

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

September 4, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Robert Reisner

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Marleen Harris.

3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk

Present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Marleen Harris

Absent: None

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

4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the proposed agenda.

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

Nays: None

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of August 21, 2018

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the August 21, 2018 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Harris and Rubsam

Nays: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **None**

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Consider and act on

None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consider and act on

None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: JEDI on September 4

Larry Brooks-JEDI: Introduction of Amber Volk, Economic Development Coordinator: introduced herself and please let her know if anyone has been left out of the JEDI emails. Community Marketing Program: Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 6th @ 9:00am. It will take place in the Peoples State Bank Room at the Jasper County Chamber Office. Monthly Updates: Ken Larimore: Five Enterprise Zones completed for the Medical Complex, Mark Bolander-The Medical Complex will have extended hours; Community Marketing Program will meet on Thursday the 6th at 9:00 AM to discuss new logo for Jasper County, Ron Heltsley: Real Estate taxes are currently being collected; The new jail design has been agreed and approved on but there is still a lot of work to be done before implementation can begin.

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Harris: The dead tree on 3rd St. is down.

Reisner: Read the Jasper County Animal Report. The railroad crossing on Liberty St. is complete. He will check with John Stone on the MCC fiber boring on cleaning up. The Dhom water main extension has started. Terry Smithhenry is cleaning the Streetscape brick and sealing it.

Brooks: Wanted to know if it was ok to purchase the power rake. City Treasurer is checking. There was a water leak on S. Walnut St.

Brown: The Park is draining the pool.

Read Chief Mike Swick's Letter:

To Newton City Council:

Please remind everyone that property maintenance and generally being a responsible property owner landlord or tenant involves a lot of work. This includes mowing (including the ditch in front your property) and trimming weeds and grasses around the residence and out buildings. Junk, debris, trash, brush piles, inoperable/unlicensed vehicles, and garbage are also other nuisances I have found on properties

Old tires lying around with water accumulating in them are an extremely important issue right now as the Jasper County Health Department has issued a warning about mosquitoes they have tested here. ANY items that will hold water need to be emptied or covered.

I spend a lot of time issuing notices for these types of nuisances and take these matters seriously.

I want to see some voluntary compliance and cooperation from everyone on these issues.

Thank you.

Chief Swick

Rubsam: Come and enjoy the 2018 Fall Festival.

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City Attorney: Invited everyone to the 2018 Fall Festival Photo Contest. Judging will take place on Thursday. The pictures will be displayed at the Newton Public Library during the Festival.

City Treasurer: No comment

City Clerk: Please bring the Municipal Codebooks to me for the new updates.

Mayor:

- Reminded everyone the Five April Crossing lottery for 5 free lots is October 2, 2018 at 5:45 PM.
- Read Maxine Calvert's letter:



August 22, 2018

City of Newton

Mayor Mark Bolander

At this time I don't feel comfortable asking my crew to take on the large flower beds around city hall. We have had a lot of issues this summer that just now seem to be smoothed out.

Long term for you, landscaping/shrubbery by Connor or some other landscaper would be more economical with a onetime cost than with us which would be ongoing every year.

However, what we can offer you is that during the hot dry summer we could water the new shrubbery for you at least once a week to keep it going while it is getting established.

Maxine Calvert

- The concert at the Fairground on August 25 was great.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 18, 2018 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: None

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

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: Brooks, Reisner, Harris, Rubsam and Brown

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:31 PM.

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

Ayes: Reisner, Harris, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:13 PM.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Harris, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York