UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL



108 N. Van Buren St Newton, IL 62448 December 15, 2020

TYPO: 9a corrected ordinance number to the proper sequence number 20-17.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Marlene Harris.

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

3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk

Physically present: Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris

Also present: Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York

Absent: William Heap

4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Add Andre Leachman to #7 and delete 9b and 9c

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 December 1, 2020:

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting of the Newton City Council.

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

Nays: None

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Alderman Harris reviewed the pre-paids in the amount of \$301,266.40 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and made a motion to approve the pre-paids and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of \$121,127.56. Brown seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

- 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Andre Leachman: He thanked the council for all of their help with the Christmas lights. He did ask if it would be ok to open the park lights on Sunday December 20 and December 27. The council gave their consent. Andre did have to check with his people. They will advertise the times that the lights will be displayed on the Sundays.
- 8. OLD BUSINESS: None
- 9. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Consider and act on Ordinance 20-17 Amending the Zoning Map to rezone 1401
 Clayton Avenue Parcel 90-12-12-200-069 and Parcel 90-12-12-200-066 -- from B-3 (Highway Business) to SR-2 (Single Family Residence 2).

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Glumac, to pass Ordinance 20-17 Amending the Zoning Map to rezone 1401 Clayton Avenue – Parcel 90-12-12-200-069 and Parcel 90-12-12-200-066 -- from B-3 (Highway Business) to SR-2 (Single Family Residence 2).

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

Nays: None

- b. Consider and act on relocating the bulk water station.
- c. Consider and act on truck lease for Waste Water Department.
- d. Consider and act on utility easement for the east side of City's semi-truck parking lot.

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to authorize utility easement for the east side of City's semi-truck parking lot.

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

Nays: None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Water Committee 12-14 and Wastewater 12-14

Brooks—Water

Discussed a water main for the new jail. A 6" main was recommended.

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Discussed a moving the bulk water unit. The unit needs repairs at an estimated cost of \$7,000. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Reisner--- Wastewater

Discussed a vac truck leasing program. A new vac truck is around \$400,000. Leasing a new vac truck would be around \$4,700 per month. Brent is going to check on a trade-in and purchase of new truck. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

11.STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Glumac: Lights in the Park is a success. Thank you to all the people involved in

making it possible. **Brown:** No comment **Brooks:** No Comment

Reisner: Merry Christmas to everyone. He was pleased to see resurfacing 33 and

130 resurfacing on IDOTS 5-year plans.

Blake: No Comment

Harris: She presented the Payment and Billing Adjustment Report to the Council.

Merry Christmas everyone.

City Treasurer: No Comment

City Clerk: Electric Department PO # 223278

Electric Department PO # 223278 to Annixter for (3) 50 ft. poles, (1) 65 ft. and (1) Hole saw kit with the total cost of \$24,266.00.

Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Reisner, to authorize the Electric Department PO # 223278 to Annixter for (3) 50 ft. poles, (1) 65 ft. and (1) Hole saw kit with the total cost of \$24,266.00.

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

Nays: None

Mayor: He is going to contact IDOT to see if they will do another traffic count for Newton. He asked Raymond Reynolds to check on getting electric or solar lights on the "Welcome to Newton" signs. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- 12.NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **January 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Finance Committee Meeting January 5, 2021 at 5:30 PM
- 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate, purchase sale of real estate and personnel
- 14. 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, purchase of real estate and personnel 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 6:35 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 6:56 PM.

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM. Submitted by Rosetta M. York