

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St  
Newton, IL 62448

**January 2, 2018**

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: Deputy Clerk Alice Addis  
**Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake**  
**Absent: Scott Bloomberg**  
**Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Deputy Clerk Alice Addis**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the proposed agenda.**  
**Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of December 19, 2017  
**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2017 regular meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam**  
**Nays: None**
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: None
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Consider and act on light duty being available in all departments.  
**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Reisner, to consider light duty in all departments. After a physician recommends light duty, the department head and committee chairman must agree that light duty is available.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown**  
**Nays: None**
  8. NEW BUSINESS:
    - a. Consider and act on retirement of the City Collector.  
**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to approve and accept the notice of retirement from City Collector/FOIA Officer/Deputy Clerk Alice Addis effective on or about June 5, 2018 with the last day of work being May 25, 2018.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown**  
**Nays: None**
    - b. Consider and act on advertising for a full-time City Collector  
**Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Rubsam, to advertise for a City Collector.**  
**Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks**  
**Nays: None**
    - c. Consider and act on TIF application for 122 W. Washington Street in the amount of \$537.50.  
**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to approve TIF Application for 122 W. Washington in the amount of \$537.50 reimbursement for TIF eligible expenses.**  
**Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner**  
**Nays: None**
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: None
10. STATEMENTS:  
**Blake** – provided the animal control report.  
**Reisner** – The Wastewater grinder had frozen and is being warmed up.  
**Brooks** – Happy New Year! Several residents have had issues with frozen pipes and frozen meters.  
**Brown** – EMA meeting will be January 11 at 6:00 PM at the county building.  
**Rubsam** – Happy New Year! The boy scouts will have a fish fry at the VFW Friday, Jan. 5. If there are any service projects available, the boy scouts would like to help with them. Two trash receptacles are now on the Eagle Trail.

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Treasurer Brooks presented an appropriation change.

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Blake to make the following appropriation change in the General Fund, Park Account – move \$20.00 from the Contingency Fund to Membership Dues.**

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

**Nays: None**

Treasurer Brooks shared information from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity concerning the Revolving Loan Fund program.

**Mayor Bolander - Happy New Year!** A picture of Newton's Bicentennial celebration was in the Illinois Municipal Review, a state-wide publication.

**11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 16, 2018 at 6:00 PM**

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: JEDI January 9 at 1:15 PM**

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

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

**Nays: None**

Open session suspended at 6:32 PM.

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

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

**Nays: None**

Open session resumed at 6:43 PM.

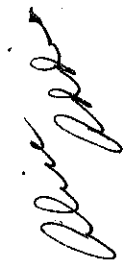
Mayor Bolander announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate and purchase of real estate.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Nays: None**



Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Submitted by Alice Addis