



# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

August 18, 2020

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 Robert Reisner.**
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk  
**Physically present: Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner and Marlene Harris**  
**Also present: Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York**  
**Absent: Eric Blake and City Attorney William Heap**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to adopt the proposed agenda.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Harris**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of August 4, 2020:  
**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Harris, Glumac**  
**Nays: None**
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
**Alderman Harris reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$257,345.11 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and made a motion to approve the pre-pays and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of \$223,371.14. Brown seconded the motion.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Harris, Glumac, Brown**  
**Nays: None**
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **None**
8. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Consider and act on Resolution 20-07 Closed Session Minutes.
  - b. Consider and act on Resolution 20-08 Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Meetings Sessions audio recording.  
**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Glumac, to table (8a.) Resolution 20-07 and (8b.) Resolution 20-08 until after the executive session.**  
**Ayes: Reisner, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks**  
**Nays: None**
  - c. Consider and act on the Plat Easement Grant and Easement Vacation for Newton Senior Housing Residences at 201 Eaton St.  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to authorize the Plat Easement Grant and Easement Vacation for Newton Senior Housing Residences at 201 Eaton St.**  
**Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner**  
**Nays: None**
  - d. Consider and act on a lease of a new backhoe from Midwest Tractor Sales and a trade-in of the city's current backhoe with the costs shared by Water and Wastewater Departments.  
**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to authorize the five year lease of a new backhoe from Midwest Tractor Sales and a trade-in of the city's current backhoe with the costs shared by Water and Wastewater Departments at the total annual fee of \$7,157.00.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Harris**  
**Nays: None**



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9. NEW BUSINESS: None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Joint Water and Street Committee on August 5 at 5:30 PM

### **BROOKS--WATER**

- Discussed on master meter for apartment complexes. We discussed the master meter for the complexes that will have a flat rate.
- Discussed renting a new backhoe for Water and Wastewater departments (sharing the cost) from Midwest tractor for 5 years at \$7,157.00 per year. The current backhoe needs a lot of work. At 300-hour usage limit, it still has a trade in value of \$45,000 to \$115,000.

### **REISNER--STREET**

- Discussed traffic flow at Jackson St. and W. Washington St., but could not come up with a solution that would make it better. As are most intersections on The Square. It is a hard intersection to see traffic in all directions.
  - Discussed the concrete at the Dollar General Store.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

11. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

**Glumac:** She is very proud of JCCU #1 and the students on how well they are handling returning to school with the new Covid-19 rules.

**Brown:** Please Vote.

**Brooks:** He was contacted about the traffic concerns at S. Jackson and W, Washington intersection by Amber Lindemann and the alley west of David Dhom's about property maintenance concerns.

**Reisner:** Called a Street Committee and Wastewater Committee meetings on August 24, 2020 at 5:30 PM

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

**City Attorney:** Not present

**City Treasurer:** No Comment

**City Clerk:** No Comment

**Mayor:**

- Michael Tappendorf from Milano and Grunloh said the Eagle Trail Riverwalk is progressing forward. He doesn't think it will begin this year but may be bid this year. They have discussed placing educational signs along the walk to teach animal and plant life along the trail, but it is not for sure at this time.
- Five Aprils Crossing lot lottery will be October 6, 2020 at 5:45 PM.
- The neighborhood vehicle permit and semi parking permit programs are doing well. There has been 172 issued neighborhood vehicle permits since the beginning and at the present time there are 108 active permits. The semi parking has 20 spaces, 14 spaces are rented which leaves the remaining 6 rented for short term parking. In the last 2 months these programs have generated close to \$6,000.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **September 1, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: None

**Street Committee on August 24, 2020 at 5:30 PM**

**Wastewater Committee on August 24, 2020 after Street Committee**

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate, purchase of real estate and closed session minutes.

**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 closed session minutes pursuant to the**



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**exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Open session suspended at 6:25 PM**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Open session resumed at 6:46 PM.**

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

**(8a) Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to pass Resolution 20-07 Closed Session Minutes.**

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

**Nays: None**

**(8b) Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Brown, to pass Resolution 20-08 Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Meetings Sessions Audio Recording.**

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

**Nays: None**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta M. York**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosetta M. York". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.