds of \$387.50.

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize payment of TIF eligible reimbursable funds of \$387.50 to V Winns Big LLC.**

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

**Nays: None**

- d. Consider and act on committee appointments and their respective chairmen.

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve committee appointments and their respective chairmen.**

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

**Nays: None**

- e. Consider and act on department head appointments.

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to approve department head appointments.**

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

**Nays: None**

- f. Consider and act on preventative maintenance contract with Vandevanter Engineering for annual inspection at \$6,187.00.

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to approve the preventive maintenance contract with Vandevanter Engineering for annual inspection at the Wastewater Plant at a cost of \$6,187.00.**

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

**Nays: None**

- g. Consider and act on Resolution 17-05 Inducement for Three Point Properties, LLC.

**Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Bloomberg, to pass Resolution 17-05 To Induce Renovation And Retrofit Of An Existing Vacant Retail Building And Related Site Improvements Located Within The City Of Newton Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Project Area No. 1.**

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

**Nays: None**

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

**Bloomberg** – The Police Committee met April 17 to discuss: classes for a police officer, a fire pit ordinance, full-time position and Corporal position, “Prescription Drug Take Back Day” April 29 in CVS parking lot, K-9 porkburger sale April 28 in K of C parking lot, city-wide cleanup May 19 and 20,

**Reisner** – The Street Committee met April 17 and went into executive session to discuss personnel. Open session items discussed: estimate for removing pipe and hauling it away from the lot north of Dollar General and getting another bid for pressure washing and sealing of brick walks.

**Brown** – the EMA Committee Met April 13 at the County Annex building. Debra Riddle from the Health Department informed the committee of grants received for software, radios and generators. Ed Francis reported the Emergency Operation Plan has been turned in to IEMA and AirEvac or Arch were called 22 times last year. Some of the calls were cancelled in route.

11. STATEMENTS:

Council Members

**Rubsam:** Finance Committee April 6, 2017--Discussed TIF applications from Newton Elite Fitness for \$1750, V. Winns Big for \$387.50 and Jasper County Realty Brokers for \$2100. All eligible 5-1-17 pending receipts. Melissa gave in-depth review of 2017-2018 budget. Discussed changes to some line items and future expenses. Cemetery rates discussed.

Executive Session 7:45 PM - 8:05 PM – Personnel

**Brown:** Electric Department is trimming, removing old pole, pad mount and 69KV line.

Park Department is opening the pool May 19, 2017, there will be Lifeguard course at pool and will be hiring pool personnel soon.

**Brooks:** Thanked Larry Dorn for his years of service. Scheduled a Personnel Committee Meeting for May 8 at 5:30 PM.

**Reisner:** Thanked Larry Dorn for his years of service.

**Blake:** Thanked Melissa for her work on budget and Larry Dorn for his years of service. The joint Animal Control met at the Dog Pound April 8, 2017.

**Bloomberg:** County Clerk has Certified April 4, 2017 Election. Congratulation to the newly elected officials and thanks to Larry Dorn for years of service.

**City Attorney:** Congratulations to the newly elected officials.

**City Treasurer:** No comments

**City Clerk:** No Comments

**Mayor:**

- Thanks to Larry Dorn for years of service.
- The Street Department will be mowing around the Community Garden this year.
- Travis Hall from the Secretary of State is wanting the mandatory training on fraudulent ID awareness to acquire a local liquor license. This is still under consideration by council.
- Mayor requested the councils input on 2017-18 Goals for the City.
- Asked Bloomberg if Image Square Marketing had progressed on the agreement.
- The City needs to start fund raising for Eagle Trail Phase IV-Riverwalk.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

**The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be May 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM. Personnel Committee Meetings scheduled on May 8, 2017 at 5:30 PM.**

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

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, 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: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner**

**Nays: None**

Open session suspended at **6:42 PM.**

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

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

**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.

14. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to adjourn the meeting.**

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

**Nays: None**

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

**Submitted by Rosetta York**