



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

February 2, 2021

PLEASE BRING YOUR MASKS

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor
Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Robert Reisner.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Robert Reisner.
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Robert Reisner and Marlene Harris
Absent: Larry Brooks and Eric Blake
Also present: Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Add to #6 Amber Volk and add to #11 an Insurance Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 5:30 PM
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to adopt the amended agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Reisner, Harris
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of January 19, 2021
Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: John Stone and Shannon Woodard from Connor & Connor to give updates on all the projects that they are working on for the City.

Amber Volk: JEDI had their Annual Celebration today on a Zoom Conference. The first JEDITalk Speaker was Bill Teichmiller CEO of EJ Water Cooperative, Inc. The JEDITalk videos are going to be put on the JEDI web site. David Koechner announced the winner of the Economic Business of the Year by video. The winner was Nucor Skyline Steel LLC. She read the 2020 JEDI Totals.

2020 JEDI Totals
TIF = 10 Parcels / Totals = \$206,398
Enterprise Zone = 2 Projects / Totals = \$33,291.40
Vistra Energy: Newton Power Plant
Pandemic Relief Grant = 10 Businesses/Totals=\$15,000
Rotary Grants = 4 Businesses / Totals = \$3,000
Downstate Small Business Stabilization
State Grant = 1 Business / Totals = \$8,600
\$266,289.40
1 Full & 6 Part Time New Jobs

Shannon Woodard:

- 1. Sarah Bush Clinic sewer line is completed, but has not been tested. Testing is supposed to be tomorrow.
2. The City has received the Liberty St. grant to upgrade the watermain. SCRIPDC was doing the environmental process application. The State lost the original surveys for the grant which slowed the progress on the environmental approval. Once the grant agreement is received, approved and signed, the bidding process will start.
3. The 5-year Plans are close to being completed. Then committee meetings will need to be called.
4. City Hall renovation plans are close to being finalized. The project could be bid in March, but the prices of construction materials are still pretty high.
5. The 4-inch water line which goes under the railroad on West End Ave. They have applied for a boring permit under railroad.

John Stone:

- 1. Working on north and south alley on the 100 block between S. Jackson St. and Lafayette St.
2. Preparing the survey work on the ground west of Newton recently purchased.
3. Mayor asking about Connor & Connor helping with the compliance letter for a USDA Grant that Newton PD is applying to get.



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7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Consider and act on hiring an employee in the Electric Department, effective February 9, 2021.

Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Reisner, to authorize hiring Alden J. (AJ) Schafer in the Electric Department, effective February 9, 2021.

Ayes: Reisner, Harris, Glumac, Brown

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINESS: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Glumac-Electric Committee 1-25-21:

- 1. The committee went into Executive Session to discuss personnel.
2. The committee came out of Executive Session and adjourned at 6:37 PM

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Harris: Thank you to the St. Thomas kids for their cards.

Reisner: Thank you to the St. Thomas kids for their cards. Peter Ray from INRR requested Newton to think about closing another crossing.

Brown: No Comments

Glumac: My thoughts and prayers go out to the Leachman family.

City Treasurer: No Comments

City Clerk: No Comments

Mayor:

- 1. At a Rotary Meeting, Team of Mercy Support Group asked him to pass these fliers out.

Team of Mercy Newton IL Support Group is putting on a Youth Mental Health First Aid Class at New Beginnings Church, Newton March 6th, 2021 8:00am-12:30pm

To register go to carle.org/mhfa
Registration closes Feb 20

Contact Leslie Shan for questions
618-392-1486

If your organization would like to register more than one person and pay for multiple people, please contact Leslie

This is a support group to help parents that have lost a small child.

- 2. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Leachman family.
3. Thank you to the St. Thomas kids for their cards.
4. Congratulations to Economic Business of the Year winner Nucor Skyline Steel LLC.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Insurance Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 5:30 PM

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

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate and purchase

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of real estate pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:33 PM

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

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Reisner, Harris

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:49 PM.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Harris, Glumac

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York