



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

June 2, 2020

- 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Street Committee on May 27, Finance Committee on June 2 and JEDI June 2.

Reisner-Street: Discussed the resurfacing S. Jackson St. and W. Washington St. with Rebuild Illinois IDOT funds. Discussed Checking on the River Bridge maintenance, because it is beginning to show a little wear. Discussed the Eagle Track logos on Washington St. Adjourned at 6:05 PM

Harris-JEDI: Excerpts from Amber Volk’s JEDI minutes

- 1. Amber Wakefield: Others are taking notes on how Jasper County is handling COVID-19. We need to get ahead w/ marketing the community. Examples: Community calendar, available homes, meet community leaders. There needs to be a more cohesive avenue for our community’s information. Amber W’s team can come up with a solution and help with getting out this information. The Marketing Committee will start meeting again and will brainstorm with Amber Wakefield.

Monthly Updates

- 2. Amber Volk, Executive Director: Currently in Phase 3 of the State’s Reopening Plan. We will have in person meetings once we are in Phase 4. The City of Newton was able to send in applications for two local businesses in regards to the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program. Currently waiting to hear from the State. St. Joseph Renewable Fuels: \$400 million project. 100 full time jobs. Will use brown & yellow grease to create drop in diesel fuel. Will take 2 years for construction.
- 3. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton: Sarah Bush Lincoln Clinic will be relocating across from Napa. Looking to break ground this year. First National Bank of Olney will have a zoning hearing and is looking to break ground this summer. Westend Reception and Events has started dirt work. The Five Aprils Crossings Lot Lottery has been pushed back to a later time. Will be meeting with IGA.
- 4. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chairman: Have approved jail concept but is currently being tweaked. Goal is to start Sept 1st. The hazard mitigation plan has been submitted and will probably receive feedback to tweak. County bars are open w/ outdoor seating. Next County board meeting is June 11th @ 7pm located upstairs in the courthouse but will also be on Zoom video call.
- 5. Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Jasper County Unit #1: Next School board meeting will be June 15th but will send more information on a later date about location. Filmed 111 graduates and will show the movie at the Drive-in theater only for family on June 22nd. Currently preparing for next year, very little guidance currently. We have three options: 1. Have everyone in person at school. 2. Have everyone at home. 3. Have half in person and half at home and alternate. We are doing everything we can to have everyone in person. Will keep everyone updated. Will be starting an Advisory Group to get input from lots of different areas.
- 6. Sarah Kinkade, Chamber of Commerce Director: Have yet to send out invoices to Chamber Members due to current events. Will work w/ members who can’t pay. Busy with helping the Health Department in organizing various needs like homemade masks and getting groceries for the workers at Newton Care Center. Event dates are currently up in the air and unsure if they will be different.

Harris-Finance:

- Discussed TIF agreement for Galloway Insurance, amended the requested amount to \$2,500.
- The IMRF rate has decreased from 12.01% to 11.68% for 2021. The mayor ask the Treasurer to see if the City could leave it at 12.01%.
- Brenda discussed the covid-19 waved shut-offs and late fees for 17 accounts. A few have set up a payment plan, but some are up to \$1,600.00 unpaid utility bills. Letters and notices are being sent. Adjourned at 5:55 PM.

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Glumac: No comment

Brown: No comment

Blake: No comment

Reisner: The Railroad will be starting the S. Van Buren St. crossing repairs on July 20, 2020.

Brooks: Commented on the Ordinance to Annex Birchs, Petition to annex and the Agreement to annex.

Harris: No comment

City Attorney: Not present

City Treasurer: No comment

City Clerk: Thanks for the new laptop.

Mayor: No Comments

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: **Animal Control Committee after June 2, 2020**

City Council Meeting

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate and purchase 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, 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: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:33 PM



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

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:51 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 Brown, seconded by Reisner, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York