

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Police Committee Monday, January 5, 2015 at 5:00 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

1. Traffic @ Newton Grade School (Street Committee also)
2. City Wide Cleanup Project
3. Personnel
4. Budget
5. Other police matters

Police Committee Meeting Minutes 1-5-155:00 PM

Present:

Scott Bloomberg

Mark Bolander

Dan Cox

Chris Parr

David Brown

Mike Swick

Larry Short

Eric Blake

Robert

Reisner

Rick Lindamann

Joe Stoops

Mike Swick showed a video of traffic patterns during rush hour around Newton Elementary. The bus stop arms are out for about 5 min. The entire congestion last for approximately 20 min. Monday-Friday. Will continue to monitor the situation as the school year progresses.

City wide cleanup discussed and cordination with the county and the use of county dumpsters. Will talk with city waste haller Republic and see how they can contribute to the effort. Look at dumpsters for tires,paint, electronics etc.

Consider part time officer to cover vacations.

Consider new squad car for FY 2015.

Heath Grant money has been received and working on digital speed monitoring signs.



Annual JEDI Business Meeting Agenda
Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bloomberg.
2. Request amendments to the agenda.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Joe Bierman, second by Mark Bolander, motion passed.
Annual Election of JEDI Officers and Board Members/terms.
Motion was made by Ed Webb to approve the slate of officers and directors, seconded by Travis Farley. Motion passed.
JEDI Officers
Scott Bierman, Chairman (absent)
Scott Bloomberg, Vice Chairman (present)
Travis Farley, Secretary (present)
Brett Lessley, Treasurer (present)
JEDI Board of Directors
Scott Bierman (absent)
Scott Bloomberg (present)
Louis Ochs (present)
Brett Lessley (present)
Mark Bolander (present)
Larry Brooks (absent)
Brian Leffler (present)
Ron Heltsley (absent)
Joe Bierman (present)
Travis Farley (present)
Ed Webb (present)
Mark Hartrich (present)
Dan Cox, School Superintendent (present)
Natalie White, NCHS Student Representative (absent)
Brock Mammoser, NCHS Student Representative (absent)
4. Annual Budget Approved
5. Annual Meeting Schedule approved
6. Monthly Updates
 - a. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton
 - b. Joe Bierman, Jasper County Board Chairman
 - c. Dan Cox, Superintendent of Schools
7. **Annual JEDI Celebration-February 11, 2014**
8. Motion to close meeting made by Brian Leffler, second by Louis Ochs, and motion passed.

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Dues and Donation Agenda:

1. Discuss amount to allocate for donations this year, 2015
2. Timeframe to advertise
3. Other related matters

Dues and Donations Committee meeting MINUTES January 13, 2015 - 5:30 PM – 5:40 PM

Present:

David Brown
Melissa Brooks
Robert Reisner
Mark Bolander
Brad Benefiel
Rick Lindemann
Harold Bolander

Budgeted \$5,500.00.

Advertise applications due Feb. 13, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Rick Lindemann, Chairman

JAN 13, 2015 AT 5:30 PM

Parks and Cemetery Agenda:

1. Discuss new restroom building
2. Other related matters

Parks & Cemetery Committee meeting MINUTES

January 13, 2015 - 5:40 PM – 6:30 PM

Present:

David Brown
Melissa Brooks
Robert Reisner
Mark Bolander
Brad Benefiel
Rick Lindemann
Harold Bolander

Brad Benefiel and the committee met to discuss the proposed restroom facility in Peterson Park. Size and amenities were discussed. Brad will contact the manufacturer for more details.

The possible addition of disc golf was also discussed.

The upcoming aquatic center season was also discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

David Brown, Chairman

City of Newton Sidewalk Beautification
Meeting Notes
January 20, 2015 2:00 P.M.

Attendees:

Lee Beckman	Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC
Nick Burrus	Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC
Steve Rubsam	City of Newton
Larry Dorn	City of Newton
Joe Stoops	City of Newton
Matt Tarr	City of Newton
Lukas Pirok	Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende
Raymond Reynolds	City of Newton
Melissa Brooks	City of Newton
Robert Reisner	City of Newton
Carl Baker	City of Newton
Barb Thomas	ERTC
Melissa Brooks	City of Newton
Mike Swick	Newton Police Department
Rosie York	City of Newton
Mark Bolander	City of Newton

- Project status was discussed:
 - Nick gave a brief overview of the project outlining the limits of the project.
 - Sidewalk along Van Buren from Water Street to Jourdan will be 5 ft sidewalk with grass boulevard.
 - Sidewalk around the square will all be concrete with a stamped concrete boulevard
 - Proposed route will be ADA accessible
 - Lighting was recently approved (approximately 8+ months in review)
 - Proposed project timeline is as follows:
 - Pre-Final plans to IDOT September 18th
 - Final plans to IDOT October 16th
 - Letting January 15, 2016
 - Work to begin near the first part of April 2016
 - Preliminary dates for Strawberry Fest and the Fall Festival were discussed and Rosie will forward dates to M&G when they are set.
 - It was noted these dates will be added to the specifications outlining the contractor shall not be working around the square during this timeframe and all the items shall be cleaned up and finished prior to the festivals.
- Final plan coordination:
 - Sidewalk heat has been removed from the plans
 - The proposed concrete boulevard around the square will be full depth colored concrete and stamped with a herringbone pattern.

- All sidewalks will be built to meet adjacent thresholds or access points to meet ADA requirements
 - ADA handrails will be powder coated black
 - There are 2 existing cameras around the square
 - NW corner of Jackson and Jourdan
 - SW corner of Jackson and Washington
 - Mike Swick will contact security companies regarding wireless options for cameras.
 - If wireless options would not work a 2” conduit would be added around the square and then connect into City Hall.
 - Power concerns were discussed for cameras as they would need to have constant power. (*discussion was held after meeting that an outlet could be wired on poles, so top plug would operate off photo cell and bottom outlet could be set to constant power, if that is what the City requested)
 - Hand holes and conduit to be routed to the center of each building for building accent lighting.
 - Existing fiber that stretched across square has been removed.
 - Power needs outside of standard lighting will not be eligible under the standard cost sharing but rather paid for 100% by City.
 - Raymond to work with BHMG to compile specifications for proposed festival power hand holes and requested conduit sizes
 - Each light pole will have two outlets, one at the top and one at the bottom. The electrical outlet service at the bottom will be increased as much as possible to allow power for events.
 - City would like access at the bottom of each pole if hand holes are not provided, so they can disconnect power to light if needed.
- Other Items:
 - Mark discussed the idea for a dedicated location for sculptures around the square
 - He is working with the Arts Council and Tourism Board to look for ideas and help with funding.
 - It was decided that if a location was decided at a later date it could be added in the field or an area modified after construction.
 - The question was raised if the curb along Van Burn from Jourdan to Water street would be replaced.
 - It was noted the intention of the ITEP grant is to enhance pedestrian access, lighting, etc.
 - The project is not intended to replace curb and gutter or roadway unless it is necessary to meet ADA standards.
 - There was discussion if the existing lights and landscaping along Water Street was to be removed.
 - It was noted that it would be part of the sidewalk work along Water Street.
 - There was a question if fence should be installed as part of this project to keep people out of the rock pile.
 - The decision was made that if a fence was needed it could be added after the project was complete.

- Mark asked about the limits of curb at the SW corner of Jourdan and Jackson as the section heading west along the south side of Jourdan is in poor condition
 - It was noted the curb ended at the sidewalk, which was just past the existing radius.
 - It was noted the City may replace the section of curb after construction is complete.
- Raymond noted a number of lights around the square that he would like replaced with this project.
 - Nick and Raymond walked through them and they were all covered with the proposed project
 - Nick left a full set of plans with Raymond for their review and comment.
- Carl Baker noted there was a service line adjacent to the gas station that needed to be fixed when the sidewalk was replaced. A plan note will be added to the plans so the contractor knows to contact the city.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:30

Electric Committee

January 26, 2015 5:45 PM – 6:30 PM

Present: Robert Reisner, Raymond Reynolds, Tyler Weber, Matt Tarr, Harold Bolander, Mark Bolander, Melissa Brooks, Rick Lindemann, David Brown

The committee met to discuss the possible upgrade to the generator for the new electric building. The Electric Dept. would like to upgrade to a Cummins-Onan brand for \$4,255 additional. Raymond stated that the City departments that have Cummins-Onan generators have had little to no problems. The old water plant had an Onan installed in 1978 and is still kept as an emergency generator.

Matt showed a form that will be mailed to customers in need of electrical upgrades. These will be mailed out starting this year.

Dave Brown, Chairman

Negotiations Committee meeting

January 28, 2015 6:30 PM – 6:55 PM

Present: Eric Blake, Mark Bolander, Harold Bolander, Rachel McVicar, Matt Tarr, Doug Towler, Rick Lindemann, David Brown

Doug Towler introduced himself and spoke about labor laws on travel and training.

From the time you leave City Hall until the time you get back to City Hall an employee should be paid. Overnight travel – will be looked at case by case, normally 8 hours. If more than 8 hrs, City will request agenda for training day.

Memo of understanding to be used instead of opening up the union contract. Doug will draft up a memo of understanding for another committee meeting, then to the council for formal approval.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Eric Blake, Chairman



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MINUTES

Jasper Economic Development Incorporated JEDI **ANNUAL CELEBRATION**

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 11:30 A.M.

Hersh Hall
125 S. Jackson St.
Newton IL

Great attendance with almost 50 present.

1. Call to order: Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Linda Huth led a moment of silence for Ed Mitchell and prayer.
3. Introduction of special guests: Ken Larimore introduced State Representative David Reis, State Senator Dale Righter and Mike Hall with Senator Shimkus's office.
4. State of JEDI: Ken Larimore, Extension CED Educator
 - Economic Development Report, TIF, and Enterprise Zone reports
 - Thank you to Hartrich Meats for catering, Ed Webb for buying today's meal for the CEO class and Steve and Jane Jones for the nice facility.
5. State of the County: Brian Leffler, County Board Member and Chairman of the Economic Development Committee
 - Brian gave an update of county activities and working with the new county board members.
6. State of the City of Newton: Mayor Mark Bolander
 - Mark gave a good update of city projects including new infrastructure, bridge rehab, trails, Streetscape, TIF projects etc.
7. State of NCHS: Principal Mrs. Probst
 - 13 Illinois State Scholars this year, FFA and CEO class to Beck's Hybrids, History Club to New York, Band to Florida next year, Mary Poppins is this year's musical, students can do community service projects and there will be 14 CEO class students next year.
8. Introduction of CEO Class program and presentation: Mrs. Probst
 - Each CEO class member gave a great introduction and part of the presentation. They focused on goals and the February 19 event that is coming up.
9. **Announcement of Annual Economic Development Award: Chairman Scott Bierman**
The Annual Economic Development Award went to **Peoples State Bank and President Greg Ikemire**. The bank was established on January 1, 1875 and has been a great community bank investing in Jasper county. The entire group showed appreciation to all the bank's efforts and especially what Greg Ikemire has accomplished leading the bank and being a lifelong resident of Jasper County.
10. After the meeting everyone was invited to discuss more with the CEO class or tour the adjacent old bank/office building.

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Finance Committee

February 12, 2015 5:17 PM

Present: Rick Lindemann, Mark Bolander, Stephen Adams (Bernardi Securities, Inc.), John Balzano (Bernardi Securities, Inc.), Melissa Brooks, David Brown

Bernardi Securities walked through a proposal.

Appears to be a good time to look at refunding the bond for the aquatic center.

Loan rates, possible shorter term.

Discussed ordinance No. 15.

Rick Lindemann, Chairman

Dues & Donations Committee

March 2, 2015, 7:00 PM – 7:40 PM

Present: Rick Lindemann, Robert Reisner, Harold Bolander, Mark Bolander, David Brown, Melissa Brooks, Eric Blake

Discussed 2015 applicants for city donations. The committee recommends the following donations to be made:

\$100	“Our Community Reads” NCHS
\$1,400	Jasper County Boys and Girls Park
\$100	Jasper County Junior High science lab
\$100	Jasper County Junior High Student Council
\$1,000	Sunrise Youth Center Soccer Program
\$500	St. Thomas School Library
\$100	Jasper County Youth Soccer
\$100	Language Art Class, Jasper County Junior High
\$100	Jasper County Junior High – PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentive Systems)
\$1,200	Newton Junior Football League/Cheerleading
\$500	Blessings in a Backpack
\$300	SOAR Basketball

Total \$5,500

Eric Blake, Chairman

Insurance Committee

March 2, 2015, 6:30 PM – 6:45 PM

Present: Rick Lindemann, Robert Reisner, Harold Bolander, Mark Bolander, David Brown, Melissa Brooks, Eric Blake

Reviewed Snedeker Risk Management's COBRA/IMRF continuation rates proposal – the committee is fine with it as it is proposed.

Healthlink PPO access fee increasing from \$4.00 per employee to \$4.50.

Rick Lindemann, Chairman



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MINUTES

Jasper Economic Development Incorporated JEDI

Tuesday March 3, 2015 1:15 PM

Special Location Newton Community High School Library

Attending: Dan Cox, Anthony Richards, Tom Brown, Scott Bierman, Ed Webb, Joe Bierman, Mark Bolander, Beth Probst, Travis Farley, Louis Ochs and Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order: Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Introduction of guests
3. Amendments to agenda-none.
4. Approval of previous minutes. Motion by Ed Webb second by Mark Bolander, motion passed.
5. **Special program and update from Superintendent Dan Cox.** Dan had a detailed power-point program to help explain in detail the school budget under various scenarios over the next few years. All present agree the school, education and youth are critically important to the future of the community. Detailed program notes:

What is our Community's most precious Natural Resource? How much does it cost in your tax dollars to educate a child? Largest Employer brings back the youngest people, investing in our future. If we do not treat our children as a resource to invest in, we are failing them. The decisions we make in this district are kid centered. Where we differ, we take them all and are doing better than ever before – highest graduation rates – highest test scores.

The district is estimated to receive \$7 million in local revenue, which is down by \$500,000 from the previous year. Because of the high Equalized Assessed Valuation or tax base attributed to Jasper County from the Newton power station, the school district is more reliant on local property taxes for funding than the state average.



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The education fund deals with all things relating to student instruction. This fund must be used to pay the direct costs of instruction, health, attendance and lunch programs. The education fund is the portion of the budget that most significantly impacts student learning. The largest portion of this budget, typically around 80%, is attributed to salaries. Outside of the home, the classroom teacher has shown to have the most significant impact on student learning.

The operations and maintenance funds provides for the costs of maintaining, improving or repairing school building and property, renting buildings, and property for school purposes, and the payment of insurance premiums on school buildings. Providing safe, comfortable, and modern learning environments are is a high priority of the district and has proven to be essential for student learning.

The transportation fund allows for any operating costs incurred for transporting pupils to and from school and school sponsored activities and the costs of acquiring equipment must be paid from the transportation fund. Jasper County is the largest geographical school district in the state. Our buses travel 640,000 miles per year. That is equivalent to driving further than NY to San Diego on a daily basis. Maintaining safe buses as well as hiring & training bus drivers is essential to the educational process of our students.

Hold harmless. Power Plant Salaries \$5.9 Million Next Year lower than 1998 –
What other business is expected to operate this way.

Jasper County Schools spend the lest instructional dollars per student in the area.

- Power Plant Valuation Value reduced by almost half in 4 years to \$67 million.
- \$1.9 million loss in local revenue
- Passage of Funding Bonds are critical to financial stability and class size.
- District currently has a \$1million deficit attributed primarily to loss of local revenue and payback to Newton Power Station.
- Fund Balances will be depleted in two-three years if action is not taken.

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6. **JEDI Update-Ken Larimore, University of Illinois Extension**

Ken updated on the status of the Enterprise Zone application and the recent TIF projects.

7. **Newton Update-Mayor Mark Bolander** Mark updated on the big streetscape project, the governor's budget cuts and other city activity.

8. **County Update-Joe Bierman** Joe discussed the newly appointed judge and the impacts of the state budget cuts.

9. Other comments

10. Motion to close meeting made by Mark Bolander, second by Louis Ochs, and motion passed.

Finance Committee

March 16, 2015 5:00 – 5:30 PM

Present: Mark Bolander, Ken Larimore, Harold Bolander, David Brown, Melissa Brooks

We are in agreement to grant the Chamber \$28,000 in TIF funds in order to help the Chamber relocate downtown, purchase a building and do improvements internal/external.

Panama Express (Mark Davis) requested TIF funds in order to establish a trucking location in our Industrial Park, \$13,000 up front and \$7,000 attached to the increment on the Lot 2 pin. Unanimous agreement.

We agreed to pay \$100,000 in TIF funds toward the new water line infrastructure around the square.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Mark Bolander for Rick Lindemann, Chairman

POLICE COMMITTEE 3-16-15

START 5:30 PM

Scott Bloomberg
Mark Bolander
David Brown
Mike Swick
Harold Bolander
Rick Lindemann
Doug Bierman
Jeremy Haycraft

Committee discussed the City Wide Cleanup on May 15-16th. Use City Beautification money for dumpster fees. The plan is to have dumpsters for electronics, tires and possibly batteries.

Budget ready to go for the next fiscal year. New squad is in the budget.

Parking ordinance needs to be reviewed. Mike will get with Max regarding that.

Still looking at solutions for over weight vehicles.

Committee then interviewed four individuals for a part time police officer and decided on an individual for the part time position.

Adjourned 7:00 PM



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Minutes

Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Attending: Joe Bierman, Brett Lessley, Dan Cox, Tom Brown, Suzie McCann, Mindy Hartke, Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Ed Webb, and Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Scott Bloomberg, second by Ed Webb, motion passed.
4. Monthly Updates
 - a. **Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator**
 - i. Updated on new Enterprise Zone application.
 - ii. Updated on TIF applications.
 - b. **Scott Bloomberg, Mayor of Newton**
 - i. Updated on numerous Eagle Trails activities.
 - ii. Explained LED lighting project
 - c. **Joe Bierman, Jasper County Clerk**
 - i. New States Attorney
 - ii. County clean up
 - iii. HB 318 local impacts
 - d. **Dan Cox, Superintendent of Schools**
 - i. District revenue reduced by state
 - ii. CEO class Trade Show
 - iii. SB 1 local impacts
 - iv. SB 1403
5. Discussion of 2010 Comprehensive Plan update was delegated to a committee
6. Motion to close meeting made by Scott Bloomberg, second by Ed Webb, and motion passed.

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Finance Committee

April 14, 2015 6:00 PM

Present: Rick Lindemann, Mark Bolander, Rosetta York, Harold Bolander, Robert Reisner, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, David Brown, Eric Blake

Discussed budget items, water/sewer salaries, changes, etc.

Discussed the Illinois Turnaround which the governor is proposing.

Make an additional \$10,000 principal payment on the Five April's TIF/Electric loan.

Discussed EMA budgeting as well.

Discussed water department borrowing from the electric department for downtown water main project, up to \$300,000.

Rick Lindemann, Chairman

Personnel Committee

April 15, 2015 6:00 PM – 8:35 PM

Present: Mark Bolander, Rosetta York, Doug Long EMA, Frank Heiligenstein, Holly (driver for Frank), Ken Albrecht, Paul Conlin, Larry Dorn, Scott Bloomberg, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Carl Baker, Raymond Reynolds, Melissa Brooks, David Brown, Ray Watkins, Rick Lindemann, Brad Benefiel, Mike Swick, Max Tedford, Alice Addis

Mayor Bolander called the meeting to order.

Mr. Heiligenstein recommended reviewing the code book every five to ten years to include any new state statutes and mandates. The City's complete code book hasn't been updated since 1996. Updates discussed at this meeting will incorporate the new terminology and statutory mandates to bring the codes up-to-date.

The pagination will be changed to allow for unlimited number of pages per chapter.

Administration:

The first pages of the Administration Code will remain the same, up to 1-1-20.

Change general penalty to \$100 minimum. When comparing the proposed changes, Max prefers to keep what we currently have, in 1-1-20 except change the minimum to \$100. Delete 1-1-21 as proposed. Add 1-1-22 (proposed) Service by Certified Mail.

Article II: 1.2.1 Keep the original.

1.2.2 Keep the original. The proposed has the incorrect days and times.

1.2.4 moved to a later division.

Discussed 1.2.7 in proposed Compelling Attendance but do not want it.

1-2-11 Add to present ord. "Visitors and Public Comments". See (D) of proposed. Add 1.2.13 Address by Non-Members. The public should be able to speak if they come to the meeting, even if they didn't register with the Clerk prior to the meeting. (see 1.2.11 (EE)) Add 1.2.13 (3). The agenda for the council meeting must be comprehensive so the public knows enough to make comments.

Discussed 1.2.13 (B) from proposed Auxiliary Aid or Service as required. No decision was made for including or excluding.

Add "Conservators of Peace" from proposed 1.2.22 (H). Today's training is 14 weeks full-time or approximately 10 months part-time.

1.2.24 change to proposed (B) through (D) concerning the qualifications; elective office. In the future a convicted felon may be able to serve.

1.2.25 Bonds of City Officers. City Treasurer Brooks is investigating. Currently the bonds are \$50,000 for the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Collector...this doesn't match the current ordinance.

1.2.28 (B) in current ord. book, change bidding to \$20,000. (1.2.17 (B) in proposed). Also change 1.2.28 (J) to \$20,000 for Open Market Procedure as required by the state. It may need to go to \$30,000, Frank will advise.

Delete 1.2.29 Pecuniary Interest in Contracts---Prohibition from current ord. per Frank?

Keep 1.2.37 and 1.2.38 in current ord.

Add from proposed ord. 1.2.37 Division V – Vacancies through 1.2.43. New law as of four years ago.

Delete 1.2.42 in Division V-Mayor, Vacancy, it was covered elsewhere.

The tax levy does not have to be published.

Need to update list of banks 1.2.85 (F). The Peoples State Bank of Newton, Newton, IL; First National Bank of Dieterich, Newton Branch, Newton, Illinois; First Financial Bank of North America, Newton, Illinois. Frank suggested Treasurer Brooks and the City Council should consider the **Illinois State Treasurers' Investment Corp.** (?)

Add Article V – Meeting Procedures. See 1.5.1 proposed – 1.5.14 including Addendum “A” and Addendum “B”

Note: Workman’s Comp issues are to be discussed in open session when a decision or agreement has been reached, it must be published or acknowledged.

Ethics is a mandated policy and is in Chapter 22.

Tape recorder was turned off.

Animal control – Rex Watkins will review. Incorporate the Illinois Animal Control Act, including its definitions.

Chapter 6 Building codes. Newton will keep the 2003 International Building Code. A building Code of Appeals Committee is required, perhaps three members of the zoning committee? Review Rules and Procedures for the Building Code Board of Appeals, Article I – Article IV in Chapter 6 (in proposed code book).

Chapter 7 Business Code

Article IV – Coin Operated Machines (7-14 in proposed). Add 7.4.7 Gambling Regulations (A) through (D). Currently Newton doesn’t have a fee for machines but propose to charge \$10 per machine to coincide with the coin operated amusement device charges. (7-4-7 in proposed)

Add Article VII – Raffles and Poker Runs

Article VIII – Adult Use Licensing and Regulation. Adopt.

Add Article IX – Fireworks Code

Chapter 8 – Cable Television

Chapter 9 add disinternment ordinance.

Chapter 12 – Employee Code

Add Exhibit “A” and Article XVI – Anti-bullying Policy and Article XVII – Domestic and Sexual Violence Policy.

21.2.9 Dramshop Insurance, code from the state.

Use of social security numbers mandated policy, add Article II – Use of Social Security Numbers

Freedom of Information Policy revised, add Article III of proposed. (22.3.1 – 22.3.10)

Fair Housing Code, use current code.

Article V – Investment Policy is required. 22.5.1 – 22.5.16 in proposed.

Article VI – Ethics code

Article II of current code to be renumbered to Article VII. Current Equal Employment Policy is acceptable as it is.

Chapter 23 Manufactured Housing Code. It is easier to amend this chapter than zoning on many issues. This Chapter must reflect the zoning code. Numerous changes are needed to comply with state and health codes.

Tape recorder was turned on.

Article V – Equipment of Vehicles. Add 24.5.3 and 24.5.4 concerning noise and 24.6.3 Private Property. 24.6.5 (D) and (E) to be revised.

Article VII – Abandoned, Lost, Stolen or Unclaimed Vehicles – update to newest law. Update 24.7.8 Disposal of Unclaimed Vehicle. Chief Swick reported the Jasper County States Attorney will file a motion in court to have a vehicle awarded to the Police Department so it can then be sold.

Nuisances Article I – Generally. Code Official Chief Swick will compare to existing chapter. Proposed has more information than current. Add 25.2 proposed because it is more inclusive.

Chief Swick should be on the form instead of City Clerk.

Add Article III – Garbage and Debris, 25.3.1, Jasper County Health Department.

Add Article V – Dangerous and Unsafe Properties due to revisions in legislature and Article VI – Penalties and Special Assessment.

Add 27.2.29 - 27.2.33 (proposed) Depositing of Snow and Ice Restricted to Use of Upholstered Furniture in Outdoor Locations Prohibited.

County regulates? Article XI – Adult Uses Regulated, 27.11.1

Article XV Regulation of Residences of Registered Sex Offenders. Do not add, the County take care of this.

Add Article XVI – Drug paraphernalia – any use for this policy? (not in notes)

Chapter 30 Public Safety in Newton's code - Article III – Emergency Management Agency (EMA) in proposed. State statutes need corrected. Mayor wants to be able to declare an emergency. Delete implementation of 911 board. Delete 30.4.8 testing of warning device. Doug Long, EMA: the County is in charge. The County must make the emergency declaration to get emergency disaster funds.

Chapter 31 Recreation and Parks is ok.

Add Chapter 33 Street Regulations. Add 33.2.19 Grass mowing between the sidewalk and street.

New Article IV construction of Utility Facilities in the Rights-of-Way.

Article V (C) Street Improvements. City does the labor, homeowner pays for materials. This article encourages improvements.

Article VI Culverts. Delete 33.6.7 Backfill Cost and 33.6.8 Replacement Cost. City pays for 20 feet of culvert, anything longer the homeowners pays.

Add Article VII Driveways

Add Article VIII Snow Removal from proposed.

Add Article IX Moving Buildings.

Schedule L, add Stop signs instead of Yield signs for West End Ave. between Washington and W. Jourdan
Schedule D Yield sign changes. Several yield signs have been changed to stop signs.

Add minimal subdivision code, Chapter 34.

TIF is ok.

Needs an ordinance: Chapter 36 Taxation. Simplified telecommunication taxation. Population x \$33 per year is the maximum charge, one to five percent can be taxed. Everyone with a phone will pay it, including cell phone users. City will adopt it but at what percentage?

Needs an ordinance: New ordinance for Article IV Gas Tax, 36.4.1

A utility tax on electric is a possibility.

Tape recorder stopped.

Article II, Chapter 38 Utility Regulations. Must include hearing process information on disconnect notices.

Article III Water system. Proposed is the current model from Illinois EPA. Adopt definitions for water grants.

38.4.54 Interceptors provided should replace 38.5.54. There are new guidelines. Appendix A ?

38.4.55 of proposed, not necessary, 38.5.55 is ok.

Zoning – outdoor furnaces are being outlawed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Alice Addis reported for Harold Bolander, Chairman

Personnel Committee meeting

April 28, 2015 1:00 PM – 1:37 PM

Present: Mark Bolander, Rosetta York, David Brown, Scott Bloomberg, Robert Reisner, Brad Benefiel, Alice Addis, Paul Conlin, Joe Stoops, Larry Dorn, Carl Baker, Larry Brooks, Mike Swick, Raymond Reynolds

The committee met to discuss the City-wide cleanup. Chief Swick explained there will be dumpsters behind city hall and at Durfrain Park Friday, May 15 from 7 AM – 5 PM and Saturday, May 16 from 7 AM to 3 PM.

A tire trailer will be available behind city hall which will hold 300 tires. If more are collected, they can be stacked on the concrete and will be picked up later.

The yard waste facility will be open both days, also.

All three locations will be manned so only city residents use these services.

The city-wide garage sale is both days, also.

Appliances will be accepted, Swick will contact B & B Recyclers.

Interstate Battery will have a vehicle behind city hall for all types of batteries.

An electronics pick-up will be behind city hall. All electronics will be collected free-of-charge for city residents.

Swick will be sure signs are made for traffic control.

A city employee will be available with a loader at each location.

Bolander will contact organizations for help with loading or picking up at residences.

No hazardous materials will be collected; paint, chemicals, etc.

If assistance is needed by residents, they should call city hall. Everything to be picked up must be outside the home or garage.

Other related matters: David Dhom is retiring as Zoning Administrator and John Stone will assume the position effective in May, 2015.

The unsold properties in Five Aprils Crossing Subdivision will be baled. The City will mow the berm, holding pond and substation area. Jasper Services will mow other areas of the Subdivision.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM

Minutes by Alice Addis for Harold Bolander, Committee Chairman

Finance Committee meeting

May 5, 2015 5:15 PM – 5:53 PM

Present: Eric Blake, Rick Lindemann, Larry Brooks, David Brown, Robert Reisner, Ken Larimore, Mark Bolander, Rosetta York

Ken Larimore presented a TIF application from Crooked Creek Antler, Inc. for work to be done at an estimated \$5,185.00 cost. The TIF request is for \$2,500. The Committee agreed.

The Worcester building purchase was discussed. There is a possible \$99,000 grant available from Rural Business Development if the building is city owned. The Chamber would have a 99 year triple net lease.

Electric and water rates were discussed. The Committee recommends NOT raising rates as of May 1, 2015.

Department heads' raises were recommended at \$.45 per hour effective May 1, 2015.

Part-time non police (Rosie York) raise was recommended \$.40 per hour effective May 1, 2015.

Part-time police (aside from the new hire) was recommended \$.35 per hour effective May 1, 2015.

Discussed using revolving loan funds to be used for the Jackson/Water St. lift station. The cost estimate is \$276,000 for replacement/relocation, there is \$234,000 in the fund. Shannon will develop plans for options for the lift station.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Rick Lindemann, Committee Chairman



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Minutes

Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Attending: Brett Lessley, Larry Brooks, Mark Hartrich, Dan Cox, Mark Bolander, Tom Brown, Suzie McCann, Mindy Hartke, Scott Bierman, Linda Huth, Travis Farley, Ken Larimoe and Luke Eastin.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Brett Lessley, second by Mark Bolander, motion passed.
4. **Luke Eastin, Economic Development Planner with South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission will be reviewing the Jasper Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) planning document.**
 - a. **Luke updated us on the CEDS document and committee appointments**
 - b. **Recently completed “Freight Study”**
 - c. **Hopes to help counties with GIS needs**
 - d. **For more see <http://www.scirpdc.com>**
5. Monthly Updates
 - a. **Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator**
 - i. Attended the Illinois Enterprise Conference for Jasper County to get updates on new applications and reporting to Department of Revenue. (Businesses that received a Sales Tax Certificate **MUST** report to DOR or they will lose their Certificate.

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- ii. Mayor Bolander and I met with the new plant manager at GSI as part of the Business Retention program.
- iii. Working with several leads and broker to get a good business to move into the ALCO building.
- iv. Working with Rural Development on a possible grant for the business incubator.
- v. We thank those that have promptly sent in their 2015 JEDI dues.
***If anyone would like information on JEDI membership they should contact Ken Larimore.**

b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton

- i. The City of Newton received another CDAP Housing grant which will make \$400,000 available to re-hab existing homes.
- ii. Mark led discussion of the process to update the comprehensive plan.
- iii. Also researching options for the city's RLF.

c. Linda Huth, Jasper County Clerk

- i. Linda summarized the last election.
- ii. Described the real estate tax cycle.
- iii. Explained the Statement of Economic Interests.

d. Dan Cox, Superintendent of Schools

- i. New School Board
- ii. District revenue reduced by state
- iii. Some class sizes will increase
- iv. CEO class Trade Show
- v. May partner with community college on trades class

- 6. Comments from those attending the meeting.
- 7. Suzie McCann promoted Strawberry Fest activities
- 8. Mark Hartrich commented on Extension funding
- 9. Tom Brown mentioned Trisha Vitale the new DCEO Representative
- 10. Motion to close meeting made by Mark Bolander, second by Larry Brooks, and motion passed.

EMA, Health and Sanitation Committee meeting

May 19, 2015 5:45 PM – 6:05 PM

Present: David Brown, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Rick Lindemann, Rosetta York, Mark Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Ron Howard

The committee met with Ron Howard from Republic Services to discuss the proposed contract extension with the City and Republic. Some of the City's concerns such as city-wide cleanups, commercial customers, etc. were discussed.

With the addition of some language regarding C.P.I. increases, the committee agreed to approve the extension.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

David Brown, Chairman

Finance Committee meeting
June 3, 2015 5:32 PM – 6:42 PM

Present: Rick Lindemann, Mark Bolander, Rosetta York, David Brown, Melissa Brooks, Stephen Adams from Bernardi Securities, Inc.

1. Stephen walked us through the letter from Evans, Froehlich, Beth and Chamley. If option three, Ken Beth would give us a list of bidding agents. He wants us to set a floor for the lowest, says that is worthwhile - \$40,000 floor.
2. City needs to contact Ken to let them know about the decision to hire a bidding agent (option three)
3. Discussed budgets for sidewalk (\$20,000), property maintenance/demo (\$15,000, at \$6,350 already), dumpster reimbursement/beautification (\$22,000).
4. Discussed possible OTR truck parking ~ 80 x 120 maybe 100 x 120 east of Gregory Drive.
5. Filling cracks on park courts, tennis and basketball. Discussed bathrooms at Peterson Park as well.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Rick Lindemann, Committee Chairman

Police Committee 6.15.15

Mark Bolander
Scott Bloomberg
Larry Brooks
David Brown
J Haycraft
Chief Mike Swick
Roetta York
Robert Reisner
Rick Lindemann

Committee talked about maintenance on the Eagle Trail from the bridge to the highway. The city will mow along the trail and use street sweeper for cleaning the trail. A turn around may be needed for the street sweeper. Will need sign for authorized use of trail. Mike will talk to Max regarding language.
Consider lighting along trail at some point.

Nuisance update and spread sheet needs to be maintained for regular updates to the City Council. Chief Swick indicated he has 4-5 properties that will be served administrative complaints.

The shooting range needs some brush removed and will contact Miller Excavating for removal.

Most of the confiscated property have titles now so will schedule auction in the near future.

Officer training August 17th-18th for Criminal investigation Class

Four Electronic speed signs are now available for speed awareness and traffic demographics and will be placed around town at strategic location. Grants covered most of the cost of the 12,000.00 investment.

Wastewater Committee Meeting
June 23, 2015
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Present: Robert Reisner, Larry Dorn, Melissa Brooks, Larry Brooks, David Brown, Mark Bolander

The committee met to discuss purchasing a mower for the Wastewater Dept.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Robert Reisner, Department Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting
June 30, 2015
5:30 PM – 6:15 PM

Present: Mark Bolander, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Joe Stoops, Bob Reisner

1. The Committee met to discuss appropriations for the City of Newton, which will be voted on at the council meeting July 21, 2015. The appropriation will be on display at 5:45 before the meeting.
2. We discussed funds for sidewalks. The committee discussed moving MFT sidewalk program to next year. The City will do one sidewalk project at 308 S. Lafayette, with the owner paying for materials, if owner is agreeable.
3. The Mayor read a letter of understanding from IDOT concerning the bike trail. The letter will be included in the packet for the July 7 council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Larry Brooks, Acting Chairman



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Minutes

Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, July 7, 2015 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Attending: Larry Brooks, Ron Heltsley, Joe Bierman, Mark Bolander, Tom Brown, Mindy Hartke, Louis Ochs, Scott Bierman, Travis Farley, Ken Larimore and special guest Peggy Sue Lame the Executive Director of The Villas of Hollybrook-Newton.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. No amendments.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Mark Bolander, second by Ron Heltsley, motion passed.
4. **Comprehensive Plan Update.** With Mark Bolander leading the update we reviewed the first page of the existing plan. Most of those goals have been accomplished. We will continue the update with a focus on plans to get the future goals completed.

5. Monthly Updates

a. Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator

- i. There has been a good response to the 2015 JEDI membership renewals. JEDI operates on a break even basis from year to year.
- ii. The RD grant application for the Newton Incubator has been submitted and we should get the response within 30 days.
- iii. Working with several leads and broker to get a good business to move into the ALCO building. Also looking for other existing buildings and replying to a national site search.

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iv. There has been some communication from DCEO on the application for the new Enterprise Zone, but no announcement.

b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton

- i. The City of Newton received another CDAP Housing grant which will make \$400,000 available to re-hab existing homes.
- ii. Making plans for “business succession” training so businesses can continue after owners retire.
- iii. Making plans for video clips to promote sites and the community.

c. Joe Bierman, Jasper County Board Chairman

- i. The real estate taxes are being mailed out.
- ii. Discussed some interesting output from some of the recent meetings he has attended.
- iii. The new 911 facility is making good progress.

d. Dan Cox, Superintendent of Schools

- i. Not available.

6. Peggy Sue Lame, the Executive Director of The Villas of Hollybrook-Newton gave an update on the success of the Newton facility.

7. Motion to close meeting made by Joe Bierman, second by Larry Brooks, and motion passed.

Finance Committee Meeting
July 13, 2015
5:30 PM – 6:40 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Brad Benefiel, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Rosie York

1. The committee met to discuss the new restroom at Peterson Park. The estimated cost between \$48,210.00 and \$55,000.00. It will be voted on at the July 21, 2015 council meeting.
2. Pool wages were discussed and will be looked at again at a later date. Zoning board member wages were discussed. John Stone, Zoning Administrator, will be paid \$2,000.00 per year to be approved at the July 21 council meeting. Elected officials' wages were discussed and will be left as is.
3. Telecommunication tax was discussed. Mayor Bolander will be looking at costs on the lot for the proposed parking lot.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Larry Brooks, Acting Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting

August 17, 2015

5:00 PM – 6:15 PM

Present: David Brown, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Mark Bolander, Steve Rubsam, James Patrick

1. James Patrick from South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission gave a presentation on the Blight Reduction Program Application. The program is designed to stabilize neighborhoods by demolition and greening of eligible properties for redevelopment in a targeted area. A minimum of ten homes are required. Mr. Patrick will contact the committee at a later date to define the size of a targeted area. It is not feasible for the city to enroll at this time based on an application due date of September 25, 2015 and more research within the city is needed to identify areas that may qualify. The city can apply in 2016.
2. Reviewed a demolition reimbursement application to be considered at the September 1st Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman

City Insurance Committee Meeting
August 24, 2015

Present: Mark Bolander, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Bob Reisner & Steve Rubsam

Committee met to discuss risk management recommendations from the City liability insurance carrier.

1. An authorization for a motor vehicle record check will be added to the application for city employment. The city attorney will review authorization for current employees to sign.
2. Melissa will clarify with the insurance carrier on recommendations for a formal rental agreement for private pool parties. The City already has a pool rental agreement.
3. A hold harmless agreement for City contractors is already covered by a certificate of insurance.
4. Reviewed an amendment to the City health care plan by the City health insurance carrier.

City Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes August 24, 2015

Present: Mark Bolander, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Bob Reisner & Steve Rubsam

Committee met to discuss risk management recommendations from the City liability insurance carrier.

1. An authorization for a motor vehicle record check will be added to the application for city employment. The city attorney will review authorization for current employees to sign.
2. Melissa will clarify with the insurance carrier on recommendations for a formal rental agreement for private pool parties. The City already has a pool rental agreement.
3. A hold harmless agreement for City contractors is already covered by a certificate of insurance.
4. Reviewed an amendment to the City health care plan by the City health insurance carrier.

Finance Committee Meeting
September 14, 2015
5:30 PM – 6:33 PM

Present: Mark Bolander, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Robert Reisner, Allice Addis, David Brown, Larry Dorn, Brian Bradley & Steve Rubsam

1. Larry Dorn advised one of the mixer pump motors in the digester at the sewer plant blew out. Larry advised switching to a diffuser blower system to save money in the long run. Estimated repair is approximately \$35,000. Switching to a diffuser blower system is estimated to cost \$50,000 but would have a longer life than the current system thus cutting cost in the future. About \$5,640 from TIF funds may be used to cover some of the cost. The City will seek the advice of Connor & Connor at a future Wastewater Committee Meeting.
2. Alice Addis addressed the problem of returned check to the city. The number of checks being returned has increased over time. Alice suggested implementing a \$25 returned check fee. The city Attorney will be asked to review the new fee and advise if an ordinance will be needed.
3. A TIF application from Laura Klinger for Shear Madness at 100 S. Lafayette was reviewed.
4. Brian Bradley from Kemper CPA Group gave a review of the City audit as of April 30, 2015. Overall the audit was designated a "Clean Audit Opinion" by Mr. Bradley.

Meeting adjourned 6:33 PM

Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2015
5:30 PM – 6:55 PM

Present: Rosetta M. York, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Robert Reisner, Sarah Weiler, Suzie McCann, Kenny Kemper, Vanette King, Barb Thomas, Mark Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Trisha Marshall, Steve Rubsam

1. Discussed using TIF funds for the Chamber of Commerce to renovate potential office space at 124 S. Van Buren. The building would provide office space for the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism. Additionally, the building would eventually accommodate the CEO class and the Incubator Program.
2. Reviewed TIF applications for properties at 110 S. Van Buren and 301 West Jourdan.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 PM

Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2015
5:30 PM – 6:03 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Rosetta M. York, Mark Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, David Brown, Steve Rubsam

1. Discussed TIF application for China King Newton Inc. located at 118 S. Van Buren St. TIF request is for \$10,000. The estimated total project cost is \$200,000
2. Discussed the tax levy. The city is within the 5% increase of the 2014 extended amount thus allowing the levy without a truth in taxation hearing.
3. Discussed a letter from the Illinois Municipal League requesting a resolution urging the State of Illinois to release non-general fund revenues to local governments.

Meeting adjourned 6:03 PM

Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2015
5:30 PM – 6:13 PM

Present: Alice Addis, Mark Bolander, Robert Reisner, Larry Brooks, David Brown, Scott Blumberg & Steve Rubsam

1. Reviewed Residential Service Deposit Code 38-1-17. Considered returning partial utility deposits for tenants occupying rental property and meeting certain utility payment criteria. The code as worded serves the purpose it was designated to accomplish and variables to the code are not needed at this time.

2. Reviewed waiving building permit and utility connection fees for construction within the Enterprise Zone totaling \$10,000 or more. The waiver would mirror the process already in effect in Olney, Ill for their Enterprise Zone.

3. Reviewed allowing the city engineer consult with GSI on storm water runoff affecting the city. GSI is making improvements to their parking lot and the city would pay the extra cost associated with the city engineer.

Meeting adjourned 6:13 PM

Steve Rubsam
Chairman
Finance Committee

Electric Committee Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2015
6:00 PM – 7:50 PM

Present: David Brown, Raymond Reynolds, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Matt Tarr, Mike Steiner (Dynergy), Jeff Vance (Dynergy), Dennis Beutler (Dynergy), Lukas Pirok (BHMG), Lincoln Duncan (BHMG), Mark Bolander, Rosetta York, Steve Rubsam, Eric Blake

Dynergy - Proposing extending contract through May 31, 2021.

Agreed on price of Dynergy contract. New rate to start 1-1-19 through 5-31-21.

Substation study is basically finished.

Pole inspection – Osmose to do inspection from \$9,000 to \$11,000 estimated cost.

Streetscape – IDOT approval

Boys & Girls Park – getting estimates for projects.

Jackson St. a pole needs replaced for around \$2,500.00.

Grade school primary service and transformer installation – moved to 2020.

Discuss upgrades to circuits C & D – moved to 2020.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM

David Brown, Committee Chairman

Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2015
5:30 PM – 6:10 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Tim Farley, John Sanford, Rosetta M. York, Mark Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Melissa Brooks, David Brown & Steve Rubsam

- Burnham & Flower Insurance Group representative John Sanford and Farley Insurance representative Tim Farley explained the City Property, Liability and Work Comp Insurance renewal packet. The Work Comp Insurance premium would decrease \$2930 per year. The Public Risk (property, liability) policy premium would increase approximately \$2500 per year.
- The city has accumulated \$968 in the company's Dividend Risk Program to be used for safety equipment.

Meeting adjourned 6:10 PM

Steve Rubsam
Insurance Committee Chairman

Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2015
6:20 PM – 7:04 PM

Present: Robert Reisner, Melissa Brooks, Larry Brooks, David Brown, Steve Rubsam, Rosetta York, Mark Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Shannon Woodard, Carl Baker, Tyler Weber, Larry Dorn

Wastewater:

Discussed revamping water street lift station, \$214,000 plus estimated \$30,000 engineering.

Also, redo digesters at treatment plant.

Water:

Estimate of water line replacement was discussed for South Van Buren, est. \$694,650.00 - \$450,000.00. Possible grant is 2 – 3 years out.

An easement was discussed for water to see if easement is good.

Teutopolis is interested in soft water from Newton.

Meeting adjourned 7:04 PM

Robert Reisner, Wastewater Committee Chairman

Larry Brooks, Water Committee Chairman

Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2015
5:30 PM – 7:10 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Larry Dorn, Joe Stoops, Steve Rubsam, Rosetta York, Alice Addis, Dawn Calvert (Ochs St. Smoked Meats), Carl Baker, Brad Benefiel, Mark Bolander, Robert Reisner, Melissa Brooks

Department head updates:

Street, Joe Stoops – vacuumed leaves, painted curbs, replaced culverts, etc. Salt is ready for the winter.

Wastewater, Larry Dorn – regular maintenance, concrete work and repairs.

Water, Carl Baker – changing meter boxes and maintenance, repairing water leaks, soft water was discussed.

Park, Brad Benefiel – the new restroom is in the park, thank you to all departments for helping with the installation. Regular park maintenance is on-going.

Electric, Raymond Reynolds – an upgrade to the electric at the pavilion at Peterson Park is needed. They have been trimming trees, changing poles and moving into the new building. A new contract has been signed with Dynegy.

Billing/Collection, Alice Addis – the new billing system is fully functional. A printer will be replaced for printing utility bills, etc.

Treasurer, Melissa Brooks – Donna Watkins is back to work. They are working on the tax levy.

Zoning, Ken Albrecht – no major issues recently.

Police, Mike Swick – Mayor Bolander read a report from Chief Swick. Chief Swick would like to schedule a police committee meeting in the near future. Phase I of the range project is almost complete. Inspector Conlin and Chief Swick will organize the city-wide cleanup after the first of the year. There are two nuisances/building code violation cases pending in court. Thank you to the city departments for helping with the range. Chief feels the city is lucky to have these guys that are willing to help out other departments.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 PM

Larry Brooks
Personnel Committee Chairman

EMA, Health, and Sanitation Committee

Jasper County Board Room

December, 9th, 2015 at 6:00pm

- The Joint City/County EMA Committees met to discuss the future of the EMA Director position. An individual has been approached for the Director position. This person is interested and promised the committee that they would notify the County Board before the next County Board meeting.
- It was asked if the salaries would be staying the same. Mark Smithenry stated "yes". The Director's salary is \$6,000 and the Assistant Director is \$1,690 annually.
- The County stated that their annual EMA budget is \$9,440 from the General Fund and \$2,000 from Tort.
- It was stated that the County and City would have quarterly EMA meeting that would coincide with the EMA Directors quarterly reports.
- EMA's ERV(Emergency Response Vehicle) was discussed. It was agreed that the vehicle would be kept and that the County is looking into getting the mold removed.
- Mayor Bolander proposed to show appreciation to the EMA members, that the City/County provide meals quarterly. This was overwhelmingly approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

David Brown, Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2015
5:30 PM – 6:40 PM

Present: Beverly Gorrell, Melissa Brooks, Larry Brooks, Rosetta M. York, Mark Bolander & Steve Rubsam

- Beverly Gorrell, Area Technician with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, spoke about grants and loans available for low income individuals and families through Rural Development. Loans up to \$7500 and grants are available for home repairs relating to hardship and health & safety issues. Furnace, water heater, insulation, windows and leaking roof are some examples that meet the criteria.
- Ms. Gorrell will visit the applicant in their home and assist filling out an application if necessary. Otherwise, her office is located at 2701 S. Banker, Suite 103A, Effingham, IL 62401.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 PM

Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman

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December 07, 2015

NOTICE

There will be a Finance Committee meeting Monday December 14, 2015 at 5:30 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, IL.

1. Beverly Gorrell from the United States Department of Agriculture will give a presentation of the department's home repair loan and grant programs for home owners. She will review the qualification for modest incomes that can benefit through Rural Development.
2. Other Finance Committee related items.

Sent to:

Mark Bolander

Stephen Rubsam

Eric Blake

Scott Bloomberg

Larry Brooks

David Brown

Robert Reisner

Melissa Brooks

Rosetta M. York

Police Meeting for 12-16-2015

Present:

Scott Bloomberg
Mark Bolander
Melissa Brooks
Mike Swick
Eric Blake
Robert Reisner
Alice Addis
Bill Carr
Rosetta York
Steve Rubsam

Discussed drone application in community development and property maintenance.

Contract negotiations: Police contract up April 30th, 2016.

Late January start discussions for new contract.

Discussed kennel time compensations for officer in charge of Dano.

Shooting range phase 1 is done, phase 2 will start summer 2016.

Security at city hall; Add one to two cameras for counter and hallway. Panic button for city clerk, collector, and treasurer's office.

New signs for truck routing at the corner of Washington and Jackson.

Discuss personnel and squad car repairs.