



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL  
108 N. Van Buren St  
Newton, IL 62448  
June 4, 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, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris**  
Absent: **None**  
Also present: **Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Correct # 11 to June 12  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to adopt the amended agenda.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of May 21, 2019  
**Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Reisner, to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 regular meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac**  
**Nays: None**
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **Kathy Hayes**  
**Mayor Bolander recognized Kathy Hayes "In grateful appreciation of outstanding leadership, Service and Dedication to the City of Newton from 1991 to 2019."**
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF agreement with Warehouse Antique.  
**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Glumac, to authorize authorizing the TIF agreement with Warehouse Antique for \$1,832.50.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown**  
**Nays: None**
  - B. Consider and act on 2019 bids for annual MFT Street Maintenance Program. (Bid letting is May 31, 2019 at 10:00 AM in city hall).

2019 MFT FUNDS BID SUMMARY						
	Salt	CA-16	CA-6	FA 1 SAND	SEAL COAT AC-5	TOTAL
KINTNER & SONS, INC.					\$52,447.72	
HEUERMAN BROS.		\$10,736.55	\$1,950.00	\$1,000.00		
COMPASS MINERALS	\$7,255.50					
	\$7,255.50	\$10,736.55	\$1,950.00	\$1,000.00	\$52,447.72	\$73,389.77

- Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to 2019 bids for annual MFT Street Maintenance Program; Compass Minerals for salt at \$7,255.50, Heuerman Bros. for CA-16 rock at \$10,736.55, for CA-6 rock at \$1,950.00 and for FA 1 sand at \$1000.00 and Kintner & Son, Inc. for seal coat AC-5 at \$52,447.72 with a total cost of \$73,389.77.**  
**Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks**  
**Nays: None**
- C. Consider and act on two Newton Alderman attending the 1 day IML Newly Elected Officials training at \$75.00 per person plus allowable expenses.  
**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to authorize two Newton Alderman attending the 1 day IML Newly Elected Officials training at \$75.00 per person plus allowable expenses.**  
**Ayes: Blake, Brown, Brooks, Reisner**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Harris and Glumac**
  - D. Consider and act on increasing the IMRF employer contribution rate to 12.01%.  
**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to authorize an increasing the IMRF employer contribution rate to 12.01%.**  
**Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake**  
**Nays: None**
8. NEW BUSINESS: NONE





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## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

**Finance/Riverwalk-Harris:** Rick Lindemann a draft of the fliers. Amanda Lessley discussed changes and corrections to the flier and discussed \$150 donations and agreed to eliminate the \$125 donation. Lee Beckman told us environmental study should be back in 60-90 days. Louise Lybarger suggest we set up a fundraiser booth at Burl Ives Celebration on June 14, 2019. Amber Wakefield is setting up a file to drop photos in of events in Newton along walk or river. Discussed a possible booth on collections, possible setting up flyers/collection paperwork for collection. Next meeting June 12, 2019 10:30 AM on set up for collections. Adjourned 6:45 pm

**Water-Brooks:** Discuss the accelerating the residential water meter replacement. Do half this year and half next year. It would allow the transmission of the meter reading to a central receiver. This will cost approximately \$140,000 over two years. Discussed working on areas within the town that have low pressure. Discussed Liberty St. water main grant. Surveys are coming into city hall. The council may have to go door to door, if needed. Connor and Connor are starting the permit applications for this project to help meet this year's deadline for the grant application. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

**JEDI-Harris:** Meeting Minutes by Amber Volk from the Monthly Updates Section

### a. Amber Volk, Executive Director

- i. Opportunity Zone: The State has gone through their second round of regulations. We will have a speaker to help clarify the rules and regulations after more information is available.
- ii. Build America Grant: applying to fix up highway in the city of Newton.
- iii. SCIRPDC Economic Development Planner II Job Position: <https://www.ilapa.org/single-post/2019/05/13/Economic-Development-Planner-South-Central-Illinois-Regional-Planning-Development-Commission-Salem-IL>
- iv. Senior Living Community Update: They obtained their IHDA credits and is currently in the stage of financing. Looking to hopefully break ground by fall.
- v. What can JEDI do better for you?
  1. What would you like to see from JEDI?
    - a. More presentations?
  2. What would you find helpful?
  3. Please feel free to contact me via phone: 618-783-3409 or email: [jaspercountyjedi@gmail.com](mailto:jaspercountyjedi@gmail.com) if you have any suggestions.

### b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton

- i. Dollar General is getting closer to break ground.
- ii. The Springfield Clinic is looking to be moved into a Quick Care suite at the end of the year.
- iii. Pennington Ford has completed the deal with the buying of Louis Ochs. Charlie Pennington is looking to have an open house sometime soon.
- iv. The Riverwalk is looking to start construction in 2020.
- v. We applied for a Housing Rehab Grant and will be receiving \$500,000. This will be to upgrade 10 homes on S Lafayette and Reynolds Streets.
- vi. We will be applying for a CDBG grant for replacement of water lines and some sewer.

### c. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chairman

- i. The County Audit is completed and will be presented to the Board.
- ii. The new Sheriff's Department project is still going forward. We have a few legal issues to deal with first.
- iii. Next meeting for the County Board will be June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

### d. Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Jasper County Unit #1.

### e. Beth Probst High School Principle

- i. The Co-op program will be returning.
- ii. OPAA Food Management Inc. will be the new food provider for the school lunches.
  1. They provide fresh food, whereas the State food service was frozen to heat up.
  2. The company does buy local.
  3. Dieterich is already using this company and Neoga will be starting to use them also.
- iii. The Building Committee will be meeting up again soon.

## 1. Comments from those attending the meeting.

### a. Doug Weddell

- i. June 29<sup>th</sup> the Ned LeDoux's Rodeo After Party presented by Johnny & June's.
- ii. Wad It Up Transportation has added 3 more buses out of Effingham.

### b. Tom Brown

- i. The past weekend travel ball tournament brought in lots of people to Newton.
  1. The hotel was fully booked.

STATEMENTS:





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**Glumac:** Gave a report for the monthly Jasper County Chamber of Commerce Meeting: Jeep Run is July 27, Cruise Night is August 2, Fall Festival and Car Show is September 14 and Corvette Funfest 2019-Fun Run Road Tour to Newton is Sept 19. The Chamber would like to do a cost share with the City of Newton, Jasper County, ERTC and JEDI on the Corvette Funfest for managing the large number of people anticipated.

**Brown:** The Aquatic Center is doing pretty good. There was over 100 people the first day. He will be calling a Park and Cemetery Committee Meeting to discuss the Ives Mausoleum.

**Brooks:** Building material is being placed on the new Dollar General site. He will be reporting the house on the NW corner of Jackson St. and Reynolds St. for property maintenance violations.

**Reisner:** No comment

**Blake:** Gave the Jasper County Animal Report.

**Harris:** No comment

**City Attorney:** No comment

**City Treasurer:** No comment

**City Clerk:** No comment

## Mayor:

- Reflective bands for people walking after dark are available at City Hall in Newton Police Department and Clerk office.
- He would like to have all of the proceeds from Peterson Park on June 29, 2019 to be given to the Riverwalk Fund. The Council approved to vote on this at the next council meeting. Mark is going to have a donation booth on that day to explain and discuss the Eagle Trail Riverwalk project.
- On June 14 at Burl Ive's Birthday Celebration, he and Marlene Harris will have a donation booth on that day also to explain and discuss the Eagle Trail Riverwalk project.
- Gayle spoke on the Corvette Funfest 2019-Fun Run Road Tour to Newton is Sept 19.
- Two alderman will attend the IML Newly Elected Officials Training on June 28. IML also has an Annual Conference in September at the downtown Hilton which has many training sessions for all municipal employees. If anyone is interest in going, they really should go.
- 17 of the Liberty St. grant targeted area surveys were returned to the city. There are 30 more that need to be collected. This requires 100% response to qualify for the grant. Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Marlene Harris, Gayle Glumac and Mark Bolander will be going door to door trying to get 100% surveys.
- The Build Grants for 2019 have not been awarded yet. The 2018 went to northern Illinois communities.
- On June 29th the Ned LeDoux's Rodeo After Party presented by Johnny & June's.

## 10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM

### SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

**Finance/Riverwalk June 12, 2019 at 10:30 AM**

## 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, 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 and sale 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 7:00 PM.**

**Motion was made by Harris, 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 7:15 PM.**

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

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta M. York**