

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

January 3, 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 Eric Blake
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 and Robert Reisner
Absent: Eric Blake and Scott Bloomberg
Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to adopt the agenda.
Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of December 20, 2016
Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 Newton City Council meeting.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Rubsam
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **none**
7. OLD BUSINESS: **none**
8. NEW BUSINESS: **none**
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: **none**
10. STATEMENTS:
Council Members:
Rubsam- the City Square looked great during the Holidays.
Brown- His departments are good. Called a Park and Cemetery Meeting
Brooks- The Square looked nice.
Reisner- Called a Street Committee Meeting
City Attorney- none
City Treasurer- 4 appropriation change requests.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to make the following appropriation changes in the Water Department – move \$8,000.00 from the contingency fund to Town Square Water Main Upgrades, move \$3,500.00 from the contingency fund to Xander's Addition and move \$2,000.00 from the contingency fund to Engineering plus 1 change in the Insurance Account - move \$3,500.00 from the contingency fund to MRP Claims.

City Clerk - none
Mayor:
 - Introduced Graham Milldrum from The Effingham Daily News
 - Asked Reisner to check into limiting parking to 20 minutes in front of Dryden Insurance.
 - Requested the alderman to keep him and clerk informed if they were going to be absent from a meeting.
 - Thanked the council for their time and talent this past year and wished them a Happy New Year.
11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM
SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: None
The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be January 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM. There will be Parks Committee Meeting Jan 23 at 5:30 PM and a Street Committee Meeting Jan 9 at 5:30

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate and purchase of real estate

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

Nays: None

Open session suspended at **6:16 PM.**

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

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Rubsam

Nays: None

Open session resumed at **6:45 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

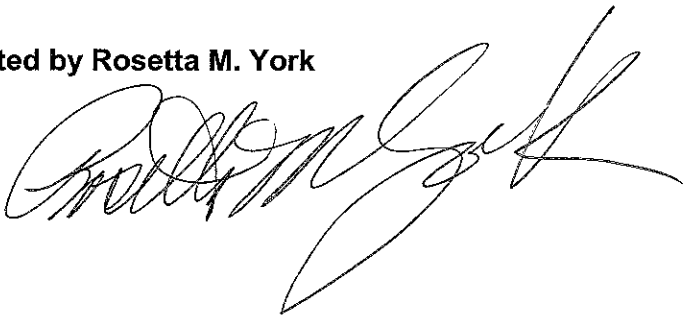
Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner

Nays:

Meeting adjourned at **7:15 PM.**

Submitted by Rosetta M. York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rosetta M. York', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the bottom right.