

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

December 20, 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 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, 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: add Diane Hickox to Public Comments  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to adopt the amended agenda.**  
**Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of December 6, 2016  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 Newton City Council meeting.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam**  
**Nays: None**
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
**Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$142,363.51 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 \$188,261.47.**  
**Bloomberg seconded the motion.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown**  
**Nays: None**  
  
PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:  
Diane Hickox – She wanted to check if anything had progressed with the construction concern she brought to the Council's attention at the Dec 1, 2016 Meeting. Bloomberg said he would check.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Consider and act on Ordinance 16-11 to amend the zoning map of the zoning code.  
**Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brooks, to pass Ordinance 16-11 to amend the zoning map of the zoning code.**  
**Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks**  
**Nays: None**
  - b. Consider and act on TIF application for Newton Biofuels, LLC.  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the TIF agreement for Newton Biofuels, LLC with allowing Ken Larimore to proof read and edit.**  
**Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner**  
**Nays: None**
8. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. Consider and act on approving 2 Newton Police Department officers going to 2017 ILEAS Annual Conference March 12-14, 2017 at \$90 for each person plus allowable expenses.  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize approving two Newton Police Department officers going to the 2017 ILEAS Annual Conference March 12 – 14, 2017 at \$90.00 for each person plus allowable expenses.**  
**Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Blake**  
**Nays: None**

- b. Consider and act on approving 2 Newton Police Department officers going to 2017 SICJS February 28 - March 1, at \$75 - \$100 for each person plus allowable expenses.

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize approving two Newton Police Department officers going to the 2017 SICJS February 28 – March 1, 2017 at \$75.00 to \$100.00 for each person plus allowable expenses.**

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

**Nays: None**

- c. Consider and act on 3 Waste Water employees attending 2017 IRWA Annual Conference in Effingham, February 21-23 at \$175 for each person.

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to authorize approving three Wastewater employees attending the 2017 IRWA Annual Conference in Effingham, February 21 – 23, 2017 at \$175.00 for each person.**

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

**Nays: None**

- d. Consider and act on Ordinance 16-12 regarding travel, meal and lodging expenses.

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to pass Ordinance 16-12 regarding travel, meal and lodging expenses.**

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

**Nays: None**

- e. Consider and act on Ordinance 16-13 authorizing a referendum on primary elections.

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to pass Ordinance 16-13 authorizing a referendum on primary elections.**

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

**Nays:**

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

**The Insurance Committee met December 7, 2016:** Burnham & Flower Insurance Group representatives discussed the city's liability, property and work comp renewal coverage with the committee. Liability and property premium will decrease \$408. Work comp will increase \$1562 due to increased employment. The city accumulated approximately \$1600 in the company's dividend risk program to be used for safety equipment.

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Bloomberg- Merry Christmas

Blake- Merry Christmas

Reisner- Merry Christmas

Brooks- Merry Christmas

Brown- Merry Christmas

Rubsam- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, 2017 is going to be a great year.

City Attorney- Merry Christmas

City Treasurer- Merry Christmas

City Clerk - Merry Christmas

Mayor-

After the holidays a Parks Committee meeting needs to be called to discuss possible new City of Newton signs and to review the Mowing contract.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 3, 2016 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: None

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be January 3, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

There are no scheduled committee meetings.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate, purchase 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, purchase 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 **6:31 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 **6:59 PM.**

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

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

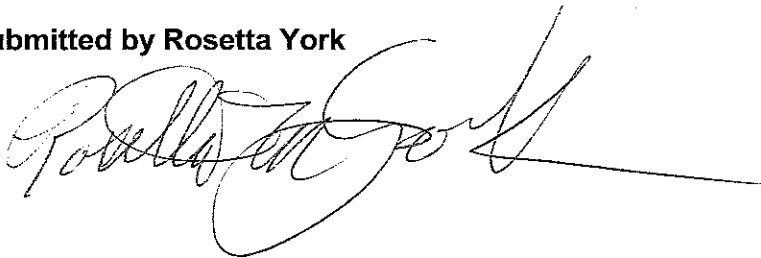
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting.**

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

**Nays:**

Meeting adjourned at **7:10 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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