

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**108 N. Van Buren St**

**Newton, IL 62448**

**October 2, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor

**Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.**

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderwoman Marlene Harris

**Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderwoman Marlene Harris**

3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk

**Present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Marlene Harris**

**Absent: None**

**Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York**

4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Add Amber Wakefield and Sarah Weiler to #6 and delete 7 D, E and F and add EMA Committee Meeting to # 10

**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to adopt the amended agenda.**

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

**Nays: None**

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of September 18, 2018

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the September 18, 2018 meeting of the Newton City Council.**

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

**Nays: None**

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Amber Wakefield and Sarah Weiler

a. **Amber Wakefield: Does the City of Newton's social media. Ways to get in touch with her if you have something you want posted,**

- **Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Amber.A.GoGo.SocialMedia/>**
- **Email: [ExperienceJasperCounty@gmail.com](mailto:ExperienceJasperCounty@gmail.com) and [amberagogoblog@gmail.com](mailto:amberagogoblog@gmail.com)**
- **Phone: (937) 572-8439**
- **Website: [amberagogo.com](http://amberagogo.com)**
- **Invite people to the City's Facebook page.**

b. **Sarah Weiler: Life Café is open. The grand opening is Saturday October 6, 2018. The cafe is serving locally made pastries and freshly roasted coffee. There is an article in Monday's October 1, 2018 Jasper County News Eagle and on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/lifecafenewton/>, for more information.**

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Recognize Ken Larimore

**Mayor recognize Ken Larimore for his work on economic development with Newton and Jasper County from 2003 -2018, such as organizing JEDI, Cobblestone Hotel, Assisted Living, Aquatic Center and the TIF. He presented him with a plaque and thanked him.**

B. Open bids on 506 S. Van Buren property

**Bids were opened and read.**

1. **Jed Earnest bid \$5,161.01.**

2. **Bruce Balding bid \$4,196.00**

C. Consider and act on Ordinance 18-13 Authorizing Sale of Municipally Owned Real Estate (506 S. Van Buren St) and associated documents. (this was deleted from the Aug. 7, 2018 agenda)

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Ordinance 18-13 Authorizing Sale of Municipally Owned Real Estate (506 S. Van Buren St) and associated documents.**

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

**Nays: None**

~~D. Consider and act on bids for city-owned truck parking lot behind Cobblestone hotel.~~

~~E. Consider and act on awarding the concrete portion of city-owned truck parking lot behind Cobblestone hotel.~~

~~F. Consider and act on awarding the electrical portion of city-owned truck parking lot behind Cobblestone hotel.~~

G. Consider and act on change order #1, South Van Buren Street Water Project, accommodating the Dhom Extension.

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize change order #1, South Van Buren Street Water Project, accommodating the Dhom Extension.**

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**Nays: None**

H. Consider and act on Pay Estimate #2 and Final, South Van Buren Street Water Project, due B & T Drainage in the amount of \$58,665.

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize the payment of Pay Estimate #2 and Final, South Van Buren Street Water Project, due B & T Drainage in the amount of \$58,665.**

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

**Nays: None**

I. Consider and act on invoice due Connor & Connor, South Van Buren Street Water Project (Dhom Ext), in the amount of \$8,120.

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to authorize invoice due Connor & Connor, South Van Buren Street Water Project (Dhom Ext), in the amount of \$8,120.**

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

**Nays: None**

J. Consider and act on Five Aprils Lottery results and contracts.

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubsam, approve the contract with Calvin and Jenna Schnabel for Lot 19 and the contract with Nick and Kate Mammoser for Lot 6 in Five April Crossing Subdivision.**

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

**Nays: None**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Consider and act on special event application for Wade Fire Protection District.

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Blake, approve and authorize special event application for Wade Fire Protection District.**

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

**Nays: None**

B. Consider and act on approving the 2017/2018 fiscal year audit.

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to approve the 2017/2018 fiscal year audit.**

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

**Nays: None**

C. Consider and act on approving the 2017/2018 TIF fiscal year audit

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to approve the 2017/2018 TIF fiscal year audit.**

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

**Nays: None**

D. Consider and act on Resolution 18-11 of participation and support of Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program, Mobile Team Unit 15 for the Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Officers In-Service Training Act, Public Act 82-674.

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to pass Resolution 18-11 of participation and support of Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program, Mobile Team Unit 15 for the Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Officers In-Service Training Act, Public Act 82-674.**

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

**Nays: None**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Finance**

Committee October 1, 5:30 pm; JEDI October 2. 1:15 pm

**Finance: Brian Bradbury with Kemper CPA Group discussed the 2017 - 2018 city audit ending April 30, 2018. Mr. Bradbury stated the city is given a clean compliance opinion. He noted from the audit that cash and cash equivalents are up and total liabilities are down. The Electrical, Water & Waste Water Departments are all operating in the positive. Bradbury discussed different areas of the audit and answered questions from the mayor and committee. The city follows TIF regulation as noted in the audit by Bradbury and is complying with those regulations. Rosetta M. York stated the City Clerk cash register has \$200 to make change to customers. She would like to increase the amount to \$300 for making change to reduce trips to the bank for change. Committee approved the increase.**

**Brian Bradbury recommended that a member of council review the monthly utility bills that have had an adjustment report.**

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**JEDI: TOUR at NCHS.**

Beth Probst gave a tour of the following areas:

Room 116 – a room that has had no renovation and to give us a look how the old classrooms were before updates.

Cafeteria - showed potential plans of expanding to hold capacity of students.

Band Room – pointed out the small space and water spots on the ceiling along with the threat of asbestos in the ceiling and possibly in the old floor tiles.

Vocational Building – showed the cramped space and along with needed updates.

Mechanic Work Shop – Would like to be able to add an additional bay.

Andy Johnson took us out to the front grounds of the School:

Showed us the potential of a gymnasium and additional classrooms.

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

**Rubsam:** The Bluestem Energy Solutions mutual confidential disclosure agreement needs to be review by Max before putting it on the next agenda.

**Brown:** No Comment

**Brooks:** It is good the City had a clean audit. He called a Personnel Meeting on Wednesday October 24, 2018 at 5:30 PM.

**Reisner:** No Comment

**Blake:** Read the Jasper County Animal Report

**Harris:** The City Utility departments have been trying the new power rake.

**City Attorney:** No Comment

City Treasurer: She and 2 alderman attended the annual Snedeker Conference. They learned a lot.

**City Clerk:** Glad to be back and thanks for cards, food and prayers.

**Mayor:**

- Glad to have the clerk back.
- Eagle Pride is having a donor appreciation dinner on October 11, 2018 at 5:00 PM. They have invited 2 people from the City.

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

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: **EMA on October 11 at 6:00 PM and Personnel Committee Meeting on Wednesday October 24, 2018 at 5:30 PM.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

Open session suspended at **7:10 PM.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

Open session resumed at **7:31 PM.**

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

