

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 6:00 PM**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Rick Lindemann.

Physically present: Harold Bolander, Robert Reisner, David Brown, Larry Short, Rick Lindeman, (Scott Bloomberg arrived at 6:05 PM)

Absent for roll call: Scott Bloomberg, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake

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

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

Ayes: Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Short, Lindemann

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bolander, approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Reisner, Brown, Short, Lindemann, Bolander

Nays: None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Lindemann, to authorize payment of IDOT invoice No. 107572 on Eagle Trail phase II biking and hiking trail for \$131,605.91.

Ayes: Brown, Short, Lindemann, Bolander, Reisner

Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Lindemann reported: The Police Committee met January 5, 2015 at 5:00 PM to discuss traffic patterns and daily 20 minute congestion around Newton Elementary with school officials (will continue to monitor the situation); discussed the city-wide cleanup with plans to expand to collect tires, paint, electronics, etc.; discussed hiring a part-time officer to cover vacations; discussed purchasing a new squad car for fiscal year 2015; discussed expenditure of the Heath grant money for digital speed monitoring signs.

Alderman Bloomberg joined the meeting at 6:05 PM.

The JEDI meeting was held January 6, 2015 at 1:15 PM as reported by Bloomberg. They held the annual election of officers. Natalie White and Brock Mammoser are the student representatives. The balanced annual budget was reviewed. Updates were given by Mayor Bolander, County Board Chair Joe Bierman and School Superintendent Dan Cox.

Council Members: Lindemann will call a Dues and Donations Committee meeting for January 13 at 5:30 PM. Brown will call a Parks and Cemetery Committee meeting for January 13 immediately following the Dues and Donations meeting. Reisner initiated a discussion to sell surplus property. Additional information will be presented at the next council meeting. The railroad is almost finished cleaning the detention area on East Washington Street. Bolander gave the animal control report. Bolander will follow-up with Mr. Watkins concerning the animal control report.

Mayor Bolander invited the council to the CEO class conference to be held Feb. 19 at Quail Hollow at 5:30 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be January 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Scheduled committee meetings: Dues and Donations and Parks and Cemetery Committees will meet January 13 beginning at 5:30 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Bolander, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation and potential litigation pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:23 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Short

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:36 PM.

Mayor Bolander announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation and potential litigation.

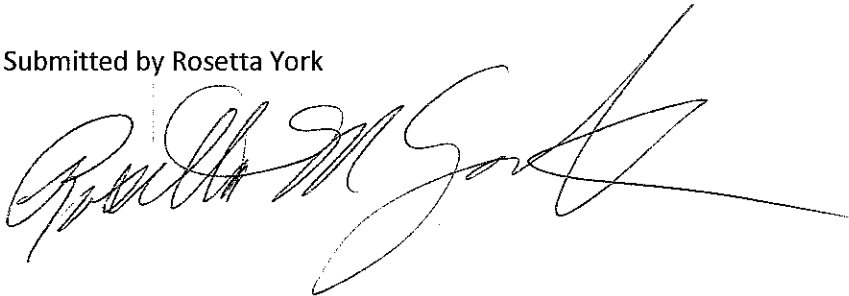
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Lindemann, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Short, Lindemann

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York

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## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Eric Blake.

Physically present: Scott Bloomberg, Harold Bolander, Robert Reisner, David Brown, Eric Blake, Larry Short, Rick Lindemann

Absent: Larry Brooks

Also present: Attorney Bill Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Lindemann, to approve the amended (add a joint meeting of the Finance and Water Committees on Jan. 26) agenda.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Bolander, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$488,544.31 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 \$75,156.95. Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander

Nays: None

### OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brown to authorize payment of pay estimate #1 of \$115,251.32 to B & T Drainage, Inc. for work on the Brookside/Xander's Addition project.

Ayes: Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner

Nays: None

### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize two Police Department employees to attend SICJS Training Feb. 25-26 at \$125 per person plus expenses.

Ayes: Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bloomberg to authorize expenditure of \$5,500 for the 2015 dues and donations.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake

Nays: Short

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brown, to advertise for applications for the dues and donations, as budgeted, up to \$5,500 with applications due February 13, 2015.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake

Nays: Short

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Lindemann, to approve the procedure to sell surplus property of the City, including a trailer by displaying the trailer and considering offers to purchase.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Bolander, authorizing the advertising for a part-time police officer with applications to be submitted to the Police Department by February 6, 2015.

Ayes: Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

### COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Brown: Parks and Cemetery Committee met 1-13-15 to discuss specs on new restroom facilities for Peterson Park, adding disc golf to the park and the upcoming aquatic season.

Lindemann: Dues and Donations Committee met 1-13-15 to discuss the budget for the dues and donations.

Bloomberg: Eagle Trail Phase III --Streetscape Electric, Water, Wastewater and Street & Alleys Committees met 1-20-15 to discuss cameras, lighting, trees, direction of the trail and money to be spent on Eagle Trail Phase III.

#### STATEMENTS:

Councilman Brown has had complaints concerning loud exhaust and speeding vehicles. Chief Swick has been notified. Brown scheduled a meeting for the Electric Committee for January 26 following the Finance/Water Committee meeting.

Treasurer Brooks presented a request for appropriation changes.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Reisner, to approve the appropriation changes:

From General Fund accounts, Police Department, move \$300.00 from contingency fund to membership dues and \$500.00 from contingency fund to radio repair.

Ayes: Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander

Nays: None

Mayor Bolander congratulated Vanette King for winning the Inner Circle Award presented by Gatehouse Media. Details will be published in the Newton Press in the near future.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be Feb. 3, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Scheduled Committee Meetings: Annual JEDI Celebration Wednesday, Feb 11, 2015; joint Finance and Water Committees to meet Jan. 26 at 5:15 PM; Electric Committee will meet Jan. 26 following the Finance/Water meeting.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Bolander, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation and negotiations pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner

Nays: None

Regular session suspended by 6:23 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Bolander, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:36 PM.

Mayor Bolander announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation, potential litigation and negotiations.

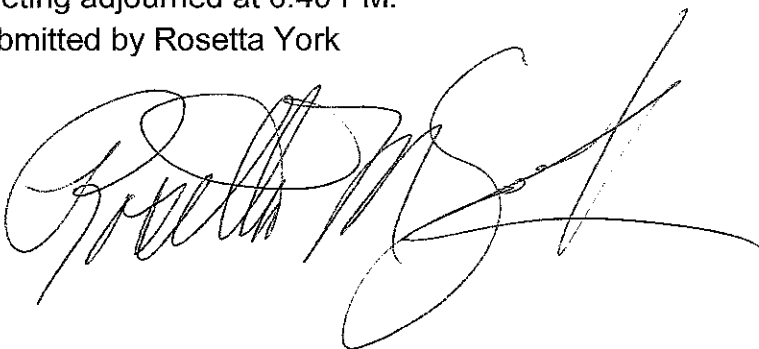
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Lindemann, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**February 3, 2015**

In the absence of Mayor Bolander, Attorney Max Tedford called the meeting to order..

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Short.

Physically present: Scott Bloomberg, Harold Bolander, Robert Reisner, David Brown, Eric Blake, Larry Short, Rick Lindemann

Absent: Larry Brooks, Mayor Bolander

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

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner to appoint Scott Bloomberg Mayor Pro Tem in Mayor Bolander's absence, for this meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann

Nays: None

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

Ayes: Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bolander, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Reisner, to pass Resolution 15-01 to internally loan funds from Electric Department to Wastewater Department up to the sum of \$250,000.00.

Ayes: Reisner, Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander

Nays: Short

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bolander, to authorize the purchase of software with the purchase agreement with Civic Systems, LLC for utility billing and collections for \$23,550 and annual support for \$2,500.

Ayes: Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner,

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brown, to authorize purchase of a server from Kemper Technologies in the amount of \$13,167.91 for the utility billing/collections and Clerk's office.

Ayes: Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Blake, to approve Highway Authority Agreement relating to 702 S. Van Buren St., Newton, IL.

Ayes: Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake

Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to authorize a Newton Police Department employee to attend "Field Training Officer" class on March 9-13, 2015, with no fee for class, plus expenses.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Blake, to authorize a Newton Police Department employee to attend "Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation plus Advanced" training on March 24-27, 2015, at \$250 fee for the class, plus expenses.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to authorize Grunloh Building, Inc. Contract Change Request #1 to upgrade the backup generator for an additional \$4,255.00 at a total cost of \$950,922.00.

Ayes: Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: Short, Lindemann

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bolander, to authorize two Electric Department employees going to training on February 20 and March 20, 2015 for Safety in Metering, Metering 101a and Principles of Instrument Transformers at no fee for classes, plus expenses.

Ayes: Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander

Nays: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Lindemann: a joint Finance and Water Committee meeting was held January 26 to discuss purchasing a new server and billing software for the utility billing department and Clerk's office; possible use of revolving loan funds for infrastructure improvements; and consider borrowing funds from electric for Xanders/Brookside Addition for wastewater infrastructure.

Brown: the Electric Committee met January 26 to discuss the new electric building generator and reviewed a form to be sent to customers needing upgrades/improvements of their electric system.

Blake: the Negotiations Committee met January 28 to meet Doug Towler, union representative, and to discuss travel time compensation for union employees.

**STATEMENTS BY:**

Bolander gave the animal control report.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be Feb. 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Scheduled committee meeting: JEDI Feb. 11, 2015

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Lindemann, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation and negotiations pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:21 PM.

Motion was made by Bolander, seconded by Bloomberg, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Blake, Short, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown

Nays: Lindemann

Open session resumed at 6:26 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Bloomberg announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation, potential litigation and negotiations.

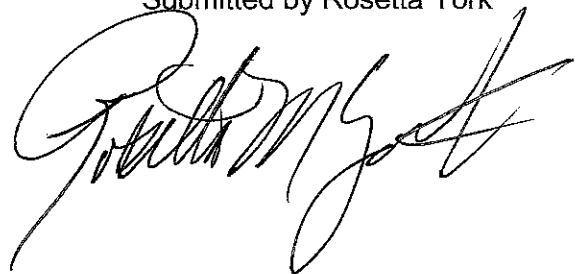
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Short, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York

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# **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**February 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Rick Lindemann.

Physically present: Scott Bloomberg, Robert Reisner, David Brown, Eric Blake, Rick Lindemann

Absent: Larry Brooks, Harold Bolander, Larry Short,

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to approve the amended (old business a and b to be tabled until after the executive session) agenda.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Lindemann

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Reisner, Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$389,359.01 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 \$141,164.48.

Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Reisner

Nays: None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Jon Fulton representing Blessings in a Backpack, addressed the council. This project is to send food home with school children for the weekend. There are 520 students in the unit school system who qualify to receive assistance. There has been positive feed-back from students and their parents in appreciation for the food. The need is great.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to authorize Change Order #1, Xander's Addition/City Square Project for the East Washington Street drainage improvements in the amount of \$23,640.00.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Reisner, Blake, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize Pay Estimate #2 due B & T Drainage for the Xander's Addition/City Square Project, in the amount of \$43,147.00.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Reisner, Blake, Brown, Lindemann

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to authorize payment of Inspection Invoices from Connor & Connor on Xander's Addition/City Square Project, for months of Nov 2014, Dec 2014 and Jan 2015 totaling \$20,285.87.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Brown, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Lindemann, establishing a committee to detail Eagle Trail Phase III, Streetscape project. Bloomberg, Reisner and a community member (to be determined) will be on the committee.

Ayes: Brown, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Blake, Bolander

Nays: None

Abstain: Reisner

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Blake, authorizing two wastewater employees going to the Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators conference April 13-15, 2015 at \$180.00/person plus expenses.

Ayes: Blake, Brown, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to approve City Hall to be a drop off point for the "Blessings in a Backpack" project.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Reisner, Blake, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to pass Ordinance 15-01 Amending 31-1-11, 6-3-1(b) and 6-3-2 annual budget of the City of Newton Code.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Reisner, Blake, Lindemann, Bolander

Nays: Brown

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to authorize Mayor Bolander and Ken Larimore to attend the ITIA spring conference at \$300.00 person plus expenses.

Ayes: Reisner, Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

JEDI met February 11 for their annual meeting in the Hersh Hall. Updates were given by the Mayor, Jasper County, and Jasper Unit I schools, a tribute was given to Ed Mitchell, and the Peoples State Bank was honored for its community involvement throughout the years.

Finance Committee met February 12 to discuss with Bernardi Securities the bond for the aquatic center and to discuss Ordinance No. 15 concerning the annual budget.

**STATEMENTS:**

Blake set a Dues and Donations meeting for Monday, March 2 at 7 PM. Brown met with Benefiel and the aquatic center manager to discuss the upcoming season. The tentative opening date for the pool is May 23. New restrooms for Peterson Park were also discussed. Advertising will soon begin for applications for the aquatic center and part-time summer park positions. Reisner complimented the Streets Department for the good job they have done of snow removal. The council agreed.

City Attorney Tedford complimented the Parks Department for the reputation they have for keeping the park and pool in excellent condition.

Clerk York has code book updates available for review.

Mayor Bolander reported there are 67 applications filed for an enterprise zone and 49 will be awarded.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be March 3, 2015.

Scheduled committee meetings: JEDI on March 3, 2015; Dues and Donations, March 2; CEO class annual meeting Thursday, February 19 at 6:00 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, negotiations, personnel and closed session minutes pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Reisner, Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:53 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Reisner, Brown

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:22 PM.

Mayor Bolander announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation, potential litigation, negotiations, personnel and closed session minutes.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to pass Resolution 15-02 Closed Session Minutes.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Reisner, Brown, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Lindemann, to pass Resolution 15-03 to authorize the destruction of audio recordings.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Lindemann

Nays: None

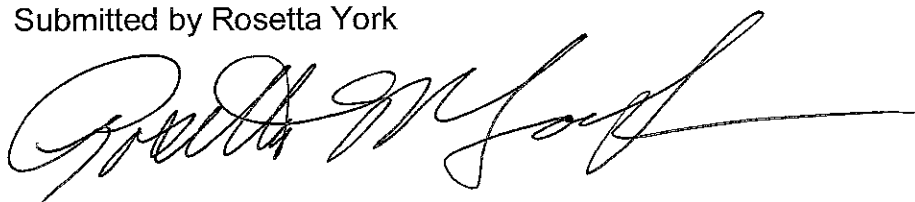
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Reisner, Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York





## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**March 3, 2015**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Harold Bolander.

Physically present: Harold Bolander, Robert Reisner, David Brown, Larry Short, Rick Lindemann

Absent: Scott Bloomberg, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake

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

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Lindemann, to approve the amended (delete item 8c, Consider and act on advertising for sanitation services) agenda.

Ayes: Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Short, Lindemann

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bolander, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Reisner, Brown, Short, Lindemann, Bolander

Nays: None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to authorize the distribution of Dues and Donations: "Our Community Reads" NCHS \$100; Jasper Co. Boys and Girls Park \$1,400; Jasper Co. Junior High science lab \$100; Jasper Co. Junior High student council \$100; Sunrise Youth Center soccer program \$1,000; St. Thomas School library \$500; Jasper Co. youth soccer \$100; Language Art class, Jasper Co. Junior High \$100; Jasper Co. Junior High – PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentive Systems) \$100; Newton Junior Football League/cheerleading \$1,200; Blessings in a Backpack \$500; SOAR basketball \$300 for a total distribution of \$5,500.

Ayes: Brown, Lindemann, Bolander, Reisner, Mayor Bolander

Nays: Short

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bolander, to approve opening the yard waste facility to be open the first and third Saturdays from 8:00 AM to noon beginning April 4, 2015, under the landscape waste collection site rules.

Ayes: Short, Lindemann, Bolander, Reisner, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brown, to approve the COBRA/IMRF continuation rates as proposed by Snedeker Risk Management.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Short

Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bolander, to reinstate the part-time Street Department employee for the summer of 2015.

Ayes: Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Short, Lindemann

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to reinstate Cheryl Michl as pool manager for 2015.

Ayes: Reisner, Brown, Short, Lindemann, Bolander

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brown, to authorize Bernardi Securities as underwriter to restructure general obligation aquatic facility bonds.

Ayes: Brown, Short, Lindemann, Bolander, Reisner

Nays: None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Lindemann: the Dues and Donations Committee met March 2 to discuss the distribution of \$5,500 to local organizations after reviewing their applications. The Insurance Committee met March 2 with Snedeker Risk Management to discuss COBRA/IMRF continuation rates.

Mayor Bolander: JEDI met March 3 and received updates on the Unit I school system with a power point presentation by Superintendent Cox, City of Newton updates and Jasper County updates. Ken Larimore reported on TIF and Enterprise Zone applications.

**STATEMENTS:**

Lindemann and the other council members complimented the City on the superior job keeping the roads clean despite the inclement weather. Brown is working with Republic Services on a contract extension. Reisner reported the City has sufficient salt supplies at this time. Bolander presented the animal control report.

Clerk York reminded the council to review the potential code book updates.

Mayor Bolander reported there is a proposal from the Governor to reduce the amount of income tax municipalities receive annually from the Local Government Distribution Fund.

The next meeting of the Newton City Council will be March 17, 2015. There are no scheduled committee meetings.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bolander, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, and negotiations pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Short, Lindemann, Bolander, Reisner, Brown

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:30 PM.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Reisner, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Short

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:44 PM.

Mayor Bolander announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation, potential litigation and negotiations.

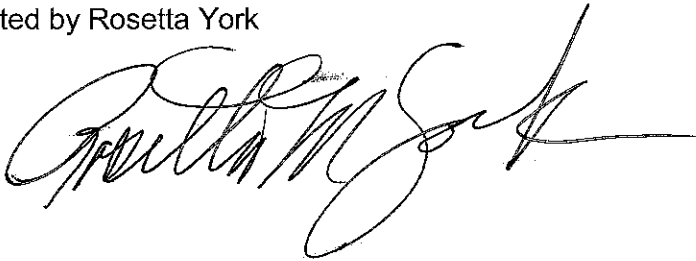
Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bolander, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Short, Lindemann

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York

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## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**March 17, 2015**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Scott Bloomberg.

Physically present: Scott Bloomberg, Harold Bolander, Robert Reisner, David Brown, Eric Blake, Larry Short, Rick Lindemann

Absent: Larry Brooks

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve the amended (8c add Jasper Co. Chamber of Commerce) agenda.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bolander, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$297,880.41 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 \$125,179.22. Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander

Nays: None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to authorize payment of Circuit A upgrade pay estimate #1 for \$92,484.99 to Big D Electric, Inc.

Ayes: Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Bolander, to approve department head and chairmen appointments effective May 1, 2015. Water Treatment Plant and Water Distribution, Carl Baker; Wastewater Department, Larry Dorn; Electric Department, Raymond Reynolds; Streets & Alleys, Joe Stoops; Parks & Cemetery, Brad Benefiel; Police Department, Mike Swick; Utility Collections, Alice Addis; EMA, Jeremy Haycraft; Deputy Code Official, Paul Conlin; Zoning Administrator, David Dhom; Zoning Chairman, Ken Albrecht; City Treasurer, Melissa Brooks.

Ayes: Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve the TIF application for Mark Davis, Panama Xpress Logistics, Inc. for \$13,000 up front and \$7,000 attached to the increment on the Lot 2 pin.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake

Nays: Short

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve the TIF application for the Jasper Co. Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$28,000 for the purchase and improvements of an office downtown, contingent on the purchase of the building.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake

Nays: Short

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Reisner, to authorize payment to Followell Construction Co., Inc. for Newton's portion of the Teutopolis Water Connection for \$13,300.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann

Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve the Strawberry Festival Special Event permit for May 29 and 30, 2015.

Ayes: Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Bolander, to approve the city-wide cleanup dates of May 15 and 16.

Ayes: Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Bolander, to approve the hiring of a part-time police officer contingent on his passing the psychological evaluation.

Ayes: Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander

Nays: None

Abstain: Reisner

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Blake, to authorize one electric department employee going to "Hot Line School" for one week for \$650 plus expenses April 27 through May 1.

Ayes: Blake, Short, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown

Nays: Lindemann

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Police Committee Meeting 3-16-15: Bloomberg reported, met to discuss budget, a parking ordinance and interview four Police Department applicants.

Finance Committee 3-16-15: Brown reported, met to discuss TIF applications. The committee recommends using \$100,000 of TIF funds for water line infrastructure improvements around the square.

#### **STATEMENTS:**

Bloomberg talked with Lee Beckman concerning the Streetscape project. The state must determine what type of lighting will be allowed and the state will conduct an environmental study.

City Treasurer Brooks is working on the budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Clerk York reminded the councilmen to review code book updates prior to a meeting April 15.

Mayor Bolander asked the councilmen to review the City's goals and make recommendations.

At the finance meeting it was discussed to have \$100,000 of TIF funds to be used for the water line on the square. He had been contacted by an organization which will have a ceremony May 2 at noon and install a POW/MIA bench on the courtyard. A request was received to close an alley for the council to review before the next city council meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be April 7, 2015.

Scheduled committee meeting: JEDI, April 7, 2015.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Bolander, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation and negotiations pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Short, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake

Nays: Lindemann

Regular session suspended at 6:50 PM

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:04 PM.

Mayor Bolander announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation, potential litigation and negotiations.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bloomberg, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brown, Blake, Short, Lindemann

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York



## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**April 7, 2015**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Harold Bolander.

Physically present: Scott Bloomberg, Harold Bolander, Robert Reisner, Larry Brooks, David Brown, Larry Short, Rick Lindemann

Absent: Eric Blake

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve the proposed agenda.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Short, Lindemann

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Bolander, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Bolander, Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to authorize payment of Pay Estimate #1, Newton Electric Building, due to Grunloh Building, Inc. in the amount of \$264,741.70.

Ayes: Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander

Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Lindemann, to pass Resolution 15-04 for street maintenance MFT funds in the amount of \$115,000.00.

Ayes: Brooks, Brown, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize allocating \$100,000 of TIF funds toward new water lines around the square.

Ayes: Brown, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Bolander, to approve the letter of understanding between the City and Union Local 1197.

Ayes: Short, Bloomberg, Bolander, Brooks, Brown

Nays: Lindemann and Reisner

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to pass Resolution 15-05 to close the alley that runs East and West between Lots 3 and 4 of Block 5; and Lots 5 and 6 of Block 5 of the City of Newton, Illinois, with stipulations as outlined in Resolution 15-05.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Short

Nays: None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Bloomberg; JEDI met April 7 and received updates for the school board, city and county. There will be a committee meeting to review the comprehensive plan.

### **STATEMENTS:**

Reisner, the Street Department is looking at a bridge on First Ave. that may need to be replaced in the not-too-distant future.

City Treasurer Brooks, her department is working on the budget and will have a meeting April 14 at 6:00 PM to discuss it.

City Clerk York reminded the council to review the code book and updates prior to the Personnel meeting April 15 at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Bolander reminded the council to review the goals and update as needed. The ECIDC annual banquet is May 21 in Effingham. He clarified a statement printed in the Newton Press concerning TIF funds. Accurate figures and information are available by contacting the City Treasurer.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be April 21, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Scheduled committee meetings: Personnel Committee Meeting April 15, 2015 at 5:30 PM;  
Finance Committee meeting April 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Bolander, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation and negotiations pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Bolander, Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Short, Lindemann

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:30 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Lindemann, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Bolander, Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:44 PM.

Mayor Bolander announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation, potential litigation and negotiations.

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

Ayes: Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Short, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Bolander

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York

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## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**April 21, 2015**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Rick Lindemann.

Physically present: Scott Bloomberg, Larry Brooks, David Brown, Eric Blake, Rick Lindemann

Absent: Harold Bolander, Robert Reisner, Larry Short

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to adopt the amended (8.a. change Newton Electrical Building to Circuit A Upgrade and move Steve M. Adams from Public Comments to speak concerning item 9.c.) agenda.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Brooks, Brown, Blake Lindemann

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brooks, Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$547,526.86 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 \$151,528.03. Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Brooks

Nays: None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to authorize Pay Estimate #1, for Circuit A Upgrade, due Big D Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$143,865.54.

Ayes: Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Brooks, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bloomberg, to pay B & T Drainage, Inc. for work on the Brookside (Xander's) Addition/City Square Project in the amount of \$178,392.00.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Brooks, Brown, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize Inspection Invoice (February and March) from Connor & Connor for work on the Brookside (Xander's) Addition/City Square Project in the amount of \$19,662.97.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Brooks, Brown, Blake, Lindemann

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Lindemann, to approve the balanced 2015-2016 City of Newton budget.

Ayes: Brooks, Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brooks, to pass Resolution 15-06, Support for "The Turnaround Agenda".

Ayes: Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Brooks, Mayor Bolander

Nays: Brown

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brown, to pass Resolution 15-07 for water department internal loan from the Electric Dept. to the Water Dept. for financing of the city square water main project up to \$300,000 at .4% interest.

Ayes: Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Brooks, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brown, to adopt Ordinance 15-02 an ordinance "Authorizing the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds (alternate revenue source), Series 2015, of the City of Newton, Jasper County, Illinois, providing the details of such bonds and for an alternate revenue source and the levy of direct annual taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds, and related matters."

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Brooks, Brown, Blake

Nays: None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

The Finance Committee met April 14 to discuss budget items, the Five Aprils Crossing Subdivision loan payment, the EMA budget and the Water Department loan from the Electric Department. The Personnel Committee met April 15 to discuss updates for the City of Newton code book.

## **STATEMENTS:**

Alderman Bloomberg reminded the council of the May 15 and 16 city-wide cleanup. Details will be in the Newton Press Mentor, the City of Newton Facebook Page and the City of Newton website. (cityofnewtonil.com.) He reported the grass needs to be mowed around the Five Aprils Crossing Subdivision.

## **Treasurer Brooks presented a request for appropriation changes.**

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brown, to approve the appropriation changes: From General Fund accounts, Police Department, move \$3,500.00 from Contingency Fund to Salaries-Overtime; General Administration move \$1,500 from Contingency Fund to Office Supplies; Water Fund Accounts Contingency Fund move \$3,000 to Office Supplies; and Wastewater Fund \$2,000 from Contingency Fund to Office Supplies.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Brooks, Brown, Blake, Lindemann

Nays: None

Mayor Bolander reminded the council of the ECIDC annual banquet to be held in Effingham Thursday, May 21 at which time the Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation will receive an award. Mayor Bolander would like feedback on the list of goals. Ken Larimore is establishing a committee to review the comprehensive plan. Bolander received a save-the-date for the States Attorney's Take-A-Bite-Out-of-Crime golf outing to be held July 17. While at a job fair in Olney the Mayor received a compliment on our Police Department being one of the best organizations for other law enforcement agencies to work with. Vanette King was present to announce the Teutopolis newspaper has been moved to Newton.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be May 5, 2015.

The scheduled committee meeting is JEDI on May 5, 2015

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation and potential litigation pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Brooks, Brown, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: Lindemann

Regular session suspended at 6:45 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Bolander announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation and potential litigation.

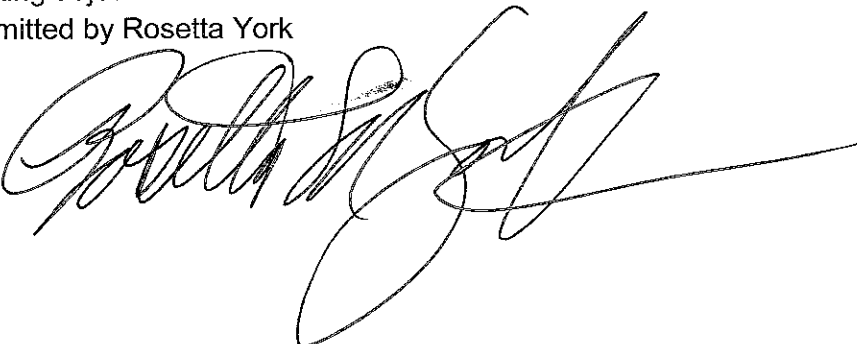
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Brooks, Brown

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York





**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**May 5, 2015**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Robert Reisner.

Physically present: Scott Bloomberg, Robert Reisner, Larry Brooks, David Brown, Eric Blake, Rick Lindemann

Absent: Harold Blander, Larry Short

Also present: Attorney Max Tedford (6:10 PM), Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adopt the amended agenda. (Skip Moore, Cheryl Walker and Jason Woolard will address the council under Public Comments)

Ayes: Bloomberg, Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Blake Lindemann

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Cheryl Walker addressed the council as a representative of the teachers of Jasper Unit I to emphasize the need for collective bargaining to ensure the best quality education for the children in Jasper County.

Skip Moore, Chairman for the bargaining unit of IBEW 702, asked the council to reconsider their support of the Governor's Illinois Turnaround agenda. Jason Woolard, IBEW Business Representative, also encouraged the council to be more informed and reconsider their support of the Illinois Turnaround agenda. He will forward information for them to review.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Bolander will personally deliver and present a token of appreciation to outgoing elected officials: Harold Bolander (14 years as Alderman), Larry Short (8 years as Alderman) and Anthony Richards (8 years on Zoning Board of Appeals) in grateful appreciation of outstanding leadership, service and dedication to the City of Newton.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to authorize payment of Pay Request #2 from Grunloh Building, Inc. for the electric building project in the amount of \$159,738.41.

Ayes: Brooks, Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Reisner

Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

City Clerk York administered the Oath of Office to newly elected aldermen Eric Blake, David Brown and Larry Brooks and newly elected zoning board of appeals members Gina Fox, Tom Clark, Tim Farley, and Shawn McCrillis. Ed Webb will take the Oath of Office at a later date.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brooks, to authorize purchase of the Worcester Building contingent on the receipt of a grant in the amount of \$99,000 from Rural Business Development, and with the agreement the building will be leased to the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce.

Ayes: Brown, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Reisner, Brooks

Nays: Blake

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to authorize not raising the electric rates on May 1, 2015.

Ayes: Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Reisner, Brooks, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize not raising the water rates on May 1, 2015.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bloomberg, to accept the resignation of David Dhom as Zoning Administrator.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Blake, Lindemann

Nays: None

Mayor Bolander will present a token of appreciation to David Dhom for his outstanding leadership, service and dedication to the City of Newton by serving 8 years as Zoning Administrator.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to approve the appointment of John Stone as Zoning Administrator.

Ayes: Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

City Clerk York administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed John Stone as Zoning Administrator.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve the committee member appointments and respective chairmen appointments as proposed by Mayor Bolander.

Ayes: Brooks, Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brown, to authorize department head wage increases effective May 1, 2015 in the amount of \$.45 per hour.

Ayes: Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Reisner, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize \$.35 for part-time police (aside from the recent hire) and one part-time non-police (Rosie York) \$.40 wage increases effective May 1, 2015.

Ayes: Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg, Reisner, Brooks, Brown

Nays: None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

The Personnel Committee met April 28 to discuss the City-wide cleanup May 15 and 16 when dumpsters will be available for all city residents behind city hall and at Dufrain Park. The yard waste facility will be open both days. On Saturday tires, appliances, batteries and electronics will also be collected. No hazardous materials will be accepted either day.

Other related matters discussed: David Dhom is retiring as Zoning Administrator and John Stone will assume the position. Mowing in Five Aprils Crossing Subdivision was discussed.

The Finance Committee met May 5 to discuss a TIF application, purchase of the Worcester building, a Rural Business Development grant, lease of a building to the Jasper Co. Chamber of Commerce, not raising water and electric rates, wage increases for department heads and part-time employees and the revolving loan fund.

JEDI met May 5. Updates were presented from the Mayor and Superintendent of schools. Luke Easton from South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development explained their services.

#### **STATEMENTS:**

Lindemann read a letter of resignation to be effective June 17, 2015. Brown reported the pool is being filled and will be opening soon. He thanked John Antrim at JALAA Fiberglass for repairing the steps on the alligator slide. The electric building is looking good. Brooks and Blake thank the citizens for re-electing them to the city council. Reisner said the street department has been busy replacing culverts, etc. The wastewater department has been working on the lines for the new park restrooms. Bloomberg reminded the council of the city-wide cleanup May 15 and 16 at city hall and Dufrain Park.

The CEO inaugural class had their show at the KC Hall and it was well attended. The POW/MIA vacant chair ceremony was held Saturday on the courthouse square. It represents 91,000 missing service people since World War I. The Mayor reminded the council of the ECIDC annual banquet May 21.

Mayor Bolander asked for a consensus to allow three police officers to attend the Annual State Conference Continued Profession Training June 10-12 at a cost of \$150 for the first officer and \$125 for each addition officer. A motion will be added to the next council meeting's agenda. The City's goals will be discussed in the near future. He gave the animal control report.

Mayor Bolander announced the City has been approved for the Housing Rehab grant and will be rehabilitating homes in the area south of Dufrain Park with the \$314,226 awarded.

Sidewalk repair around the square will begin soon.

IDOT Deputy Secretary is having an informational meeting in Effingham tomorrow to discuss how IDOT funds can be used on the local level more efficiently.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be May 19, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Blake, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation and potential litigation pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Lindemann, Bloomberg, Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Blake

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 7:10 PM.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brooks, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Blake, Lindemann

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:21 PM.

Mayor Bolander announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation and potential litigation.

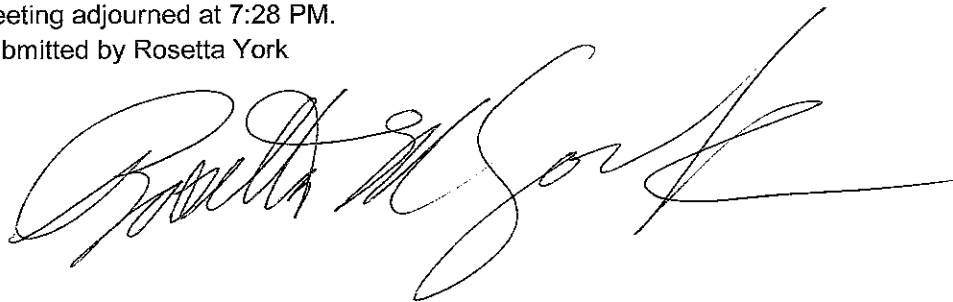
Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bloomberg, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Reisner, Brooks, Brown, Blake, Lindemann, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**May 19, 2015**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks.

Physically present: Scott Bloomberg, Robert Reisner, Larry Brooks, David Brown, Rick Lindemann

Absent: Eric Blake

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown to adopt the amended (Larry Quick to address the council under Public Comments) agenda.

Ayes: Lindemann, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Lindemann, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Lindemann

Nays: None

Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$643,719.77 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 \$108,830.07.

Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brown

Nays: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Larry Quick addressed the council to urge them to reconsider their support of the Illinois Turnaround agenda. Several additional union members were present and voiced similar opinions.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to authorize payment to Connor and Connor, Inc. for invoice No. 11345 in the amount of \$77,416.00 for work on the electric building.

Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize payment of pay request No. 3 to Big D Electric, Inc. for the Circuit "A" Upgrade in the amount of \$97,623.04.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Lindemann, to accept the TIF application request from Crooked Creek Antler Art and Perfect Paws and Claws and reimbursement of TIF eligible expenses in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Ayes: Lindemann, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize three police officers going to IJOA and IDOA training for \$400.00 for the training plus each individuals' expenses.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Lindemann

Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brooks, to table 9. a. Consider and act on Ordinance 15-03 adding Article X to Chapter 24 of the Newton City Code Book, "Restrictions on Use of Eagle Trails" until the next council meeting.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brown, to accept the municipal service contract extension agreement (with amendments) for five years with Republic Service as exclusive franchise haulers for residents' and commercial sanitary hauling service.

Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

The EMA, Health and Sanitation Committee met May 19 with Ron Howard from Republic Service to discuss extending their service contract.

### STATEMENTS:

Alderman Brown: The aquatic center will open Saturday, May 23. This is the first year they will serve Dippin' Dots in the concession stand. Lifeguard classes begin tomorrow. An in-service will be held with the ambulance crew. Bid D Electric has energized the underground lines and are progressing with their work on Circuit A. They helped with the underground electric for the proposed new restrooms at Peterson Park.

Alderman Reisner: The city-wide cleanup went well. Thank you to the city employees for all their help. June 8 – 12 route 130 will be closed for repair to the railroad crossing. Traffic will be rerouted.

Alderman Bloomberg: The Police Chief voiced his appreciation for the cooperation with the city-wide cleanup.

Attorney Tedford spoke with the bond council concerning the aquatic center refinancing. A finance committee meeting will be called to discuss the options with Bernardi Securities.

City Treasurer Brooks presented a request for an appropriation change.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to approve the appropriation change from General Fund Account, Cemetery Fund Account move \$1,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to Contract Labor.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Treasurer Brooks reminded the council of the Mutual Medical Insurance meeting June 17 in Washington, Illinois.

Mayor Bolander gave updates on the Eagle Trail project. IDOT will come by the middle of June for the final inspection. Bolander thanked Evelyn Dhom for her almost 40 years of service with the city as City Clerk, City Treasurer and Electric Consultant. She will be missed. Crooked Creek Antler Art and Perfect Paws and Claws will have a pet adoption day during the Strawberryfest on Saturday, May 30 from 9 AM to 3 PM and will block off a section of East Washington Street in front of their business for this purpose. The application for the Worcester building purchase is being completed.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be June 2, 2015.

Scheduled committee meeting: JEDI will meet June 2, Finance Committee will meet May 27.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation and potential litigation pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Lindemann, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 7:14 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Lindemann

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:32 PM.

Mayor Bolander announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation and potential litigation.

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

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brown

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York



## **OFFICIAL MINIUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**June 2, 2015**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Eric Blake.

Physically present: Rick Lindemann, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: David Brown

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to adopt the amended (Chief Swick will address the council under Public Comments) agenda.

Ayes: Lindemann, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Lindemann, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann

Nays: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Chief Swick reminded the council the temporary closing of the railroad crossing on South Van Buren Street will cause traffic to be rerouted on Scott Ave. and Wilson Street so "no parking" signs will be placed on those streets around the ball park for the week of June 8. Also, signage for Eagle Trails and other issues concerning Eagle Trails will be discussed at a committee meeting. Officer Bierman and Danno are to be commended for rescuing a young woman in November when she had strayed from home.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brooks, to authorize payment of Pay Estimate #4 due to B & T Drainage for work on the Brookside Xanders/City Square project in the amount of \$172,566.00.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize payment of invoice due to Connor & Connor, Inc. for work on the Brookside Xanders/City Square project in the amount of \$13,063.21.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to authorize reimbursement to Connor & Connor, Inc. for soil samples related to work on the Brookside Xanders/City Square Project in the amount of \$421.00.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bloomberg, to pass Ordinance 15-03 to add Article X to Chapter 24 of the Newton City Code, "Restrictions on Use of Eagle Trail."

Ayes: Lindemann, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Reisner, to pass Ordinance 15-04 Granting a Franchise for Operation of a Sanitary Hauling Service within the City of Newton, Jasper County, Illinois.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to authorize acceptance and approval of material bid proposals for the street program: Lee Kintner & Sons, Inc. for seal coat AC-5 for \$58,427.70; Charles Heuerman Trucking for CA-16 for \$14,440.00 and CA-6 for \$3,957.00; Compass Minerals America, Inc. for salt at a cost of \$8,765.00; for a total cost of \$85,589.70

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brooks

Nays: None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

JEDI met 6-2-15 and received updates from CED Extension Educator Ken Larimore, Mayor Mark Bolander, and Jasper Co. Board Chairman Joe Bierman.

EMA Health and Sanitation Committee met May 19, 2015 with Ron Howard from Republic Services to discuss the proposed contract extension with the City and Republic Services.

## **STATEMENTS:**

Reisner commented it was unfortunate the Strawberryfest was interrupted with rain. Brooks voiced he was impressed with Republic Services providing new trash containers for customers in Newton.

Lindemann reported a street light was out and needed to be changed. Lindemann gave the animal control report.

City Clerk York presented two purchase orders for the Water Department:

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brooks, to authorize the purchase order for the Water Department for cleaning wells #8 and 9 and installing a sample tap to the top of each well at a total cost of \$18,100, from Hacker Plumbing and Drilling, Inc.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Reisner, to authorize the purchase order for the Water Department for 36 meter bases, 87 Itron transmitters and 87 Encoders from Midwest Meter at a cost of \$13,365.00.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Mayor Bolander had a meeting with IDOT and signage and possibly lights will be on the state highway where the Eagle Trails crossing is located. The downtown streetscape project will have a bid letting in September or January. There will probably be no construction until next year.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be June 16, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Scheduled committee meeting: Finance Committee Meeting June 3, 2015

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation and potential litigation pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Lindemann, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:32 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:45 PM.

Mayor Bolander announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation and potential litigation.

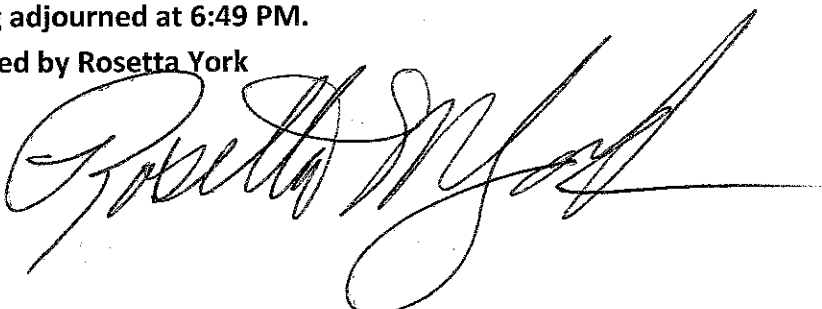
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brooks

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**



# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

June 16, 2015

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Scott Bloomberg.

Physically present: Rick Lindemann, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to adopt the amended (executive session will include

Personnel and an additional meeting is scheduled – Zoning Board of Appeals hearing July 6 at 6 PM) agenda.

Ayes: Lindemann, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Lindemann, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann

Nays: None

Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$611,931.34 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 \$131,810.83.

Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brown

Nays: None

## OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to authorize payment of Circuit “A” Upgrade Pay Request #4 to Big D Electric, Inc. for \$102,761.10

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to authorize payment to Grunloh Building, Inc., pay request #3 for the new electric building in the amount of \$409,339.49.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to authorize payment to Ameren Illinois gas service installation prepay fees of \$1,520.00 for the new electric building.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Bloomberg, to accept Option 3 of the choices given to the City from Evans, Froehlich, Beth and Chamley concerning the refinancing of the pool bonds with a minimum of \$40,000.00 in savings and also to authorize Mayor Bolander to sign the necessary paperwork.

Ayes: Lindemann, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to accept the letter of resignation from Alderman Rick Lindemann effective June 17, 2015.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Mayor Bolander

Nays: Reisner, Bloomberg, Lindemann

## NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to pass Ordinance 15-05 Prevailing Wages.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown

Nays: Lindemann

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to authorize a Newton Police Department officer going to Criminal Investigators Training on August 17 and 18 at a cost of \$295.00 for training plus expenses.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Finance Committee met June 3 to discuss: Options given by Evans, Froehlich, Beth and Chamley for refinancing the aquatic center bonds with a floor of \$40,000; budgets for sidewalks; property maintenance/demo; dumpster reimbursement/beautification; possible OTR truck parking; filling cracks on park courts, tennis and basketball; and restrooms at Peterson Park.

The Police Committee met June 15 to discuss: Eagle Trail maintenance, signage and 15-03 ordinance; nuisance updates; city shooting range; confiscated property updates, officer training; and electronic speed signs that were received by the Police Department to be placed around town for speed awareness, etc.

## STATEMENTS:

Lindemann expressed his regrets for needing to resign because he moved to a different ward. He enjoyed his time on the council. Brown thanked Lindemann for his service as a respected and admired alderman. Brooks' neighbor received a replacement culvert and was pleased with the work that was done. Reisner commented the railroad crossing on South Van Buren is much improved. Bloomberg also thanked Lindemann for his service on the council. Bloomberg noted the success of Corporal Doug Bierman and Dano at a competition in Charleston. They placed first in obedience, third in evidence recovery and first as part of a team competition. Attorney Tedford and Treasurer Brooks thanked Alderman Lindemann for his expertise on the council. Clerk York presented two purchase orders.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize the purchase of boring work, steel and duct work, etc. at the Newton Peterson Park and the industrial park to be purchased from BKW Services, Inc. in the amount of \$16,725.00, as presented on purchase order No. 223316

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to authorize the purchase of furniture, lockers, file cabinets, etc. to be purchased from Midwest Office in the amount of \$11,213.75, as presented on purchase order No. 223317.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: Lindemann

York reminded the council revisions are continuing to be reviewed of the city code book. She reported she has been elected President of the SECICTA, South East Central Illinois Clerk Treasurer Association.

Mayor Bolander reiterated that Lindemann will be missed and he has been appreciated and respected on the council. Lee Beckman will be at the July 7 council meeting to answer any questions about Eagle Trails. IDOT will be coming soon for the final inspection of the trails.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be July 7, 2015.

Scheduled committee meetings: JEDI will meet July 7, 2015; Zoning Board of Appeals meeting July 6, 2015 at 6 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Lindemann, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, purchase of real estate and personnel pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Lindemann

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:41 PM.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Blake, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Lindemann, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: Brown

Open session resumed at 7:20 PM.

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Blake, Reisner, Brooks, Brown

Nays: Lindemann

**Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**





# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

July 7, 2015

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman David Brown.

Physically present: David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adopt the amended (the ribbon cutting ceremony is July 9 at 4 PM for the new electric building; add a Finance Committee meeting July 13 at 5:30 PM; Lee Beckman will address the council under Public Communications) agenda.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve the corrected (Statements: Rick Lindemann resigned from the council) minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown

Nays: None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC, explained details of the IDOT contract to complete the Eagle Trail project and lighting issues with the future project.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to approve Mayor Bolander's signing the IDOT letter of understanding concerning IDOT providing connectivity with the Jasper County Eagle Trails and Greenways System.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to authorize an auction of impounded vehicles.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the signing of the Moon Dawg, Inc. Agreement by Mayor Bolander. Moon Dawg, Inc. is the independent third party inspector for the CDAP (housing rehab) grant.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to pass Ordinance 15-06 Amend 6-1-2 (time limit on demolition permits to 30 days).

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to authorize the Wastewater Department to purchase an ExMark Pioneer S-Service lawn mower for \$4,829.00.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to pass Ordinance 15-07 Ratifying and Confirming the Vacation of a Certain Alley in Boos Addition.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve the 2015 Fall Festival Special Event permit for the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to pass Resolution 15-08 for the 2015 Fall Festival Parade.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Reisner reported the Wastewater Committee met June 23 to discuss the purchase of a mower for the Wastewater Dept.

Brooks reported the Finance Committee met June 30 to discuss appropriations, sidewalk funds for next year and a letter of understanding with IDOT concerning the bike trail. JEDI met July 7 and monthly updates of city projects were given by Mayor Mark Bolander and county updates from Joe Bierman.

#### **STATEMENTS:**

Reisner met with Larry Dorn considering cost-saving ideas for the wastewater department and a lift station improvement. Brown thanked an anonymous donor for two freezers given to the aquatic center concession stand. Bloomberg gave the animal control report.

City Treasurer Brooks reminded the council the appropriations are on display and a hearing will be held 15 minutes prior to the next council meeting.

City Clerk York said there are three ordinances to be passed before the revised/updated code book can be adopted.

Mayor Bolander encouraged all to attend the ribbon cutting for the new electric building Thursday, July 9 at 4 PM with an open house until 6 PM. The Take-a-Bite-Out-of-Crime golf outing is Friday, July 17. The application for the new enterprise zone has advanced to the next level. Trish Vitale, DCEO announced a contest is being held to encourage cities and municipalities to help start-up businesses.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be July 21, 2015.

Scheduled committee meetings: Electric building ribbon cutting at 4:00 PM July 9 at the new building site; Finance meeting July 13 at 5:30 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, personnel, sale of real estate and purchase of real estate pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:52 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:58 PM.

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brooks

Nays: Brown

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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**NOTICE: 5:45 PM, Public hearing re: 2015 Appropriations**

Hearing called to order by Mayor Mark Bolander.

Physically present: David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Steve Rubsam, Alan Bogardus from Dynegy, Vanette King from the Newton Press Mentor, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York, Collector Alice Addis  
Treasurer Brooks explained the appropriations are for each line item and for each department's anticipated projects.

No comments or objections were voiced to the Appropriations Ordinance No. 15-08.

Hearing was closed at 5:50 PM by Mayor Bolander.

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**July 21, 2015**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks.

Physically present: David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adopt the amended (8.b. price of the Peterson Park restroom should be a maximum of \$65,000.00; 8.e. amount should be \$23,100.00; Public Comments, Alan Bogardus from Dynegy and Alice Addis, CDAP housing grant will address the council) agenda.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown

Nays: None

Alderman Brooks reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$784,366.00 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 \$168,270.63.

Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Alan Bogardus thanked the community and all involved in the cleanup of the coal train derailment. The cleanup is going smoothly and the cooperation of the community has been great. Dynegy wants everything to be done right and will use local businesses and labor as much as possible. Dynegy will be more active in the community in the future. A train will be running on the track tonight.

Collector Addis reported on the progress of the CDAP housing grant. Twelve homeowners have already applied for housing rehabilitation funds. Funds will be released by the state when a state budget is passed. Any owner of property in the target area south of the Dufrein Park should contact city hall to complete an application if the home is owner-occupied. A point system for grant eligibility is established by HUD.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to pass Ordinance 15-08 for the City of Newton's 2015 appropriations.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize purchase of an Easi-Set ADA restroom for Peterson Park for a maximum of \$65,000.00.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize Contract Change Request #2 for work on the new electric building in the additional amount of \$31,720.54.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize Pay Estimate #4 and Final, due Grunloh Building, Inc. in the amount of \$148,822.94 for work on the new electric building, with conditional release of the punch list.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to authorize payment of Invoice No. 11486-7 from Connor and Connor, Inc. for inspection on the new electric building in the amount of \$23,100.00.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to approve the appointment of Stephen Rubsam to fill the councilman/alderman vacancy in Ward No. 1.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Newly appointed Councilman/Alderman Rubsam was sworn in by Clerk York.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the assignment to committees and the new respective chairpersons.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with the paperwork for the purchase of .95 acres south of Cobblestone Hotel for the construction of a parking lot and fence.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize raising the Zoning Administrator's salary to \$2,000.00.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Acting Chairman Brooks reported: the Finance Committee met July 13 to discuss the new restroom at Peterson Park, pool wages, zoning board wages, zoning administrator wages, elected officials' wages, telecommunication tax and costs for a proposed parking lot.

#### **STATEMENTS:**

Council Members; Bloomberg thanked Dynegey for the rapid response and professional and efficient cleanup of the coal train derailment. All council members welcome Steve Rubsam as an alderman for Ward 1. Rubsam thanked the council for the opportunity to serve on the council and commended them on the many successful projects the council has supported.

Clerk York showed the council the map of alleys that has been updated and reminded them to review the code book. A list of ordinances is being compiled.

Mayor Bolander welcomed Rubsam to the council. He congratulated Cheyenne Goss on her success with her singing career. Thank you to Jeff Ford, David Brown and Raymond Reynolds for all their work in getting the new electric building constructed.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be August 4, 2015.

Scheduled committee meeting: JEDI, August 4, 2015

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, and sale of real estate and purchase of real estate pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:31 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:50 PM.

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

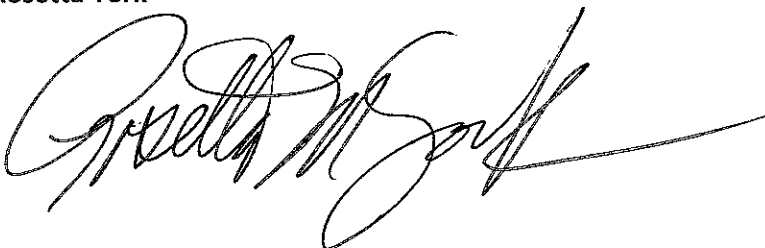
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

**Submitted by Rosetta York**



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 2015 at 6:00 PM

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Robert Reisner.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake

Absent: Scott Bloomberg

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

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the amended (two-year term in 8.A.) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to authorize and approve the term period for the Ward 1 aldermen's positions to be a four-year term for Scott Bloomberg's position and a two-year term for Steve Rubsam's position in the 2017 election.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Reisner, to authorize a Public Sale, to be conducted by David Swick, of the unclaimed impounded vehicles from Newton Police Department with net proceeds of the sale to be directed to the City of Newton Police firing range. (sale date August 27, 2015 at 6:00 PM)

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brown, to authorize a Newton Police officer attending training on Sept. 20-25, 2015 at a cost of \$150.00 registration fee plus expenses.

Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Reisner, to pass Ordinance 15-09 Cable and Video Service Provider Fee.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Ordinance 15-10 Cable and Video Customer Protection Law.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Blake, to approve the 2015 Homecoming Parade Special Event Permit.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Blake, to pass Resolution 15-09 Homecoming Parade 2015.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to authorize dumpster reimbursement for 206 S. Walnut Street in the amount of \$2,500.00 when funds are available.

Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam to table the votes on items 8.I. and 8.J until after the executive session.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

## **STATEMENTS:**

Brown: the new restroom facility for Peterson Park will be delivered in approximately 90 days. The Electric Department has not moved into the new building but will move soon. Brooks: the volume of water sold to Teutopolis has been increasing. Reisner: August 18 the road program will begin. A map will be published in the Newton Press. The Wastewater Department is considering a lift station improvement. Blake gave the animal control report.

Mayor Bolander: Congratulations to the local teams and athletes with the success they have enjoyed this summer. Congressman John Shimkus will be available at City Hall September 4 from 9:30 to 11:00 AM to meet with citizens. There is a Blight Reduction Grant Program for the city to consider so a committee meeting will be called in the near future to hear details.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be August 18, 2015. There are no scheduled committee meetings.

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, 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 exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:40 PM.

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Reisner, to go out of executive session and back into open session

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

## **Open session resumed at 7:18 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.

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to pass Resolution 15-10 Closed Session Minutes.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to pass Resolution 15-11 Authorize the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Closed Session for the six-month period of July 2013 to January 2014.

Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

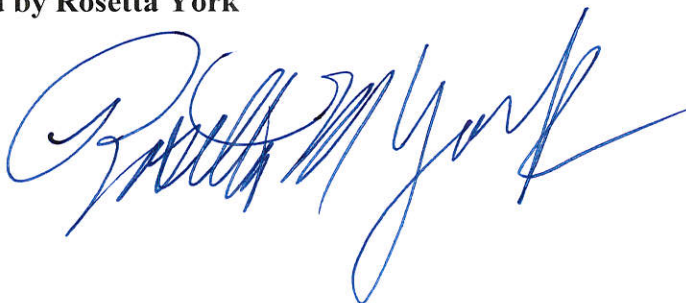
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

## **Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**August 18, 2015**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Eric Blake.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake

Absent: Scott Bloomberg, Robert Reisner

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

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to adopt the amended (Public Comments, add Calvin Wilson to address the council and delete item 9E) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$407,727.03 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 \$81,674.83. Brooks seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Calvin Wilson, Manager of CCI Ready-Mix informed the council of the many improvements made at their business site. They have been very busy catering to the needs of the public with concrete and landscaping materials. They also accept broken concrete from the public. Dynegy was appreciative of their work when they hauled rock after the derailment. CCI is happy to be in the community.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize purchasing one acre of the north part of lot 3 in Cobblestone Subdivision for \$35,000.00 from Dirtbuster Car Wash, LLC.

Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Brown, to authorize a Newton police officer attending criminal investigation training on October 14 and 15 for \$295.00 registration fee plus expenses.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to authorize the Newton City Clerk attending the annual MCI Institute and Academy October 11 – 16 for \$550.00 registration fee plus expenses.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to authorize Ken Larimore attending the TIF Conference September 16 – 17 for \$350.00 fee plus expenses.

Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize Ken Larimore attending the IML Conference September 17 – 19 for \$310.00 plus expenses.

Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

The Finance Committee met August 17. James Patrick from SCIRP&DC was present to discuss the Blight Reduction Program. It is recommended that Newton consider applying for this in the future after studying possible target areas where there are at least 10 vacant homes. The Committee reviewed one application for dumpster reimbursement.



**STATEMENTS:**

Council Members: Councilmen Brooks and Rubsam emphasized that CCI is an asset to the community. Brown reported the aquatic center season is winding down and the hours of operation will be shortened. City Treasurer Brooks informed the council of the Snedeker Risk Management 2015 Fall Client conference to be held Sept. 30 and October 1. Any councilman interested in attending should contact her by Sept. 12.

Mayor Bolander discussed the age requirement for operating golf carts and neighborhood vehicles. Attorney Tedford will prepare an ordinance lowering the age limit from 21 to 18 to be voted on at a future council meeting. The City's Enterprise Zone application was unsuccessful. Mayor Bolander will get more information on re-applying. He received a note from a citizen requesting striping of the street on the south side of the square. Bolander will bring it to the attention of the Street Committee Chairman. He also received a note from a Newton family telling him of their prayers for the council. The Mayor reminded the council of the seized vehicle auction to be held August 27, Thursday, behind City Hall. Twelve vehicles will be auctioned, absentee bids accepted. Contact the Newton Police Department for information concerning insurance.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be September 1, 2015.

Scheduled committee meetings: Insurance Committee 8-24-2015 at 5:30 PM and JEDI September 1, 2015 at 1:15 PM

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate and purchase of real estate pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Blake

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:37 PM.

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brooks, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:59 PM.

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

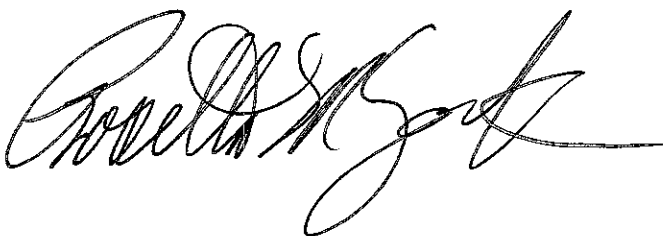
Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Rubsam, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Mayor Bolander

Nays: Brooks, Brown

**Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**





# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

September 1, 2015

In the absence of Mayor Bolander, Attorney Tedford called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Scott Bloomberg.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Blake to appoint Scott Bloomberg temporary acting Mayor until Mayor Bolander arrived.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

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

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

## OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brooks, to pass Ordinance 15-11 Amending Section 24-9-2 of Article IX - golf cart and neighborhood vehicles of the Newton City Code. (Note: Allows 18 year olds to drive them)

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to approve the Agreement with IDOT for the final plan approval of the construction and maintenance of a bike way at Sam Parr State Park.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

## NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Brown, to table Item 8.A. until the next council meeting to authorize the payment for Dumpster Reimbursement for 505 Barton St. of \$756.00.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Reisner, to approve the City of Newton Healthcare Plan Amendments Effective January 1, 2016.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Mayor Bolander arrived at 6:10 PM.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Blake, to approve the City of Newton's conveyance of ground agreement with Newton Bio-diesel Plant #2 LLC.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize Ken Larimore and Mayor Bolander to attend ICSC conference on October 7-8, 2015 for both at \$610.00 plus expenses. (ICSC is International Council of Shopping Centers).

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Rubsam: The Insurance Committee met August 24 and discussed an authorization for a motor vehicle record check, insurance carrier recommendations for a formal rental agreement for

private pool parties, a hold harmless agreement for City contractors and reviewed an amendment to the City health care plan for the City health insurance carrier.

Reisner: A joint committee meeting was held with all City departments attending to discuss the Streetscape project. Some of the topics discussed were lighting, landscaping, electric work, concrete, curbing, ADA requirements, and water main location. The project is still on budget.

**STATEMENTS:**

Bloomberg: JEDI met today with Alan Bogardus in attendance. He reported on Dynegy's business dynamics and their interest in the community.

Brown: The electric department is moving into their new building. It will take quite awhile to get everything moved. The aquatic center will remain open through the Labor Day weekend. Pool draining will begin Sept. 8. The new restroom building should be completed by approximately Oct. 20. A concrete pad was poured on the north side of city hall to repair where it had cracked.

Brooks: JEDI listened to Superintendent Holt give an interesting report on Jasper Unit I schools. She is Superintendent for 100 days only.

Reisner: Street repair work is being done in Imperial Acres where streets were damaged after the train derailment. Reisner talked with Wastewater Department Head Dorn and discussed the lift station to be re-done.

Blake: Gave the animal control report.

Bloomberg: Item 8.A. was tabled until the next council meeting to be sure the property was appropriately cleared.

Clerk York presented a purchase order for the Electric Department.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to authorize purchase of 8 pc CL3 35 ft. poles, 23 pc CL4 35 ft. poles and 23 pc CL4 30 ft. poles at a cost of \$12,508.00

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Clerk York noted the final draft of the code book will be sent to the council for review prior to the next council meeting.

Mayor Bolander was approached to have a representative of City government speak to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. The City is close to closing on the ground south of the hotel. Congratulations to Paul Johnson on receiving the Outstanding Philanthropic Award from the Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be September 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner 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 Meeting Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:51 PM.

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

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:12 PM.

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

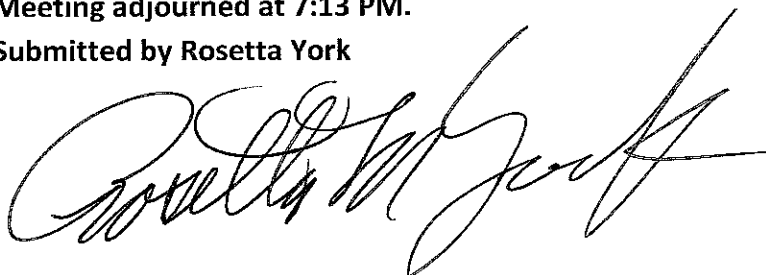
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**September 15, 2015**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Stephen Rubsam.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: Larry Brooks

Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$195,679.72 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 \$188,274.94. Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to authorize pay estimate #5 (final) to Big D Electric in the amount of \$134,160.33 for Circuit "A" Upgrade.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve and accept the "Clean Audit Opinion" from Mr. Bradbury of the Kemper CPA Group for the City's audit of 2014-15.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to authorize payment of Pay Estimate #5 due to B & T Drainage for Brookside-Xanders/City Square project in the amount of \$118,931.50.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize payment of inspection invoices from Connor & Connor for Brookside-Xanders/City Square project for months of May through August in the amount of \$20,763.17.

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve a Special Event Permit for JCCU #1 Elementary PTO, Eagle Challenge Color Run/Walk.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, to approve the TIF application for Shear Madness in the amount of \$2,500.00 for TIF eligible expenses.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Rubsam, to approve Halloween Trick or Treat Night for October 31, 2015 between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM, with a bad weather date of November 1, 2015. (questions call 783-8478)

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

The Finance Committee met September 14, 2015 to discuss repairs needed at the Wastewater plant, returned check fees, TIF application and a "Clean Audit Opinion" from Mr. Bradbury of the Kemper CPA Group.

**STATEMENTS:**

Brown: The new electric building has phone service installed, utility poles and lights have been installed in the Industrial Park. Rubsam: The property on Barton Street has been cleaned up and is ready for an inspection by the city inspector. Reisner: The Decatur Street substation will need repairs in the future, the Street Department has been painting streets and curbs, the Fall Festival went well and the cleanup by the City employees is appreciated. There were 50 cars in the car show...thank you to the organizers Mike and Connie Tate. Brown: The pool has been drained, 3-4 week delivery for the new restrooms (the cooperation of all the city departments is appreciated). Bloomberg: The city-wide curb-side cleanup by Republic Services will be October 30 for all city residents. The Embarras River Tourism Council met and discussed Phase III of the Eagle Trail. A committee meeting will be held to discuss plans with ERTC. Treasurer Brooks: A consensus was reached with the council to advertise Five Aprils Crossing Subdivision if the proposal is for the Olney Daily Mail. Mayor Bolander: The City is exploring options for an enterprise zone application with Richland County for industrial and commercial property. A family history book was received from James L. Meng which includes Jasper County residents. This book dating back to the 1100's will be donated to the library. Rubsam volunteered to research surplus property being sold by the state of Illinois. Indiana Railroad is applying for a grant with IDOT for bridge replacement to replace eight bridges between Robinson and Newton. A fence will be installed on the newly acquired property south of the hotel and the area prepared for future development. Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation dinner reservations are due by Sept. 18. Paul Johnson will receive the Outstanding Philanthropist award at this dinner, congratulations to Paul. The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will prepare a new sign to install near the highway in Peterson Park. A bald eagle has been sighted on the Eagle Trail. The final inspection of the trail will be next week. Agracel Inc. has donated furniture for the incubator office and it is being stored at city hall until the office is ready. Thank you to Agracel for their generosity.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be October 6, 2015. There is a scheduled JEDI meeting on October 6, 2015.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate and purchase of real estate pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 7:10 PM.

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

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:45 PM.

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


Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**October 6, 2015**

In the absence of Mayor Mark Bolander, Attorney Max Tedford called the meeting to order.  
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman David Brown.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to appoint Scott Bloomberg Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

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

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to pass Ordinance 15-12 "An Ordinance Adopting a Code of Ordinances for the City of Newton."

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize Dumpster Reimbursement for 505 Barton St. in the amount of \$756.00 pending availability of funds.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Reisner, to authorize TIF reimbursement for eligible expenses in the amount of \$2,500.00 for 301 W. Jourdan for Myers Funeral Homes, LLC pending availability of funds.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to authorize TIF reimbursement for Paul Johnson's eligible expenses in the amount of \$2,500.00 for 110 S. Van Buren pending availability of funds.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, to authorize a revised amount, a total of \$84,500.00 of TIF funds for the renovation of the property located at 124 S. Van Buren St. for the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce office space, CEO class and Incubator Program.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: Blake

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to approve Agreement for Technical Services and Assistance Enterprise Zone Application Moran Economic Development in the amount of \$10,000 plus expenses. (Expenses not to exceed \$1,750.)

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to pass Ordinance 15-13 An Ordinance to Amend Section 11-1-2 and Section 38-1-2 of the City Code. (\$25.00 fee on returned checks)

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Rubsam reported the Finance Committee met 9-28-2015 to discuss TIF applications. The Surplus State Property is an internet purchase-type website. Information will be forward to the department heads.

**STATEMENTS:**

Council members congratulated the NCHS football team and NCHS band for their success. Blake gave the animal control report.

Mayor Pro Tem Bloomberg congratulated Dano and Corporal. Bierman for their success at the United States Police Canine Association National K-9 Trials in Springfield. The Santa Train will be in Newton December 6. The Chamber of Commerce annual dinner will be October 15 at the K of C Hall. Tickets are available at the chamber office. Handrails have been installed on the Eagle Trail. IDOT will be inspecting soon. The Mayor received a letter of thanks from GSI thanking the electric crew of the city for their help when the GSI transformer went bad. A Police Committee meeting will be called soon.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be October 20, 2015 at 6 PM.

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, 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: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:31 PM.

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

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:45 PM.

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

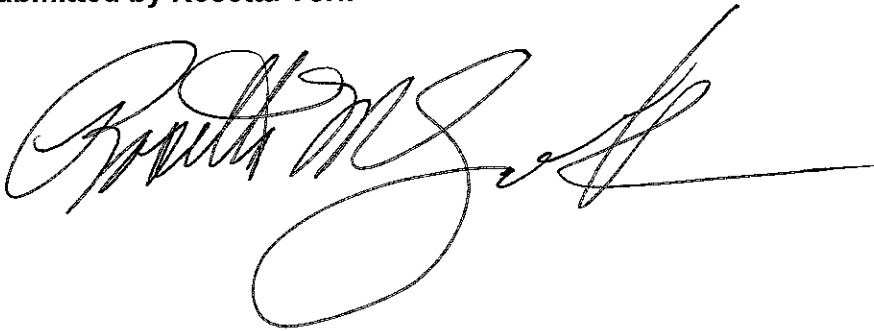
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**October 20, 2015**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: Eric Blake

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

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2015 Newton City Council meeting.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$624,406.31 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 \$108,238.36.

Brooks seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to authorize Rachel McVicar and Donna Watkins to sign checks in the absence of Treasurer Melissa Brooks.

Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize the opening of the yard waste facility every Saturday in November 2015 from 8:00 AM to noon.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize Mayor Bolander and ED Educator Ken Larimore to attend ICSC (International Council of Shopping Centers) in Las Vegas in 2016 with the understanding a budget would be submitted before the event.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to authorize providing flu shots for all part-time and full-time city employees.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

**STATEMENTS:**

Rubsam: Indiana Railroad has asked for a donation for the Santa train. A consensus was reached to donate \$200 with a vote to be taken at the next council meeting.

Brown: New Hope Church did volunteer work in Peterson Park decorating around the flag. Their work is appreciated. The Electric Department is still moving into the new building. The new restroom building for Peterson Park should be delivered next week and will be hooked up next spring.

Reisner: New Hope Church also painted curbs on Washington Street. Thank you to them for that effort. The Street Department will be collecting leaves again this year with a schedule to be determined.

Bloomberg: There has been lots of activity on the Eagle Trail. IDOT will inspect the trail Thursday.

City Clerk York: Thank you to the council for allowing her to attend the Clerk Institute last week in Springfield.

Mayor Bolander: the Eagle Trail from the bridge to the grade will be inspected Thursday by IDOT. Milano and Grunloh will walk the streetscape with IDOT so hopefully bid letting can be in January for that phase of Eagle Trail. The Joint Review Board met to discuss TIF. The enterprise zone was discussed at another meeting. The City of Newton and Jasper County will be teaming up with Olney/Richland County and the enterprise zone application must be submitted by December 31, 2015. A report given to the Mayor from the Embarras Tourism Council shows tourism has increased significantly from 2013 to 2014. Unemployment has decreased from 6.4% to 5.4%. A meeting at ERBA in Greenup will be held October 28 for the South Central Continuum of Care.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be November 3, 2015.

Scheduled committee meeting: JEDI, November 3, 2015.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, 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: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:37 PM

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:01 PM.

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to adjourn the meeting

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

November 3, 2015

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Scott Bloomberg

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: Robert Reisner

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the amended (Item 8. B. should be changed ...to authorize payment of \$10,000.00 reimbursement of TIF eligible expenses to China King. Five thousand dollars to be reimbursed after \$10,000.00 of expenses have been incurred and \$5,000.00 reimbursed for TIF eligible real estate taxes) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

### OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to pass Resolution 15-12 Authorizing Tax Abatement within the Enterprise Zone.

Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to authorize payment of a donation of \$200.00 toward the 2015 Santa Train Event.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, that a Christmas bonus of an extra day's pay or a day off with pay (to be taken by April 30, 2016) be given to full-time employees and to part-time employees who have worked at least 3 months and are currently working.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to authorize payment of \$10,000.00 reimbursement of TIF eligible expenses to China King. Five thousand dollars to be reimbursed after \$10,000.00 of expenses have been incurred and \$5,000.00 reimbursed for TIF eligible real estate taxes.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

### COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

A joint EMA Meeting was held October 28 with the Jasper County board. Items discussed: the future of the emergency response vehicle and its storage and personnel.

Bolander reported, JEDI met November 3 for a special business tour of Kuhl's Trailer Sales and campground and the Ste. Marie historic museum. No official meeting was held. Both were very impressive.

Rubsam reported, the Finance Committee met November 2 to discuss a TIF application, the tax levy and the Illinois Municipal League requesting a resolution urging the State of Illinois to release non-general fund revenues to local governments.

### STATEMENTS:

Rubsam attended a meeting in Greenup at the ERBA office where their homeless program was discussed and a home rehabilitation program was explained. He also attended a round-table discussion with the Lieutenant Governor at Parklanes October 23. It was an informative meeting.

Brown congratulated the youth of Jasper County for their accomplishments including the junior high and high school bands and volleyball and football teams. Good luck to the football team on Saturday. Restrooms will soon be delivered to Peterson Park but will not be hooked up until spring. The electric will be upgraded at the hilltop pavilion. Brooks expressed his appreciation of the youth and their accomplishments. Blake gave the animal control report.

Bloomberg reminded the council of the leaf collection with the schedule published in the Newton Press. Burning trash is against the city ordinance. The gun range rehabilitation is almost completed.

City Treasurer Brooks' office has determined the City will need to levy \$558,600 for the tax year 2015. The amount to be levied will not exceed 5% of the 2014 tax year levy extended. City Clerk York will have the code book on the City's web page in the near future.

Mayor Bolander reviewed items on the goals list. He attended a meeting at EJ Water for area Mayors, which was very informative. Bloomberg will follow-up with economic development ideas. Bolander reported the Eagle Trail has been inspected with only minor details to be completed. He attended a multi-year highway program meeting. The bridge replacement across Brush Creek south of town is on the schedule for next year. The Mayor received a letter indicating revolving loan funds can be used for work on the lift station on Water Street.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be November 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM. There are no scheduled committee meetings.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, 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: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:45 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to go out of executive session and back into open session

Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

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.

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

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**November 17, 2015**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Robert Reisner.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: David Brown, Eric Blake

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

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$162,315.27 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and made a motion to approve the pre-pays and authorize payment of the bills and account payable in the amount of \$143,310.43

Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks

Nays: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Lee Beckman from Milano & Grunloh was present to answer questions and provide information on the Streetscape – Eagle Trail Phase III project. Bid letting will be January 15 with bids to be awarded in February and the project to start as early as March. The State will eventually provide striping and signage for the highway north of Burl Ives bridge and outside the entrance to Sam Parr State Park.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve IDOT's BLR 05611 which is the Construction Engineering Service Agreement for Federal Participation between the City of Newton and Lee R. Beckman, P.E., P.L.S. Milano & Grunloh Engineers.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Resolution 15-13, Agreement between IDOT and City of Newton for Section 13-00047-00-SW. (Streetscape-Eagle Trail Phase III).

Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve the Joint Agreement, BLR 05310 Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation between the City of Newton and IDOT for Section 13-00047-00-SW. (Streetscape-Eagle Trail Phase III).

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize the payment for Dumpster Reimbursement of \$2218.80 for 504 Martin St., pending the availability of funds.

Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks

Nays: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

The Finance Committee met November 16 and reviewed the residential service code for refunding utility deposits for tenants. The code, as worded, serves the purpose it was designated to accomplish and variables to the code are not needed at this time. The Committee reviewed building permit and utility connection fees within the Enterprise Zone for

projects totaling \$10,000 or more. The Committee also discussed having the city engineer consult with GSI on storm water issues.

**STATEMENTS:**

Bloomberg congratulated the Newton Eagles for their wonderful season. The community supported them well. Reisner commented the leaf pickup worked well and will be ending soon. There will be a Wastewater Committee meeting Monday evening. Brooks commended the Water Department for getting a water leak fixed that required boring under the highway. Rubsam also congratulated the Eagles on a good football season.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be December 1, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Scheduled committee meetings: Insurance Committee Meeting November 23, 2015 with a Wastewater Committee meeting immediately following and Electric Committee Meeting 11-19-15.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, 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: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:27 PM.

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:28 PM.

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

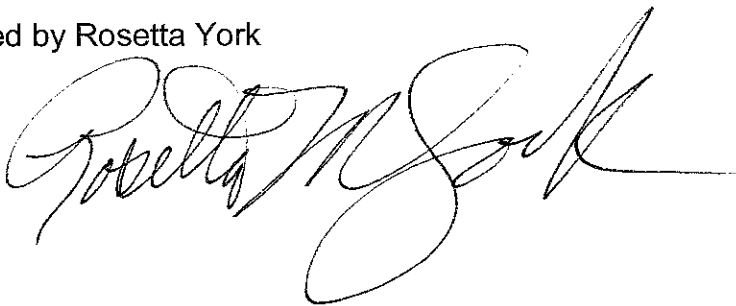
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**December 1, 2015**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Eric Blake.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, and Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize Osmose to do the electric pole inspection, for less than \$15,000.00.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to authorize Change Order #2 on the Brookside Xander's Addition/City Square Project Contract with B & T Drainage, Inc. to make wastewater system improvements in the amount of \$214,000 and with an estimated engineering cost of \$30,000 using RLF monies.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Olney, City of Newton, Village of Ste. Marie, County of Richland and County of Jasper.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to pass Ordinance 15-14 Ordinance Establishing an Enterprise Zone within the City of Newton.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve the Illinois Power Marketing Company (Dynegy) Agreement with the City for wholesale power rates and contract period of January 1, 2019 to May 31, 2021.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve and authorize allowing Connor & Connor with SCIRPDC to proceed with grant application for S. Van Buren water main upgrade with a \$5.00 water credit for only the targeted area being surveyed if their survey is completed and returned.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to authorize and approve Illinois Public Risk Fund Worker Compensation Insurance premium for \$37,104. (7.3% decrease from last year)

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to authorize and approve HCC Public Risk Policy (property and liability) premium of \$77,523.00.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize dumpster reimbursement for 303 E. Marion St. for \$1,802.95, subject to the approval of the Code Official and pending availability of funds.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Brown: the Electric Committee met Nov. 19 with Dynegy and BHMG to discuss the rate and duration of the Dynegy contract for power, the substation study, pole inspection, streetscape, boys and girls park project estimates, pole replacement on Jackson St, grade school electric service improvements for 2020 and upgrades to circuits C & D in 2020.

Rubsam: the Insurance Committee met with Burnham and Flower Insurance Group and Farley Insurance Nov. 23 to discuss the City property, liability and work comp insurance renewal packet. Safety equipment can be purchased with accumulated Dividend Risk Program funds.

Reisner: The Wastewater Committee met Nov. 23 and discussed revamping the water street lift station and discussed redoing digesters at the treatment plant.

Brooks: The Water Committee also met Nov. 23 and discussed a water line replacement for South Van Buren St., an easement for water, and a soft water request.

Bloomberg: JEDI met Dec. 1 with Alan Bogardus from Dynegy and heard a report regarding Dynegy's business environment. Updates were given by Jasper Unit I, Ken Larimore the CED Extension Educator and Newton's Mayor Bolander.

#### **STATEMENTS:**

Brooks commented on how nice the City looks with the Christmas lights. Reisner inquired on the procedure for sidewalk replacement. Bloomberg reported he talked with EJ Water about the availability of a drone for photography.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be December 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM. Scheduled committee meeting, Personnel Dec. 2, 2015 with Ochs Meats catering.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation and purchase of real estate pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:35 PM. Brown left at 6:47 PM.

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:53 PM.

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

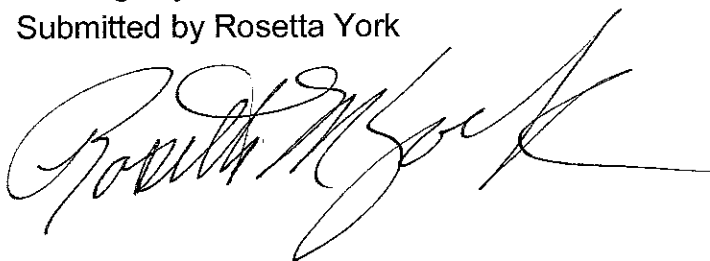
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**December 15, 2015**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Steve Rubsam.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake

Absent: Larry Brooks, Scott Bloomberg

Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York.

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$199,547.59 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 \$69,030.54.

Reisner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Reisner, to approve Ordinance 15-15 Annual Tax Levy.

Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to abate the taxes for the aquatic center for the tax levy year 2015.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Rubsam: The Personnel Committee met Dec. 2, 2015 for updates from each department.

Rubsam: The Finance Committee met December 14, 2015 for a presentation from Bev Gorrell, Area Technician with the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, 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 and safety issues, such as furnace, water heater, insulation, windows and leaking roof. Ms. Gorrell will visit the applicant in their home and assist with the application or she can be contacted at 2701 S. Banker, Suite 103A, Effingham, Illinois. For more information, contact City Hall.

Brown: EMA Committee had a joint meeting with the County December 9 to discuss the EMA director position, salaries, budget, quarterly EMA meetings, emergency response vehicle and appreciation to the EMA members. Ed Francis has accepted the EMA director position.

**STATEMENTS:**

Rubsam: The square looks good with the Christmas decorations. Thank you to the City employees for keeping the lights on.

Brown: A cable TV account representative will be contacted concerning issues in Newton.

Reisner: The Indiana Railroad sent a report that 370 children and a total of 730 people visited the Santa train in Newton this year. The Police Department is receiving a grant from the Heath Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for computers for the police cars. Thank you to the Foundation.

Blake gave the animal control report.

City Treasurer Brooks requested an appropriation change.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Blake, to make the following appropriation changes in the electric accounts: move \$2,000 from Contingency to Office Supplies.

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

Shannon Woodard and John Stone were in attendance and commended the City on the facilities that have been upgraded in recent years. The purchase order for the lift station upgrade has been signed and work will begin soon. Stone is studying the drainage issue for the south part of town and will have a report in January.

Mayor Bolander reported Ken Larimore is working on the Enterprise Zone application. It is a strong application. The CDAP housing grant project is progressing. The CEO Club has invited the council to an open house on December 22. The City's water system has been nominated for the Illinois Rural Water System of the year. The winner will be announced in February.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be January 5, 2016. Scheduled committee meetings: Police Committee 12-16-15 and JEDI 1-5-16.

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, personnel and sale of real estate pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Alderman Blake left the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Open session suspended at 6:40 PM.

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Mayor Bolander

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:00 PM.

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

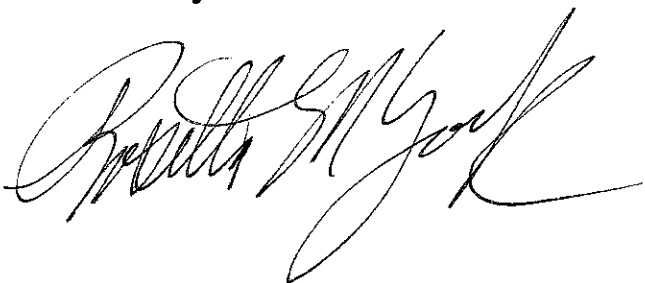
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Rubsam, Mayor Bolander

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL  
December 16, 2015 at 5:19 PM**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Robert Reisner.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake

Absent: Larry Brooks, Scott Bloomberg

Also present: Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2015 meeting of the Newton City Council

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

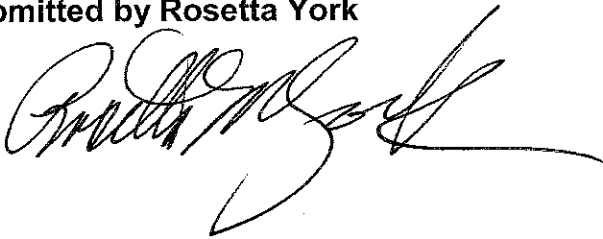
Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Reisner, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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