



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

January 7, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor
Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Marlene Harris.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Marlene Harris.
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Robert Riesner and Marlene Harris
Absent: Larry Brooks and Eric Blake
Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Glumac, to adopt the proposed/amended agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Reisner, Harris
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of December 17, 2019
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: None
7. OLD BUSINESS: None
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on Steve Shull's TIF application.
Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Brown, to authorize the payment of \$1000 for Steve Shull's TIF application.
Ayes: Reisner, Harris, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
 - B. Consider and act on making sections of Decatur St. one-way.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to approve making sections of Decatur St. one-way with traffic going away from S. Van Buren St. east one block and west one block.
Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Reisner
Nays: None
 - C. Consider and act on hiring ETC (Economic and Technical Consultants, Inc.) to represent The City of Newton in discussions with Ameren Illinois.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Glumac, to approve hiring ETC (Economic and Technical Consultants, Inc.) to represent The City of Newton in discussions with Ameren Illinois.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Reisner, Harris
Nays: None
 - D. Consider and act on BHMG continuing to be our liaison regarding WDS (Wholesale Distribution Service) rates.
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, for BHMG continuing to be our liaison regarding WDS (Wholesale Distribution Service) rates.
Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
 - E. Consider and act on getting quotes for a new squad car for police department.
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to approve getting quotes for a new squad car for police department.
Ayes: Reisner, Harris, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
Harris--- **JEDI 1-7-20:** Alderwoman Harris gave a brief overview of the JEDI gathering today. Here are excerpts from Amber Volk's minutes:
Jason Warfel speaking on JASPER TOGETHER and how it's important for the community. The first Meeting will be February 5, 2020 at 5:30pm @ Knights of Columbus Hall with meal starting at 5pm. We ask you to please RSVP for an accurate food count and materials for the meeting. This is open to the public and no one will be turned away.
Amber Wakefield: Working on the sign on the square. Having problems with finding instructions on how to use the sign completely. This is a great opportunity to make the public aware of all events. If anyone has questions about social media or needs something posted, contact Amber Wakefield at amberagogoblog@gmail.com or 937-572-8439



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Monthly Updates

Amber Volk, Executive Director: The Solid Grounds building has been purchased. Although a name or exact business is not available yet, the individual will be implementing TIF.

Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton: 2020 is looking like it will be a big year for the county. A few projects are currently in the works but I am not at liberty to say. Hopefully it will be public soon. We are needing to revive the River Walk fundraiser. It's an 80/20 grant and trying to fundraise the 20. Construction will not start till the summer or fall due to IDOT looking for possible Sand Darters in the construction area. There will be folders and containers at a few businesses for donations.

Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chairman: Levey has been approved. A new project meeting will be Wednesday the 15th at 9am to discuss the construction of the new sheriff department/ jail project. Some work is being done on the Court House, washing and receding brick.

Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Jasper County Unit #1: School started back up on Thursday the 2nd. We are looking for a great 2020 year.

Beth Probst: Both boys and girls won the Dieterich Tournament.

Sarah Kinkade, Chamber of Commerce Director: Working on the Mapping project. Chamber Banquet is on March 16th at the KC hall. Citizen of the year forms will be available soon. Start thinking of someone who is deserving of the prestigious award.

Reisner--Street and Alley Committee 1-6-20: (Note: Reisner said the minutes should have also recorded that the railroad is putting gates with flashers at both crossings.)

Discussed the replacement Scott Ave. and S. Van Buren St. railroad crossings.

Bernie Guerrettaz from Indiana Railroad Company said this would start the end of May to the middle of summer. Discussed making Decatur St. one-way going west and one-way going east from Van Buren St. for 1 block in both directions.

Adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Harris—Finance Committee 1-6-20:

Discussed TIF application for Steve Shull. Will vote on giving him 50%, \$1000 at the Council Meeting on 1/7/20. The cost on TIF application was \$2,000.

Discussed giving more lots away at Five Aprils.

Went into executive session to discuss personnel at 6:15 PM.

Came out of executive session at 6:23 PM. Adjourned 6:24 PM

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Glumac: She attended the Jasper County Chamber meeting last night.

- They discussed Jasper County's "Pathways to Progress" meetings. There are sign-up sheets at the Chamber to help set up and clean up for each meeting. The Chamber will sponsor one meal. There were a lot of positive comments.
- The Chamber discussed changing their annual events from multiple-day to single-day events.

Brown: No comment

Reisner: No comment

Harris: No comment

City Attorney: No comment

City Treasurer: Discussed the Insurance account balance sheet for November 30, 2019 and where to find the Money Market Account, commonly called the "Poke,"

City Clerk: I will be sending the ordinances that need to be codified to Illinois Codification within the next month.

Mayor:

- The Mayor spoke about the NewWave letter the city received addressing their channel changes, plan changes and prices changes. Rates changes are posted at the end of the minutes and on Facebook.
- Lee Beckman said the Eagle Trail Riverwalk project is on hold because IDOT Environmental is still doing their study on the snail darter fish in the Embarras River. The construction may possibly start this summer or fall.
- He ask the council if it was ok to have the lawyer start preparing another Five Aprils Crossing lottery to give away 5 lots for new homes in the subdivision. It was agreed to start the process and have the lottery and documents approved at a future council meeting.
- Referred to Mike Shaw from SCIRPDC Email about the housing grant: "Great Day, we are finally starting. We will be "walking" the Dennis Shamhart and the John Rife homes next Monday, Jan. 13. Ron Markus, myself and the interested contractors will be at Dennis' home at Noon and John's at 1:00 pm. Bids will be due at 2:00 pm Jan. 20. Ron put in the specs the bids should be turned in to me, but it's still possible some could be sent to Newton. I'll work with you on that day from Salem or in Newton, I'll let you know. After the bid opening, Dennis and John will be invited to City Hall to sign agreements with the successful contractor."

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **Tuesday, January 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Dues and Donations at 6:15 PM January 14 and Alcohol and Tobacco at 6:30 on January 14



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12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, personnel and sale of real estate, **Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, personnel and sale of real estate pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.**

Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:34 PM.

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

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Reisner, Harris

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:48 PM.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

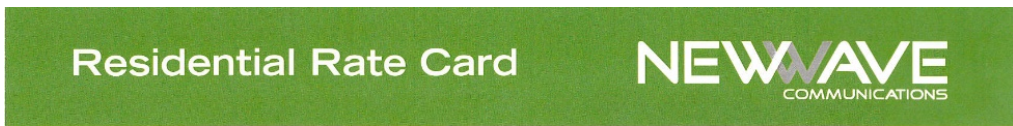
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Harris, Glumac

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York



Cable TV Monthly A La Carte Pricing	Jan/Feb	March
Basic Service	\$ Varies	\$40
Expanded Basic Service (includes Basic Service)	\$ Varies	\$88
Family Plus	\$13	\$16
PREMIUM SERVICES		
HBO	\$18	\$19
Cinemax	\$18	\$19
Showtime/TMC	\$18	\$19
Starz/Encore	\$18	\$19
Any (2) Premium Channels (Excludes Encore only)	\$30	\$30
Any (3) Premium Channels (Excludes Encore only)	\$40	\$40
Any (4) Premium Channels (Excludes Encore only)	\$49	\$49
Encore (no longer available as stand alone)**	\$6	\$6
Cable Service Guard	\$5	\$5
EQUIPMENT		
CableCard	\$2.95	\$2.95
High Definition or Standard Definition Receiver	\$9	\$7
HD Digital Video Recorder (DVR)	\$18.99	\$15
- Additional DVR	\$9	\$15
HD DVR (Gateway)*	\$18.99	\$15
- Additional HD DVR Player*	\$9	\$7
DTA (Up to two DTAs per account free for 2 years)	-	-
Each Additional DTAs	\$5	\$5
FEES		
Broadcast Surcharge (applies to all residential Cable customers \$15.23-\$23.40)	Varies	Varies
Sports Surcharge (applies to Standard Cable customer)	\$2.54	\$3.35

High Speed Internet Monthly A La Carte Pricing	Jan/Feb	March
Lite 15 Plus (Available only with Cable TV or Phone) Up to 15 Mbps, Uploads up to 1 Mbps, 100GB data plan	\$30	\$30
Starter 100 Plus Up to 100 Mbps, uploads up to 10 Mbps, 300GB data plan	\$55	\$55
Streamer & Gamer 200 Plus Up to 200 Mbps, uploads up to 20 Mbps, 600GB data plan	\$65	\$65
Turbo 300 Plus Up to 300 Mbps, uploads up to 30 Mbps, 900GB data plan	\$80	\$80
Gig High Speed Internet** Up to 1,000 Mbps, uploads up to 50 Mbps, 1,200GB data plan	\$125	\$125
Unlimited data Customers that use more than 5TB of data may be subject to speed reductions for the remainder of their billing period.	\$40	\$40
100GB of additional data \$10 per 100GB ; Up to \$50.00 per data cycle	\$10	\$10
EQUIPMENT		
Wired/Wireless EMTA	\$10.50	\$10.50
Wired or Wireless Docsis 3.0 Modem	\$10.50	\$10.50

Phone Monthly A La Carte Pricing	Jan/Feb	March
Economy Phone	\$20	\$20
Standard Phone	\$34.99	\$34.99
2nd Phone Line	\$20	\$20
Caller ID, Voice Mail & Voice Mail to Email	\$7	\$7
International Calling	Varies	Varies
EQUIPMENT		
Wired/Wireless EMTA	\$10.50	\$10.50

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Three Pack Bundles: High Speed Internet + Cable TV + Phone	Jan/Feb	March
Starter 100 Internet + Standard Cable + Standard Phone Save \$47.00 per month	\$154	\$158
Streamer & Gamer 200 Plus Internet + Standard Cable + Standard Phone Save \$47.00 per month	\$164	\$168
Turbo 300 Internet + Standard Cable + Standard Phone Save \$47.00 per month	\$179	\$183

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Two Pack Bundles: High Speed Internet + Cable TV	Jan/Feb	March
Starter 100 Internet + Standard Cable Save \$5 per month	\$134	\$138
Streamer & Gamer 200 Plus Internet + Standard Cable Save \$5 per month	\$144	\$148
Turbo 300 Internet + Standard Cable Save \$5 per month	\$159	\$163
Starter 100 Internet + Economy Cable Save \$13 per month	\$82	\$82

Two Pack Bundles: High Speed Internet + Phone	Jan/Feb	March
Starter 100 Internet + Standard Phone Save \$32 per month	\$80	\$80
Streamer & Gamer 200 Plus Internet + Standard Phone Save \$32 per month	\$90	\$90
Turbo 300 Internet + Standard Phone Save \$32 per month	\$105	\$105

All Internet/Phone 2 pack bundles include: A la carte phone features

Two Pack Bundles: Standard Cable + Phone	Jan/Feb	March
Standard Cable + Standard Phone Save \$22 per month	\$123	\$123



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