



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

March 5, 2019

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 Eric Blake.
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk
Physically present: **Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris**
Absent: **Larry Brooks**
Also present: **Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to adopt the proposed agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Reisner, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of February 19, 2019
Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 regular meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **None**
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on Ordinance 19-03 Amending the Special Event Liquor License.
Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Harris, to pass Ordinance 19-03 Amending the Special Event Liquor License
Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
 - B. Consider and act on Newton Wholesale Distribution Service Agreement Final Copy2.27.2019 (005) with Ameren.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to accept and authorize Newton Wholesale Distribution Service Agreement Final Copy2.27.2019 (005) with Ameren.
Ayes: Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Reisner
Nays: None
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on authorizing and approving opening the yard waste facility, the first and third Saturdays from 8:00 AM to noon beginning Saturday April 6, 2019 to October 19, 2019 and every Saturday in November under the landscape waste collection site rules.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to authorize and approve opening the yard waste facility, the first and third Saturdays from 8:00 AM to noon beginning Saturday April 6, 2019 to October 19, 2019 and every Saturday in November under the landscape waste collection site rules.
Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Reisner, Blake
Nays: None
 - B. Consider and act on not raising electric rates for upcoming fiscal year, May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.
Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Reisner, to not raising electric rates for upcoming fiscal year, May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Reisner, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
 - C. Consider and act on not raising water rates for upcoming fiscal year, May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.
Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Brown, to not raising water rates for upcoming fiscal year, May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.
Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
 - D. Consider and act on not raising wastewater rates for upcoming fiscal year, May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to not raising wastewater rates for upcoming fiscal year, May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.
Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
Bolander – The Building and Grounds Committee met February 28, 2019 to discuss the following City Hall needs: backup Generator, roof, phone system, security, safety needs and other inefficiencies. TIF funds could be used if necessary to help pay for renovations. Possibly just fix the above mentioned.



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Perhaps not a total renovation. Talk with vendors to get estimates on repairs and replacements.
Adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Brown – The Park, Cemetery and Pool Committee met Feb 28, 2019 discussed the following: The 90 year old Ives Mausoleum is in need of major repairs. Connor and Connor need to assess the damages. Cheryl discussed the upcoming pool season. Adjourned at 6:17 PM. David Brown, Chairman

Blake: Alcohol and Tobacco Committee met at 6:20 PM to discuss proposed changes to Special Event Liquor Licenses. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Harris: JEDI met today at 1:15 PM in County Annex building. JEDI said Amber will be back in a month. Jasper County still looking for possible property to build jail. Coming soon at School is PTO Bingo night and Cinderella musical. Chamber will not have Strawberry Festival this year, there will be an Eagle Fest Banquet April 15 and a trap shoot April 16. Tom Brown said biodiesel is waiting a couple of liens to be cleared. Adjourned about 1:30 PM.

10. STATEMENTS:

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Harris: Treasurer and she met with the insurance rep to review the City's assets and what the insurance value is to improve the coverage. There were assets that were under insured. The rep is updating the policy.

Blake: Read Jasper County Animal Control Report.

Reisner: Street Department will try to use community service workers this summer if possible.

Brown: Chief Swick said that "Shop with a Cop" fund raiser fish fry at the VFW is this Friday, March 8, 2019 between 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

Glumac: Is meeting with Raymond Reynolds tomorrow.

City Attorney: No Comment

City Treasurer: No Comment

City Clerk: No Comment

Mayor: No Comment

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 19, 2019 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Personnel Committee March 13, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Dues and Donations Committee March 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM,

Finance Committee March 20, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

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

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation and sale of real estate pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:00 PM.

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

Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:43 PM.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Reisner, Blake, Harris

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York