

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Negotiations Committee Monday, January 6, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

Committee will go into closed session to discuss contract negotiation issues pertaining to the Laborers' International Union employees.

**Negotiation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2014, 6:00 PM**

Present: Mark Bolander, Connie Tate, Scott Bloomberg, Robert Reisner, Rick Lindemann, Jeff Ford

Negotiation Committee went into closed session to discuss negotiations with city employees. Motion made by Lindemann and seconded by Bloomberg.

Jeff Ford, Negotiation Committee Chairman

## **NOTICE**

There will be a joint meeting of Streets & Alleys Committee and Water and Wastewater Committee Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

### Agenda:

1. Meet with the residents of Xanders Addition and the public to discuss the proposed annexation of the Xanders sub-division.
2. Discuss other department-related matters

### **Joint Streets & Alleys, Water and Wastewater Committees Meeting Minutes January 9, 2014, 6:05 PM – 7:00 PM**

Present: Mark Bolander, Gib Woods, Carolyn Woods, Marcella Whalen, Rosetta York, David Stankus, Connie Marshall, Larry Dorn, Robert Reisner, David Brown, Carl Baker, Max Tedford, Alice Williams, Stephanie Pasero, Pete Pasero, Jon Utley, Jackie Utley, Glenn Frichtl, Judi Frichtl, Lucas Bolander, Darlene Kinder, Jerry Kinder, Rick Lindemann, Shannon Woodard

Shannon talked about the grant money that we went after, but we did not qualify.

City is still interested in running sewer and water mains. Residents would pay for their service lines.

We looked at the layout for new proposed water and sewer mains.

Discussed voluntary annexation process.

Discussed the positives and negatives.

We heard comments and tried to answer all questions.

We agreed to draw up agreements and send them out for everyone to read.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Mark Bolander

AGENDA  
Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

**Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 1:15 P.M.**

**County Board Meeting Room**  
204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, motion passed.
4. Annual Election of JEDI Officers and Board Members/terms
  - JEDI Officers**
  - Scott Bierman, Chairman
  - Scott Bloomberg, Vice Chairman
  - Travis Farley, Secretary
  - Brett Lessley, Treasurer
  - JEDI Board of Directors**
  - Scott Bierman
  - Scott Bloomberg
  - Rhonda Kuenstler
  - Brett Lessley
  - Mark Bolander
  - Larry Brooks
  - Brian Leffler
  - Ed Mitchell
  - Joe Bierman
  - Travis Farley
  - Ed Webb
  - Mark Hartrich
  - Dan Cox, School Superintendent
  - Mareah Volk, NCHS Student Representative
  - Lucas Huston, NCHS Student Representative
5. **GUEST SPEAKER: Theresa Rutherford, Executive Director, St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital**
6. Monthly Updates
  - a. Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator
  - b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton
  - c. Ed Mitchell, Jasper County Board Chairman
  - d. Dan Cox, Superintendent of Schools
7. Annual Celebration Update-February 5, 2014
8. Other
9. Motion to close meeting made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, and motion passed.

**Jasper County Economic Development, Inc. (JEDI)**  
**Meeting Minutes**

JEDI held a meeting open to the public on January 14, 2014 (originally scheduled for January 7, 2014, but cancelled because of weather conditions) at 1:15 p.m. in the Jasper County Board room located at 204 W. Washington St. in Newton, IL.

**Present:** Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Travis Farley, Brett Lessley, Mark Bolander, Brian Leffler, Ed Mitchell, Mark Hartrich, Dan Cox, Mareah Volk, and Lucas Huston, Rachelle Hollinshead, Mindy Hartke, Louis Ochs, Bill Weber, Theresa Rutherford, Terriann Tharp, Ken Larimore and Mike Hall.

1. Meeting called to order at 1:22 p.m. by Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Scott Bierman requested amendments to the meeting agenda. Being none, Scott Bloomberg made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ed Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Scott Bierman requested amendments to December's meeting minutes. Being none, Mark Bolander made a motion to approve December's meeting minutes as presented. Scott Bloomberg seconded. The motion pass unanimously.
4. **Theresa Rutherford, CEO and President of St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital, Presentation**
  - a. Theresa updated the group on the present status of St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital.
    - i. The hospital has 146 beds with a workforce of approximately 830 employees.
    - ii. St. Anthony's medical staff represents over 70 local physicians in 26 specialties.
    - iii. Patients of the hospital may be selected to receive a survey after treatment as part of the hospital's effort to improve the quality of care.
  - b. The hospital is holding a Community Town Hall on January 22, 2014 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium. Theresa will begin the program with a short presentation about the hospital's current status and future plans, particularly pertaining to health care reform.
5. **Ken Larimore's Monthly Update**
  - a. The goal for 2014 monthly JEDI meetings is to alternate between having a quest speaker and touring a local business.
  - b. The board of the Jasper County School District's CEO Class continues to develop the program. The board is currently reviewing student applications for participation in the course for the 2014/2015 academic year.
6. **Mark Bolander's Monthly Update**
  - a. A meeting was held to gather input for Phase II of the Eagle Trails project. This phase involves a \$1 million investment to upgrade sidewalks, lighting, etc. around the outside of the square in Newton and on both sides of Van Buren St. beginning at the square going south to Reynolds St.
  - b. Jasper County's sales tax rate is presently 6.25%. The residents of Effingham County will vote on whether or not to increase their sales tax rate to 7.50%.

**7. Ed Mitchell Monthly Update**

- a. The Jasper County Board of Review is in session this month to hear from Jasper County property owners about assessed values for real estate taxes. Contact the Jasper County Assessor's office for meeting dates and times.
8. JEDI will hold its Annual Celebration on February 5, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at Joe's Italian Foods & Pizza in Newton. All JEDI members are invited to attend and encouraged to bring a guest. RSVP to Ken (klarimor@illinois.edu, 618-783-3409). The guest speaker will be Craig Lindvahl from the Effingham CEO Class. At 2:30 p.m., Scott Bloomberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian Leffler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.  
Travis Farley

## **NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Negotiations Committee Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 6:30 PM (immediately following the Police Committee meeting) in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

### Agenda:

Committee will go into closed session to meet and discuss issues with the Laborers' International Union representatives

In open session...discuss other department-related matters

### **Negotiations Committee**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 14, 2014**

**6:50 PM – 7:35 PM**

Present: Mark Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Scott Bloomberg, Matt Tarr, Kathy Hayes, Tyler Weber, Michael Schackmann, Brett Benefiel, Josh Ochs, Jeff Ford, Joe Hill, David Brown

Bloomberg made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Bolander, to meet with and discuss issues with Laborer's International representatives.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Jeff Ford, Chairman

## **NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Police Committee Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

### Agenda:

Committee will go into closed session to interview applicants for the part-time police officer position

In open session...discuss other department-related matters

### **Police Committee Meeting Minutes January 14, 2014 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM**

Present: Scott Bloomberg, David Brown, Jeff Ford, Mark Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Mike Swick

Bloomberg made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Lindemann, to interview applicants for a part-time police officer position.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Jeff Ford, Chairman

NOTICE

There will be a joint meeting of the Streets & Alleys, Electric, Water and Wastewater Committees Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

Discuss the general scope of streetscape project with Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers

**City of Newton Sidewalk Beautification  
Meeting Notes  
January 14, 2014, 9:00 AM**

Attendees:

Lee Beckman	Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC
Ken Larimore	Community & Economic Development Extension
Ken Albrecht	Zoning Chairman
Raymond Reynolds	City of Newton Elect.
Verbal Blakey	Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende (BHMG)
Lori Fagen (Donsbach)	
Matt Tarr	City of Newton Elect.
Larry Short	City Council
Dan Cox – Superintendent	JCCU #1
Carl Baker	Water Dept.
Suzie McCann	Chamber
Jeff Ford	City Council
Larry Casey	Tourism Council
Dick Grogg	Tourism Council
Joe Stoops	City of Newton Street
Mark Bolander	City of Newton
Larry Dorn	City Wastewater
Connie Tate	City Treasurer
Melissa Brooks	City Treasurer’s office
Sarah Coleman	We Choose Health
Sarah Weiler	Chamber
Scott Bierman	Jasper Jobs Inc.

The utility poles in the project area were discussed. Should the utility poles be removed or left?  
Can the grant pay for the utility poles to be relocated?

The trees in the project area were discussed.  
Should any trees be removed on right-of-way?

The general concept of the project was discussed from the bridge south to the grade school.  
All sidewalks in the project area must be ADA compliant.

From the bridge south to the square on the west side, the general concept will be sidewalk, lighting, and a boulevard of red stenciled concrete.



The east side will mainly be lighting and potentially boulevard. The area by the water plant is all new and the area in front of city hall may have restrictions due to ADA compliance. Around the square, all non-ADA compliant area will be replaced and lighting will be added going South to the grade school west. The area on the west side, north of the railroad tracks will have a retaining wall on the west side. The sidewalk is bank. This area will have lighting and colored boulevard. South of the track the sidewalk will be replaced with a boulevard possibly. There are restrictions due to the existing right-of-way. On the east side north of the grade school, there is a house that is on the historical register.

Mark gave an overview of all phases of Eagle Trails.

The construction of Phase I including the bridge was discussed.

The schedule was discussed. Once the project is environmentally cleared (PEI), design (PEII) will be done. Construction will likely be in 2015.

The county has a line from the jail, to the court house, to the county annex that is overhead that needs to be maintained.

Interference with utilities was discussed. Since the project is mainly sidewalk there should be minimal interference. The light pole foundations will potentially have the biggest conflict with utilities.

The source of lighting materials was discussed. If local suppliers are to be utilized, they have to be IDOT approved.

The existing electrical in the project area was discussed. There are 3 zones of electrical – around the square, northern and southern. Southern is more difficult with a substation to relocate.

Verbal Blakey will get Milano & Grunloh all of the existing electrical demand around the square. A general discussion of potential items to add to the grant project was discussed by Sara Weiler. Ken discussed lighting he worked on for previous projects and introduced Sara Weiler. She discussed previous grants she worked on and the potential for grants in the future to add to Eagle Trails.

The 20% leverage for the Phase II project was discussed. The city is working on using in-kind funds from Phase I and possibly MFT, TIF or other funds.

Lee Beckman provided this report.

## **NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Dues and Donations Committee Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 5:15 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

- Discuss dues and donations for 2014
- Other department-related matters

**Dues and Donations Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2014  
5:15 PM – 5:20 PM**

Present: Mark Bolander, Jeff Ford, Connie Tate, Melissa Brooks, David Brown

Committee met to discuss the amount that would be allotted for dues and donations. It was the agreed that the amount for 2013-2014 fiscal year would be \$5,000.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM

Jeff Ford, Acting Chairman

## NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

Discuss utility billing program  
Other department-related matters

**Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2014  
5:30 PM – 5:55 PM**

Present: David Brown, Mark Bolander, Rosetta York, Jeff Ford, Melissa Brooks, Connie Tate, Alice Addis, Kathy Hayes

Committee met to discuss the billing program for utility billing. The committee agreed to continue using the Sioux Falls software and discontinue the conversion to the Fundbalance software due to many inaccuracies with the Fundbalance software.

Mayor Bolander had talked with Ed Mitchell concerning getting reimbursed for the tag fees for 2013 which the animal control official had collected.

Brad Benefiel received information for pre-made restrooms for the park. He had an estimate of \$38,000. Brown will schedule a Parks meeting and Brad will look into getting proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM

Jeff Ford, Acting Chairman

## **NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Negotiations Committee Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

### Agenda:

Committee will go into closed session to meet and discuss issues with the Laborers' International Union representatives

In open session...discuss other department-related matters

### **Negotiations Committee Meeting Minutes January 23, 2014 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

Present: Mark Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Jeff Ford, David Brown, Brad Benefiel, Joe Hill, Matt Tarr, Adam Painter, P. J. Bergbower, Brent Benefiel, Josh Ochs, Rachel McVicar, Donna Watkins, Sean Inyart, Michael Schackmann, Tyler Weber, Kathy Hayes

Bolander made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Bloomberg, to meet with City union on negotiations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Jeff Ford, Chairman

## **NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Negotiations Committee Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

Committee will go into closed session to meet and discuss issues with the Laborers' International Union representatives

In open session...discuss other department-related matters

**The Negotiations Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2014  
6:00 PM – 8:15 PM**

Present: Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Robert Reisner, Jeff Ford, Larry Short, Rick Lindemann, David Brown, Joe Hill, Matt Tarr, Donna Watkins, Kathy Hays

The committee went into closed session to meet and have contract negotiations with the Laborers International Union Representatives.

Closed session ended @ 8:10 PM

Larry Short assumed the chair of the Negotiations committee by default.

The Negotiations committee will meet with the Union representatives again on Thursday February 6 at 6PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Larry Short, Committee Chairman

AGENDA  
Jasper Economic Development Incorporated JEDI

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2013, 11:30 A.M.**

**\*\*\*\*Special Date\*\*\*\***

**Lunch is "Dutch Treat"**

**Joe's Italian Foods and Pizza Restaurant**

**113 S. Jackson St.**

**Newton IL**

1. Call to order: Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Introduction of special guests: Ken Larimore
3. Announcement of Economic Development Person of the Year: Bill Weber
4. State of the County: Ed Mitchell
5. State of JEDI: Ken Larimore, Extension CED Educator
6. State of the City of Newton: Mark Bolander
7. State of Unit 1 Schools: Dan Cox
8. Introduction of CEO speaker, Craig Lindvahl: Dan Cox
9. Motion to close meeting made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, and motion passed.

**Jasper County Economic Development, Inc. (JEDI)**

**Annual Celebration**

**Meeting Minutes**

JEDI held its Annual Celebration on February 5, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at Joe's Italian Foods & Pizza in Newton, IL.

9. Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Chairman Scott Bierman.
10. Ken Larimore opened the program by introducing guests. He also announced that Brock Mammoser and Natalie White have been selected as JEDI's student representatives.
11. Bill Weber presented Ed Mitchell with the Economic Person of the Year award.
12. Ed Mitchell updated the group on the status of the County of Jasper. He spoke of multiple road and bridge improvements made to county roads. A 2014 goal for the county is to have property tax bills and records available online. Ed also commended on the work of the County Highway Department and area farmers for their efforts in the early January snow storm.
13. Ken Larimore updated the audience on JEDI projects.
14. Mark Bolander shared the City of Newton's progress over the past 12 months, including the opening of Cobblestone Hotel & Suites, the addition to the Schilling Brothers building, and several other accomplishments.

15. Dan Cox provided an update on the school district. He discussed the new CEO class (Jasper CEO) that will begin in the 2014/2015 academic year.

16. The Annual Celebration concluded with a presentation from Craig Lindvahl from the Midland Institute. Craig taught the CEO class in Effingham and shared his enthusiasm for Jasper CEO. He introduced Amy Tarr, the Jasper CEO instructor.

The meeting concluded at 1:15 p.m.

Submitted by Travis Farley

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### Agenda:

Committee will go into closed session to meet and discuss issues with the Laborers' International Union representatives  
In open session...discuss other department-related matters

**Negotiations Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Feb. 6, 2014  
6:00PM – 8:08 PM**

The negotiations committee met on 2/6/2014 at 6PM. and went into closed session for further contract negotiations with the laborers international union.

Those present were:

Mark Bolander  
Larry Short  
Sean Inyart  
Rick Lindemann  
Kathy Hays  
Tyler Weber  
Adam Painter  
Matt Tarr  
Joe Hill  
Donna Watkins  
Josh Ochs  
Brent Benefiel  
PJ Bergbower

The committee went into closed session for further contract negotiations with the laborers international union.

Closed session ended at 8PM.

The Union and city have a tentative agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Larry Short



## **NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Negotiations Committee Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

1. Finalize negotiations with the union
2. Other related matters

### **Negotiations Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014 @ 5:30 PM**

Those present were:

Mark Bolander  
Harold Bolander  
Robert Reisner  
Jeff Ford  
Larry Short  
Rick Lindemann  
David Brown  
Joe Hill  
Matt Tarr  
Kathy Hayes

The committee went into closed session to meet and conclude contract negotiations with the Laborers' International Union Representatives.

Closed session ended @ 6:15 PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM

Larry Short

## **NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Dues and Donations Committee Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

- Discuss dues and donations applications
- Discuss other department-related matters

**Dues and Donations Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Feb. 12, 2014 at 6:00 PM**

Present: Rick Lindemann, David Brown

The dues and donations committee met 2-12-14 at 6 PM. and discussed recipients and dollar amounts for each.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Rick Lindemann, Committee Chair

AGENDA  
Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

**Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 1:15 P.M.**

**\*SPECIAL MEETING PLACE-NEWTON GSI FACILITY**  
**Meet at GSI**

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, motion passed.
4. **TOUR NEWTON GSI FACILITY**
5. Monthly Updates
6. Next meeting-Guest speakers from Workforce Investment Area 23
7. Other
8. Motion to close meeting made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, and motion passed.

MINUTES  
Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

**Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 1:15 P.M.**

SPECIAL MEETING PLACE-NEWTON GSI FACILITY

**Present:** Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Brett Lessley, Mark Bolander, Joe Bierman, Dan Cox, Mark Hartrich, Mareah Volk, Lucas Huston, Brock Mammoser, Natalie White, Ed Webb, Ed Mitchell, Tom Brown, Louis Ochs, Mark Dougherty, Mike Hall (Congressmen Shimkus office), Howard Atkinson, Debbie Overoyen, Rachelle Hollinshead, Mindy Hartke and Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve agenda made by Scott Bloomberg, second by, Mark Bolander, motion passed.
4. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Ed Webb, second by Joe Bierman, motion passed.
5. **Daniel Weber, GSI Plant Manager presentation and tour:**  
Daniel gave a very informative presentation on GSI and a thorough tour of the plant. GSI has been owned by Agco based in Georgia since 2011. Agco is a great owner and good fit for GSI. The other GSI plants in Illinois are in Assumption, Paris, Flora, and Taylorville. There are other GSI plants throughout the country and internationally. They have plants in Canada, Brazil, China, Malaysia, South America, Mexico, and a new one in Hungary. The 131,000 square foot Newton facility produces portable dryers that are shipped all over the

world. There are 140 employees at Newton. We then had a tour of the production floor. Looks like a nice, clean, environment with a lot of high-tech equipment.

<http://www.agcocorp.com>

<http://www.agcocorp.com/gsi-supports-efficiency.aspx>

**6. Mayor Bolander updated on local projects.**

**7. Ed Mitchell updated from the county.**

**8. Dan Cox gave the update from the Jasper County School District.**

- a. Dan mentioned a trade show program March 17.
9. Motion to close meeting made by Mark Bolander, second by Ed Mitchell, motion passed unanimously.

Supporting Links:

- A. <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cefj>
- B. <http://www.cusd1.jasper.k12.il.us>
- C. <http://www.cityofnewtonil.com/index.htm>
- D. <http://www.dynegy.com>
- E. <http://jaspercountyillinois.org>
- F. <http://www.fiveaprilscrossing.com/about.html>
- G. <http://effinghamceo.com>
- H. <http://crawfordcountyceo.com>

**Attachment for additional GSI information**

\*Minutes prepared by Ken Larimore

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March 10, 2014

## NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Streets & Alleys Committee and Water and Wastewater Committee Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

### Agenda:

1. Meet with the residents of Brookside/Xanders Addition to discuss the proposed annexation of the Addition to the City of Newton
2. Discuss other department-related matters

### **Joint meeting of Streets & Alleys, Water and Wastewater Committees Meeting Minutes March 13, 2014, 6:30 PM**

### Present:

David Stankus, Charles Wallace, Carl Baker, Fern Read, Connie Marshall, Pete & Stephanie Pasero, Joe Stoops (left at 6:40), Alice Williams, Glenn & Judi Frichtl, Shannon Woodard, Gib Woods, Carolyn Woods, Richard L. Miller, Tom Hannaman, Eric Blake, David Brown, Jon and Jackie Utley, Max Tedford

Pete Pasero called to order at 6:30 PM.

Discussed fire protection (should be improved with new water line)

Discussed Police Dept.

Discussed cost for citizens on-line installs

Discussed location of water and sewer lines

Discussed tap-in fee (water – no, sewer – yes) \$250 fee for new connections on sewer (Gib Woods) but waived deposit

3 year tax (city) progression to 5 year tax progression (Gib Woods)

Concerns of road closures during project

Discussed tax increases after annexation

Max – April 1<sup>st</sup> agenda for City Council (Max Tedford)

Minutes provided by: Eric Blake

March 10, 2014

**NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Wastewater Committee Monday, March 17, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

Discuss variable frequency motors

Discuss other department-related matters

**Wastewater Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 17, 2014  
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

Present: Robert Reisner, Larry Dorn, Raymond Reynolds, David Brown, Rick Lindemann

Discuss variable frequency motors: does away with soft starts on three blower motors.

Total cost for the three blower motors \$18,708.00.

Payback in energy cost 3.753 years or \$4,985.00 per year.

We had one soft start go bad. \$3,000.00 to repair or replace.

Going to change out main disconnect box on Second Street lift station.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Robert Reisner

March 20, 2014

**NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee Monday, March 31, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

- Discuss community garden. Dr. Albrecht will give an overview on the concept.
- Discuss other department-related matters

**Buildings & Grounds Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 31, 2014  
5:30 PM – 5:45 PM**

Present: Robert Reisner, Scott Bloomberg, Rick Lindemann, Ken Albrecht, Mark Bolander, Brad Benefiel, David Brown

Water issue for the garden - will currently use the honor system. If this doesn't work, plan B will be started.

Talked about community garden...7 plots on the books

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

Scott Bloomberg, Chairman



## **NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Police Committee Monday, March 31, 2014 at 5:45 PM (immediately following the Buildings and Grounds Committee) in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

- Street load limits
- K-9 update
- Budget
- Nuisances
- Discuss other Police Department related matters

### **Police Committee Meeting Minutes 3-31-2014 5:45PM**

Scott Bloomberg Mike Swick Mark Bolander David Brown Larry Brooks Rick Lindemann  
Robert Reisner Ron Heltsley

Committee discussed: Update on the K-9 unit

New State Of Illinois law (Statute) regarding neighborhood vehicles and street crossing will have to be adopted into the city ordinance.

Street Load limit ordinance was talked about. Look into adopting over-weight bond limit to be added to city ordinance.

ILEAS a new mutual aid agreement has been drafted and should be put on the agenda for the next City Council meeting for adoption. Last update was approximately 10 yrs ago.

Survey was completed on the North South Alley between Lots 3-4. Located in block 6 of Bowman's addition. Survey shows a trailer on the City Alley. Notice to vacate will be drawn up. Committee recommended NO dumpster reimbursement for 208 E Decatur.

Chief Swick has identified at least four properties that have structures that have violations to the property maintenance code and need removal. Will go out for bids to get this completed. The committee decided to suspend dumpster reimbursement for private property cleanup.

The Police Budget was discussed. The PD will need to replace some computers. Two for squad cars and 2 desktop.

The committee talked about adopting a City Ordinance for traffic violations that would allow payment to be completed at City Hall.

Scott Bloomberg, Chairman

AGENDA  
Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

**Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 1:15 P.M.**

**County Board Meeting Room**  
204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, motion passed.
4. Special guest speakers. Workforce Investment Area 23 (WIA 23) staff members Kevin Pierce and Robin Kralman will discuss programs to help fund training for employees.
5. Monthly Updates
  - a. Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator
  - b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton
  - c. Ed Mitchell, Jasper County Board Chairman
  - d. Dan Cox, Superintendent of Schools
6. Comments from all those attending the meeting.
7. Other
8. Motion to close meeting made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, and motion passed.

**Jasper County Economic Development, Inc. (JEDI)  
Meeting Minutes**

JEDI held a meeting open to the public on April 1, 2014 at 1:15 p.m. in the Jasper County Board room located at 204 W. Washington St. in Newton, IL.

**Present:** Scott Bierman, Ken Larimore, Ed Mitchell, Scott Bloomberg, Brett Lessley, Debbie Overoyen, Travis Farley, Mark Bolander, Tom Brown, Louis Ochs, Mike Hall, Rachelle Hollinshead, Lucas Huston, and Mareah Volk.

Meeting called to order at 1:20 p.m. by Chairman Scott Bierman.

**Local Workforce Investment Area 23**

- a. Kevin Pierce, Business Services Representative for the Local Workforce Investment Area 23, explained the employment services offered through Workforce. Alongside him, Elaine Nuding, Workforce Supervisor for C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation, described two programs:
  - i. Youth Training and Education Program: helps young adults enter the workforce
  - ii. Adult Dislocated Worker Program: assists those unemployed as a result of a business closing transition to other employment

**Ken Larimore's Monthly Update**

- b. Evapco continues to thrive. Their employment count has increased from 25 to 42 employees over the past few years.

**Mark Bolander's Monthly Update**

- c. The University of Illinois Extension and Newton Community High School are holding a Welcome to the Real World program for high school sophomores.
- d. Community leaders are exploring creating a business incubator program to support the development of entrepreneurial companies.
- e. Eagle Trails is progressing with A.J. Walker Construction winning the bid for general contractor.

**Ed Mitchell Monthly Update**

- f. There are multiple road and bridge improvement projects scheduled throughout the county in 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

JEDI Secretary: Travis Farley

## NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

### Agenda:

1. Utility bill concerns
2. Department head wages
3. Part-time wages
4. Treasurer Contract
5. Other Finance Department related matters

**Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 3, 2014  
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

Present: Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Harold Bolander, Alicoe Addis, Mark Bolander, Robert Reisner, Rick Lindemann

Utility bills for this winter were discussed. Because of the harsh winter, water meters could not always be read. For that reason, water had to be estimated. Now that they can be read, some are high because of not being read. The City has a Budget plan in place is customers so need or want.

Alice reported, the city computers are windows XP and will need to e replaced with computers that are windows 7 compatible. A quote of \$939 per computer was presented. Alice was asked to obtain more quotes to be considered. Six-plus computers will be needed.

Utilty rates were discussed. Water and electric rate will remain the same. Sewer rate will be raised by 5% for the next fiscal year.

Department Heads were discussed and will receive a \$.45 per hour raise. Part-time, Evelyn Dhom and Rosetta York will receive a \$.40 per hr. raise.

Other related matters discussed were: an Incubator Project, possibly in the old Worcester building.

The City's comprehensive plan was discussed. The Treasurer contract was also discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Larry Brooks, Finance Committee Chairman

## NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

1. Water main upgrades
2. Utility rates
3. Budgets
4. Other Finance Department related matters

**Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2014  
5:30 – 6:40 PM**

Present: Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Robert Reisner, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Alice Addis

Water main upgrades around the outside of the square were discussed, to be done at a future date.

Utility rates were discussed, electric and water will remain the same, sewer rates will raise by 5% after May 1.

City budget was discussed. The budget is balanced and will be voted on at the April 15 council meeting.

Computer upgrades were discussed. City computers will need to be replaced for newer upgrades of Windows 7 and hardware installed. Alice of the Clerk's office will be seeking quotes for this. Some city codes were discussed and will be reviewed in the future.

The Committee discussed the contract for City Treasurer and the contract will be presented at the April 15 council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

Larry Brooks, Finance Chairman

Approved minutes:

IMLRMA (Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association)/Newton Safety Committee Meeting  
April 23, 2014, 9:30 AM

Present: Jim Closson (IMLRMA), Melissa Brooks, Brad Benefiel, Larry Dorn, Joie Stoops, Carl Baker,  
Raymond Reynolds, Alice Addis

Mr. Closson called the meeting to order.

Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Benefiel, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2014 meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Website resources are always available with new information made available in articles and videos. By June 30 there will be new videos. The IML Review magazines are archived on the website. There is a vehicle liability article in the May issue written by Closson. He wants all department heads to see it. There are Weekly Safety Wisdoms and calendars on the IMLRMA's website...<http://www.imlrma.org/>

2014 Claims review: \$15,600 for the control panel for the lift station. The driver of the vehicle has insurance which will pay for these damages.

A report has been filed by the Electric Department for a possible claim on Hickory Drive due to low voltage. At this time a claim has not been filed.

There was a lightning strike on a water well. Sometimes motors go bad later, after a strike, so a report was filed by the Electric Department.

A city tree fell on the personal property of Jack Stuckey. \$500 has been reserved for this claim. Unless the tree was identified as needing to be removed and was removed, a claim will probably not be paid. The City may want to consider the min/max program when the insurance is renewed the first part of November. A loss fund is set. This could save the city \$15,000 to \$20,000 in premiums.

Dept. of Labor inspections: Fines generally are not imposed unless directions are not followed after the inspection.

Written plans: there are eight plans that need to be written. Closson will provide a disc with plans that can be adapted to Newton's needs. (confined space, trenching, blood-borne pathogens, respiratory, lockout/tagout, Hazcom, emergency action plan and PPE )

When a surprise inspection is initiated, the Mayor is contacted first, then the Risk Management Coordinator, then the Department Heads. The inspector is very interested in the written plans, document trails, agenda and minutes of safety meetings, five years of OSHA logs, etc.

Police officers' staff meeting – need to have an hour-long training with the police department. Closson will contact Chief Swick.

Public works training needed: Closson will find out about flagger training in this area. In 2015 all current flaggers will need additional training. Four City of Newton employees need the initial flagger training. It

is recommended to have written plans in place prior to the training. A training will be scheduled for March 2015.

Benefiel has been inspecting the parks regularly and documenting his findings. There is one camera in the park and several cameras at the pool. Chief Swick has a signed contract for the firing range to be used for a concealed carry class but no class has been scheduled.

Melissa Brooks has been appointed Risk Management Coordinator effective May 1, 2014. A renewal packet will be sent to Brooks in order to confirm the items covered with the IML insurance.

The new electric building should be constructed this year. With any new construction, the contractor must have a Builder's Risk Policy. IML insurance doesn't insure until the city takes possession of the completed building.

The pool opening is planned for Friday before Memorial Day...May 23, 2014. The lifeguards have completed Red Cross training. Cheryl Michl, Pool Manager, conducted a training session for all employees of the pool and batting cages last year and intends to do more training this year. Closson emphasized, private pool parties require extra attentiveness.

The next meeting will be July 23 at 9:30 AM for the IMLRMA Safety Committee. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM

Alice Addis, Recorder

## NOTICE

There will be a joint meeting of the Water, Electric, Wastewater and Finance Committees  
Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 5:15 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van  
Buren, Newton, Illinois.

### Agenda:

1. Discuss water and electric meters and meter reading
2. Other department-related matters

### **Water, Wastewater, Finance & Electric joint committee Meeting Minutes 4/24/14 05:17-06:10 pm**

#### In attendance:

Mark Bolander  
Alice Addis  
Carl Baker  
Raymond Reynolds  
Larry Dorn  
Melissa Brooks  
Evelyn Dhom  
Rick Lindemann  
David Brown

-The committee discussed water and electric meter reading and handheld devices to enter meter readings as well as remote/radio meter reading

-The committee decided to purchase 2 handhelds and 100 remote water meter transmitters for \$25,000.

-Evelyn Dhom gave the committee Ameren/Dinegy updates on to the “Dreaded Attachment B’s” and the agreement for them taking on Evelyn’s MISO transmission duties.

Adjourned at 6:10 PM

Rick Lindemann, Water Chairman



## NOTICE

There will be a joint meeting of the Streets & Alleys, Electric, Water and Wastewater Committees Friday, April 25, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois

### Agenda:

Discuss the ITEP streetscape project with Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers - schedules, utilities, etc.

**CITY OF NEWTON**  
**Street, Water, Wastewater, Electric Committees**  
**Streetscape**  
**MEETING NOTES**  
**APRIL 25, 2014**

### ATTENDEES:

Mark Bolander	City of Newton
Thomas H. Brown	SCRIP&DC
Lee Beckman	Milano & Grunloh Engineers
Ken Larimore	Community & Economic Development Educator
Larry D. Brooks	City of Newton
Melissa Brooks	City of Newton
Raymond Reynolds	Electric Department
Carl Baker	Water Department
Joe Stoops	Street Department
Larry Dorn	Wastewater Department
Alice Addis	City Collector
Chris Parr	JCCU #1 Schools
Eugene Beccue	IDOT

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## **NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Negotiations Committee Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

1. Non-police union contract Article 16 Vacations, Section 2
2. Other Negotiations related matters

**Negotiations Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 30, 2014  
7:00 PM**

Present: Eric Blake, Mark Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Larry Brooks, Scott Bloomberg, David Brown, Kathy Hayes, Matt Tarr, Joe Hill

Discussed Article 16, Section 2 with Mr. Joe Hill. Negotiations Committee asked Mr. Hill to create a memo of understanding for Mayor Mark Bolander to sign. We agreed to refer to Section 1 for employees with 20 plus years of service, and leave 15 plus years of service the same as it currently reads in Section 2. This will eliminate taking any vacation days from 20+ years employees under contract agreed upon.

Eric Blake, Negotiations Committee Chairman

AGENDA  
Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

**Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 1:15 P.M.**

**\*SPECIAL MEETING PLACE-NEWTON EVAPCO FACILITY  
Meet at EVAPCO**

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, motion passed.
4. Motion to approve Ken Larimore to co-sign JEDI checks made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, motion passed.
- 5. TOUR NEWTON EVAPCO FACILITY**
6. Monthly Updates
7. Other
8. Motion to close meeting made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, and motion passed.

MINUTES  
Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

**Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 1:15 P.M.**

SPECIAL MEETING PLACE-NEWTON EVAPCO FACILITY

**Present:** Scott Bierman, Mark Bolander, Mark Hartrich, Larry Brooks, Bill Weber, Mareah Volk, Lucas Huston, Brock Mammoser, Natalie White, Ed Webb, Ed Mitchell, Don Leventhal, Tom Brown, Mike Hall (Congressmen Shimkus office), Rachele Hollinshead (Extension), Jim Marshall (Dynegy), David Blecha (EVAPCO) and Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve agenda made by Ed Webb, second by, Ed Mitchell, motion passed.
4. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Mark Hartrich, second by Mark Bolander, motion passed.
5. Motion to approve Ken Larimore to co-sign JEDI checks made by Ed Webb, second by Mark Bolander, motion passed.
6. **David Blecha, EVAPCO Plant Manager presentation and tour:**

David Blecha, the Newton EVAPCO plant manager gave an excellent tour of the facility that opened in Newton in 2008. They are running 3 shifts and have lots of work planned for the future. Mr. Blecha presented an extra special discussion for our 4 high school students about the benefits of employee owned employers, work ethic, job skills, and interviewing suggestions. We appreciate Mr. Blecha giving us the tour, comments and that EVAPCO invested in Newton, to help create skilled jobs for Jasper County residents.

There is much more information about EVAPCO at <http://www.evapco.com>

7. Motion to close meeting made by Lucas Huston, second by Mareah Volk, motion passed unanimously.

\*Minutes prepared by Ken Larimore

## NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee Monday, May 12, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

1. Two TIF applications
2. Lamar marketing contract for Five Aprils Crossing
3. Other Finance Department related matters

**Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2014  
5:33 – 6:05 PM**

Present: Mark Bolander, Ken Larimore, Robert Reisner, Melissa Brooks, Alice Addis, Lucas Bolander, Larry Brooks, David Brown, Scott Bloomberg, Rick Lindemann

TIFF applications:

Jim Davis – ½ or up to \$2,500 of qualified expenses, college bookstore/former Press Mentor building repair

Tony Arndt - \$2,500 for roof repair

Effingham County Incubator Network now the Alliance Incubator Network.

Five Aprils Crossing Subdivision – not great progress. Advertising budget \$10,000. Stop billboard advertising, continue with radio

Still need lower income, affordable housing.

Billing office – do not renew \$3,701.22 maintenance contract, revise and pay 30% of maintenance and be billed hourly if/as software maintenance service is needed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Rick Lindemann, Finance Chairman



## **NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Animal Control Committee Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

### Agenda:

1. Chickens and cats
2. Other department related matters

### **Animal Control Committee Meeting Minutes May 14, 2014 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

Present: David Brown, Ray Watkins, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Mark Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Scott Bloomberg

The Animal Control Committee met at 6 PM and first discussed the idea of allowing chickens in the city of Newton. The committee discussed it at length and decided not to amend the ordinance to allow chickens in the city.

The subject of non-collared cats was discussed next. It was agreed that there is a stray cat problem. However, the city, along with the county and state, has no official position on non-collared cats. If a citizen has questions or concerns regarding stray cats, please contact the county animal control for guidance.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

David Brown

## NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Police Committee Monday, June 9, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

### Agenda:

1. Discuss intergovernmental agreement between the City and County regarding Eagle Trails
2. Discuss ServPro emergency readiness profile
3. Discuss nuisances
4. Other Police Department related matters

**Police Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2014, 5:30 PM – 6:21 PM**

### Present:

Mike Swick  
Robert Reisner  
Mark Bolander  
Harold Bolander  
Scott Bloomberg  
Rick Lindemann  
Dave Brown

Chief Swick will pass draft of intergovernmental agreement to Ed Mitchell for adoption. Will contact ServPro to come and do assessment of city buildings to do an emergency readiness profile.

Dealing with chronic or habitual offenders with property maintenance issues will institute stiffer financial penalty. Will talk to Max Tedford regarding language for ordinance.

Establish demolition deadline at 90 days.

Talked about overweight truck violations.

Talked about neighborhood vehicles.

Adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Scott Bloomberg, Police Committee Chairman

AGENDA  
Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

**Tuesday, June 10, 2014, 1:15 P.M.**

**\*Rescheduled from typical date to JUNE 10 to tour Louis Ochs Chevrolet Buick**  
Meet at:

**Louis Ochs Chevrolet Buick**  
806 S Van Buren St  
Newton, IL 62448

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, motion passed.
- 4. Tour Louis Ochs Chevrolet Buick**
5. Monthly Updates
6. Other
7. Motion to close meeting made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, and motion passed.

**Jasper County Economic Development, Inc. (JEDI)**  
**Meeting Minutes**

JEDI held a meeting open to the public on June 10, 2014 at 1:15 p.m. at Louis Ochs Chev Buick in Newton, IL.

**Present:** Ken Larimore, Tom Brown, Louis Ochs, Larry Brooks, Travis Farley, Mark Bolander, and Al Rohr.

Meeting called to order at 1:25 p.m. by Ken Larimore

**Ken Larimore's Monthly Update**

- a. The Jasper CEO Class has 12 students enrolled for the 2014/2015 academic year. Fundraising efforts continue. The class is seeking mentors and guest speakers.
- b. Renewal of the Enterprise Zone is progressing.

**Mark Bolander's Monthly Update**

- c. Phase 1 of Eagle Trails is expected to begin in June.

- d. Newton will join the Incubator Network, which consists of the following communities: Dieterich, Effingham, and Altamont. The purpose of the Incubator Network is to provide facilities to start-up businesses.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. to begin a tour of the Louis Ochs Chev Buick dealership.

Minutes by Travis Farley, JEDI Secretary.

## **NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Personnel Committee Monday, June 16, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

1. Updates from department heads
2. Other Personnel Department related matters

**Personnel Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2014  
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

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

Department heads and elected officials gave updates on projects.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Harold Bolander, Chairman

## NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

### Agenda:

1. Discuss redistricting the city wards
2. Other Ad Hoc Committee matters

**Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 18, 2014**  
**5:30 – 6:25 PM**

Present: Mark Bolander, Rosie York, Larry Brooks, Max Tedford Attorney, Larry Short, Scott Bloomberg

The Ad Hoc Committee met to discuss redistricting the city's four wards into three. City Clerk Rosie York put together six possible maps for this purpose. The committee will recommend map six as the best possible division of the city's census figures.

At the next council meeting, this will be on the agenda. The Mayor will present map six to be voted on by the council. If this passes, Connor & Connor will be instructed to check all boundaries to see if everything is legal.

An ordinance will need to be adopted by July 15, 2014, to divide the city into three wards with two aldermen each for a total of six.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

Larry Brooks, Chairman

## NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 5:15 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

### Agenda:

1. Appropriations
2. Other finance department related topics

### **Finance Committee Meeting Minutes June 26, 2014 at 5:20 PM**

### Present:

Robert Reisner  
John Phillips  
Larry Brooks  
Rick Lindemann  
Melissa Brooks

Discussed appropriations.

Discussed SOS Technology's AEDs. Approved purchase. John is going to check with other local agencies to see if they want to order as well.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Rick Lindemann, Chairman

## AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Electric Committee Monday, June 30, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the council room of the Newton City Hall at 108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois.

Agenda:

1. Dynegy Market Service agreement
2. Electric building
3. Streetscape project
4. Jackson St. substation study
5. Arc flash study
6. Pole Inspection
7. Other electric department related topics

### Minutes Electric Committee meeting June 30, 2014

5:30–7:25 PM

Present:

David Brown, Melissa Brooks, Harold Bolander, Mike Steiner, Dynegy, Evelyn Dhom, Larry Brooks,

Jeff Vance, Dynegy, Mark Bolander, Verbal Blakey, BHMG, Raymond Reynolds, Shannon Woodard, Robert Reisner and Rick Lindemann

Dynegy -Jeff Vance and Mike Steiner discussed the Letter of Agency. With Mary Evelyn retiring, Jeff will be contact for MISO. Mary Evelyn will still be involved for a few months to ensure a smooth transition.

The Committee agreed to pay Illinois Power Marketing approximately \$8,259 Planning Reserve Charge for the period of 2014 to 2018.

Next, Shannon Woodard presented the committee with revised blueprints for the electric building. Raymond now needs to review and get back to Shannon. The plan is to go out for bids by the end of July and begin construction in September 2014.

Shannon also stated that in early August, will go out for water line bids for Xander Addition (Brookside) and the three sides of the square with Jourdan already done.

Newton -T-town water line project should be operational by the end of October.

Streetscape project –Verbal Blakey with BHMG presented three options regarding the electrical aspects. The committee directed BHMG to come up with pricing for the underground design. The committee's consensus was that the square was top priority in regards to the streetscape money.

Jackson St. substation –capacity was discussed. BHMG has almost completed the study.

Arc Flash Study -This is required by National Electric Code. BHMG will conduct this study for the City at a cost of \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Raymond stated the pole inspection will begin around 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Per pole estimate \$11.50. Raymond mentioned line trimming is ongoing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM David Brown, Chairman



## MINUTES

### Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, July 1, 2014, 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Scott Bloomberg, Larry Brooks, Joe Bierman, Brett Lessley, Louis Ochs, Tom Brown, Al Rohr, Bill Teichmiller, Lisa Teichmiller, Alexis Teichmiller, Mindy Hartke and Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Acting Chairman Scott Bloomberg
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve agenda made by Joe Bierman, second by, Scott Bloomberg, motion passed.
4. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Brett Lessley, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed.
5. Ken Larimore, Extension CED Update
  - a. Ken is working with a consultant and Dynegy (Newton Power Plant) on a detailed application to establish a new Enterprise Zone. There is a lot of work to be done before the deadline at the end of 2014.
  - b. The goal to establish a business incubator downtown is still in progress. The site would be available for startup businesses and the CEO class.
6. Joe Bierman gave the Jasper County Update
  - a. Joe said they are working on a new 911 facility.
  - b. Various project update
7. Scott Bloomberg gave the City of Newton Update
  - a. Re-districting process
  - b. Bridge rehab schedule-should start as soon as possible.
  - c. The Newton Aquatic Center is doing great this year and appreciated by many.
8. Guest Speaker Alexis Teichmiller- Alexis gave an impressive presentation that covered her CEO Class experience, the 2 businesses that she has started and the book she has written. She is also a student at EIU and has had several internships. Very inspiring, especially since she is just 21 years old.
9. An excellent roundtable discussion followed with a focus on Alexis's topics.
10. Motion to close meeting made by Scott Bloomberg, second by Brett Lessley, motion passed unanimously.

\*Minutes prepared by Ken Larimore

**Wastewater Committee meeting**

**July 16, 2014**

**5:30 – 6:13 PM**

Present:

Robert Reisner

Harold Bolander

Rick Lindemann

Mark Bolander

Melissa Brooks

Larry Brooks

Larry Dorn

Scott Bloomberg

David Brown

North Church and Marion Streets – problem with sanitary sewer. Need to replace around 50 feet of old clay tile with plastic. The Committee talked about trying to lower monthly payments on the new plant. Lowering monthly payments to the bank will be a bigger balloon at the end.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Robert Reisner, Chairman

Finance Committee meeting

August 4, 2014

5:32 PM – 6:02 PM

Present: Mark Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Rosie York, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Larry Dorn

Items discussed:

Jetter truck service line cleaning (see attached)

City has been doing “supplement” annually for the code book. Need to do “update” (5-10 years)

Resolution for Illinois Codification Services not to exceed \$3,500.00.

Property maintenance issues- administration fees to be earmarked for range maintenance until renovation updates are complete, then re-address.

Rick Lindemann, Chairman

#### JETTER TRUCK SERVICE LINE CLEANING

First Hour:	\$150.00	after hours, weekends, holidays \$300.00
Second time out for same property	\$300.00	\$450.00
Third time out for same property	\$450.00	\$600.00
Fourth time out for same property	\$600.00	\$750.00

Fifth time – refusal of service

After fourth time out we will not clean any more.

The second, third, fourth, time out will be on a yearly basis.

We now charge \$75.00 to clean service line. This has been the rate since 1994.

The reason we started the service charge was because people would not fix the problem.

Unofficial minutes (to be approved at the Sept. 17 meeting):

IMLRMA Safety Committee Meeting

July 23, 2014, 9:30 AM

Present: Brad Benefiel, Raymond Reynolds, Larry Dorn, Joe Stoops, Carl Baker, Larry Brooks, Jim Closson (IMLRMA), Alice Addis

Mr. Closson called the meeting to order.

After reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting, Reynolds made a motion to approve them with the second from Larry Brooks. All voted in favor.

Website Resources: Two new videos are in the planning stages: Accident Investigation and Safety Committee.

Police Chiefs will meet quarterly in Mt. Vernon to review policies and procedures. Items of discussion...second employment and early return from light duty.

The renewal packet was sent to the Treasurer and each department head reviewed the coverage for their department including property—vehicles and buildings. IMLRMA renewal packet is due August 1 and is sent to CCMSI in Danville.

The shooting range on city property has been demolished. A new building and shooting stations will be constructed.

Insurance contribution statements will be mailed the first of November. There is a MIN/MAX proposal for the city to consider. Considering the loss prevention measures the city has taken, the MIN/MAX proposal should be studied.

The City should have a certificate of insurance naming the city as additional insured from Teutopolis for equipment owned by Teutopolis that is located on City property at the west water tower.

Installed automated meters should be listed as property to be insured.

2014 Claims review: As of July 17, claims are \$16,492. The claim of \$16,185 for the sewer department will be reimbursed by the insurance company covering the driver of the vehicle which caused the damage.

Items considered for insurance contribution: 1. Renewal packet 2. Claims history 3. Excess insurance for claims over \$2,000,000 4. What is being done with the safety and risk program

Written plans: Seven plans are required. Sample plans can be reviewed and adapted to fit the City's needs.

Police Officers' Staff Meeting: Closson will talk with Chief Swick.

Public Works Training Needs: Thursday, Nov. 13 a defensive driving class taught by Suzy Janes will be held at the firehouse basement for all employees including everyone in the office and police department. There is a small fee for the class. Flagger training will be held in March 2015.

There will be a concealed carry class when the firing range is finished.

New Business: Will the Burl Ives memorial be turned over to the City upon completion? There should be a builder's risk policy for the construction and the City should have a copy. There should be a written agreement giving the City possession of the memorial when it is completed. If the City is not responsible for it, the City will need an insurance policy for \$2,000,000 from the responsible party.

Dorn asked about liability if a storm sewer collapses under a house. He knows of two homes with storm sewer lines under them...Doug Long's and Bob Keller's.

The next meeting will be Sept. 17, 2014 at 9:30 AM.

Alice Addis, Recorder



## MINUTES

Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

**Wednesday, August 20, 2014, Noon**

### SPECIAL MEETING PLACE-NEW EJ WATER COOP FACILITY Dieterich, IL

**Present:** Approximately 30 JEDI members and guests.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve agenda made by Mark Bolander, second by Mark Hartrich, motion passed.
4. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Ed Mitchell, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed.
5. LUNCH HOSTED BY EJ WATER-Thank you EJ Water Coop!
6. Monthly Updates
  - a. Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator, application for new Jasper County Enterprise Zone has started and will be completed by the December 31 deadline.
  - b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton, discussed housing report, market study and tax rate/EAV benefits of Jasper County.
  - c. Ed Mitchell, Jasper County Board Chairman, updated on road work.
  - d. Joe Bierman, Jasper County Board updated on the new 911 facility.
  - e. Dan Cox, Superintendent of Schools, stated it was a great start of the school year and that they appreciate everyone's assistance for safe bus routes.

#### **7. TOUR OF EJ WATER FACILITY-Dieterich**

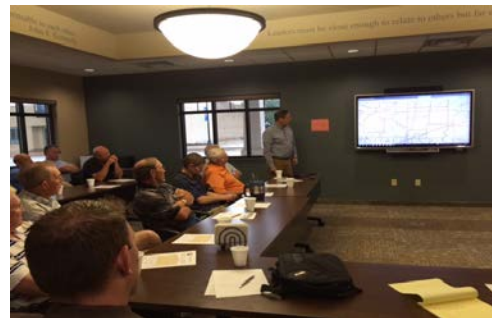
Manager Bill Teichmiller gave an excellent presentation and slide show on the history of EJ (Effingham-Jasper) Water Coop since 1989. EJ is now in 10 counties. EJ serves approximately 52% of the water needs in Jasper County, with 1,928 meters, and around



4,800 people. There are around 522 miles of water lines in Jasper that hold about 3.37 million gallons. They will need 19 miles of water line to reach the 49 members still not served. Think of the quality of life impact and economic development that EJ Water has helped in Jasper County and the region. Bill explained the high tech “cloud” based meters for the future. He also praised his staff and the use of Colors training. THANK YOU BILL TEICHMILLER AND EJ WATER FOR THE GREAT TOUR OF THE FASCINATING FACILITY. What a success story.

8. Motion to close meeting made by Joe Bierman, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed unanimously.

\*Minutes prepared by Ken Larimore



## **JEDI TOUR OF NEW EJ WATER FACILITY IN DIETERICH August 20, 2014**



**Jasper County Economic Development, Inc. (JEDI)  
Meeting Minutes**

JEDI held a meeting open to the public on September 2, 2014 at 1:15 p.m. in the Jasper County Board room located at 204 W. Washington St. in Newton, IL.

**Present:** Ed Webb, Mark Bolander, Brock Mammoser, Natalie White, Scott Bierman, Ken Larimore, Tiffany Kline, Ed Mitchell, Brett Lessley, Joe Bierman, Travis Farley, Debbie Overoyen, Dan Cox, Beth Probst, Amy Tarr, and Louis Ochs.

1. Meeting called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Scott Bierman. Ed Webb made a motion to approve the agenda. Joe Bierman seconded. All members voted in favor. Ed Mitchell made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes. Ed Webb seconded. All members voted in favor.
2. **Presentation from Tiffany Kline with the EIU Small Business Development Center**
  - a. The center's primary purpose is to assist new businesses in various areas of development, such as preparing business plans.
  - b. Over the previous 12 months, they have worked with 49 clients and helped open seven businesses that created 20 new jobs.
  - c. The center works in Coles, Effingham, and surrounding counties.
  - d. They work on youth education in entrepreneurship: CEO classes (high school), Camp E3 (high school), and Club E (junior high)
  - e. Tiffany works with the Effingham County Incubator Network (ECIN).
  - f. The center also provides an adult course with upcoming classes to be held in Neoga on September 25, Greenup on October 21, and Toledo on November 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
3. **Ken Larimore's Monthly Update**
  - a. Work continues on the Enterprise Zone application.
  - b. Three TIF projects are presently in the application process.
4. **Mark Bolander's Monthly Update**
  - a. Work continues on the Old Mill Bridge for the Eagle Trails project.
  - b. The City of Newton is accepting bids for construction of an electric building.
5. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 09-10-14  
5:30-6:38pm

Present:

Mark Bolander  
Scott Bloomberg  
Ken Larimore  
Harold Bolander  
Melissa Brooks  
Brian Bradley (Kemper CPA)  
Rick Lindemann  
Scott Bierman  
David Brown

The Committee Discussed TIF Applications:

- DH Auto Sales to pave their parking lot for ~\$14,000, asking for \$2500 in TIF Reimbursement.
- Solid Grounds Looking to re-roof and gutter for ~\$9000, looking for \$2500 in TIF Reimbursement.
- Dave Blecha (sp) Purchase/Destroy run-down home for ~\$8000, looking for \$2500 in "".
- No more applications turned in at this time.

The Committee then went through the Annual Financial Audit with a representative from Kempers CPA Group, the City's current Auditing Firm.

- The city was issued a clean audit report.
- There were no instances of non-compliance under the government auditing standards.
- The City's Actual Debt load was ~7.5%, well below 8.625%, which is the Legal Debt Limit.
- The TIF Audit was clean as well.
- Kempers submitted their bid for the City's Auditing for the next few years.

The Committee discussed an intergovernmental agreement for local debt recovery.

The Committee discussed the financials aspects of the planning/application process for the Enterprise Zone which is in planning stage.

- Hearing at the Library in the coming couple of months.
- Tax Relief on Building Materials
- Discussed Current Proposed Map

Adjourned at 6:38pm

Rick Lindemann, Finance Committee Chairman

Electric/Finance Committee meeting

Sept. 23, 2014

6:00 PM – 7:10 PM

Present: David Brown, Rick Lindemann, Mark Bolander, Shannon Woodard, Harold Bolander, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Robert Reisner, Raymond Reynolds Matt Tarr

The joint meeting of the Electric/Finance Committees was held to discuss the bids and revisions for the electric building project. The Committee agreed to go out for bids on the larger building proposal.

The large building estimate would be \$1,007,030.00, extra site work \$80,000.00. Connor & Connor will go out for bids immediately and Shannon feels we should be able to have numbers by the Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Raymond discussed the handheld units for meter reading. Units came in today and have been testing out very well for the affected departments. It was found during testing that one-fifth of the homes tested had outdated and degraded electrical service. The committee discussed how this would affect homeowners financially since the service is the homeowners' responsibility. Raymond stated that any improvements would have to be up to National Electric Code 2002.

Raymond also mentioned that Ameren will be putting approximately 16 antennas on our electric poles. This is how they will monitor their customers' natural gas use for billing purposes. It was agreed that the City charge Ameren a facilities charge for the pole use.

Mark mentioned that in the future the City may add a fee for enterprise zone fees which would be half of one percent. This fee would go into a fund for economic development and promotion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

David Brown, Chairman

Personnel Committee meeting

October 6, 2014

5:30 PM – 5:40 PM

Present: Harold Bolander

Also present: Treasurer Melissa Brooks

Bids for the janitorial service for city hall were opened and discussed.

Reported by Harold Bolander

# Police Committee Meeting 10.8.14 6:00PM

Scott Bloomberg  
Mike Swick  
Larry Brooks  
John Stone  
Robert Reisner  
Paul Conlin  
David Brown  
Rosetta York

Administrative hearing was conducted for impounded vehicles a 2002 Dodge Pickup and a GoCart. All vehicle owners were notified and paper work will be filled for title transfer.

Streetscape was talked about and street camera placement will be coordinated with electric department and engineers.

Discussed building code for basement demolition and commercial and residential Demo permits. The current code does not spell out how basements need to be handled on demolition and a specific ordinance adoption on demolition needs to be looked at. How the property owner manages the basement fill in and management of the demolition so that we have consistency.

Reconsider funding dumpster reimbursement next fiscal year.

The city code provides for application of business license, however, there has been little or no consistency in issuance. Starting in 2015 all NEW businesses will be required to get a business license.

Talked about recognition of property owners that have made significant improvements to property around the city.

The Chief told the committee that EVAPCO has made a significant donation for the firing range improvements. The range improvements are progressing as expected.

Adjourn 7:00

Scott Bloomberg, Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 10-13-14

5:30 PM – 6:43 PM

Present:

Rick Lindemann

Melissa Brooks

Larry Brooks

Ken Larimore

Mark Bolander

TIF Applications:

Newton Petroleum, Inc.

\$2,500 (upfront) plus increment for next five years up to a maximum of \$15,000 (total)

Tax years of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, payable 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Mike Niemerg, Newton Mini Storage

Asking for \$1,000 or 50% of \$2,000 project for site improvements; gravel replacement, landscaping, etc.

Audit quotes:

Three bids – chose Kemper CPA, current auditor, same price as low bid or lower, based on hourly rates. Recommend Kemper CPA.

Projects for gaming income ~ \$16,000

Possible earmark for dumpster reimbursement

Arts stuff

Set up as “beautification ordinance” to earmark gaming funds for any beautification projects.

Rick Lindemann, Finance Committee Chairman



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## MINUTES

### Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

**Tuesday, November 4, 2014, 1:15 P.M.**

Met at:

Riverside Dental

Dr. Debbie Overoyen Dentist Office

10194 N. State Hwy 130

Newton, IL 62448

**Present:** Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Brett Lessley, Joe Bierman, Travis Farley, Debbie Overoyen, Ed Webb, Louis Ochs, Suzie McCann, Lee Buhnerkempe, Dave Brown, Ashley Bailey, Karen Stoops, Vanessa Lustig, Mindy Hartke and Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Travis Farley, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed.
4. **Tour Riverside Dental Tour-Dr. Debbie Overoyen** introduced her staff and then demonstrated her new equipment. Riverside has a laser which they use for tissue management. The porcelain scanning machine and milling can prepare the tooth, scan, design the crown, stain, glaze, crystalize and bond in the same appointment in most cases. The system is called Cerec and is exclusive to Patterson Dental. Dr. Overoyen has the quieter electric hand pieces instead of forced air. They are quieter. They also have digital x-rays that are faster than traditional x-rays and have less radiation exposure.
5. Updates
  - A. **Ken Larimore, University of Illinois Extension**
    - a. GSI is moving some of the operation to another location and also moving some other operations into Newton from another location. We have offered all the economic development tools available to assist them with their Newton production and will continue to meet with them as needed.

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- b. Evapco is in a temporary slow period preparing to gear up for a new big project that will keep them very busy for months.
- c. Skyline Steel is very busy working on pylons for the New NY Bridge. Fifty seven employees with 2 shifts and they could use more welders. For videos, slides and much more information about the fascinating project see:

<http://www.newnybridge.com/index.shtml>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tappan\\_Zee\\_Bridge\\_replacement](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tappan_Zee_Bridge_replacement)

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/20/nyregion/a-colossal-bridge-will-rise-across-the-hudson.html?\\_r=0#](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/20/nyregion/a-colossal-bridge-will-rise-across-the-hudson.html?_r=0#)

**From the NY Times article:**

By Christmas, dock builders on floating barges had used hydraulically driven vibrating hammers to pound 28 piles — steel tubes up to six feet in diameter and up to 300 feet long — into the bottom of the Hudson River, some drilled into bedrock, others held by the sheer density of the riverbed muck.

A thousand piles will eventually be needed, so workers are hustling at a pace of eight piles every two weeks, although they have been slowed by the recent bitter cold. To make sure the piles can hold the weight of the daily traffic — 138,000 cars — workers delicately set a barge on top of the piles, fill it with water until it weighs 7 million pounds, adjust that force with hydraulic jacks, then test the piles for several days to see if any shifting takes place. For each of the four towers that anchor the cables holding up the bridge decks, more than 60 piles will be needed, clustered together like sticks of spaghetti in a cellophane package.

- B. **Joe Bierman-Jasper County Board report:** The county geared up for voting today and have had big numbers already vote.
  - C. **Scott Bloomberg-City of Newton:** The City is assisting with the application for the new Enterprise Zone application that is due this year.
6. Motion to close meeting made by Joe Bierman, second by Travis Farley, and motion passed.

Insurance Committee Meeting

11-12-14

6:00 PM to 7:07 PM

Present:

Larry Brooks

Robert Reisner

Harold Bolander

Mike Swick

Mike Snedeker, Snedeker Risk Management

Jeff Weber, IPMG

Tim Farley, Farley, Ins.

Jim Closson, IL Municipal League Risk Management Assoc.

Mark Bolander

Rick Lindemann

David Brown

Scott Bloomberg

Tim Farley spoke first

Jim Closson spoke second – City has been with them since 2008, 640 municipalities with fewer than 45,000 people. No deductible, park liability, work comp., \$500 for liability vehicles, etc.

Mike Snedeker spoke third – volunteers covered, non-assessable, cover open meetings, crime coverage, general: law, auto, public official, bond included, ICRMT

Opened bids:

Farley \$114,509.00, \$1,000 deduct, no bond

IML \$164,145.00, \$500 deduct, none for Work Comp, 1.5% disc by Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, \$161,682.82

Snedeker \$155,037.00, \$1,000 - \$2500 deduct

AJ Gallagher \$109,654.00, \$500 deduct?, includes bond

Melissa will put spreadsheet together and Tim is to get bond rate to add to his total.

Another Insurance meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 5:30 PM

Discussed insurance matters...Burl Ives, trail, bridge (to be covered)

Adjourned at 7:07 PM

Rick Lindemann, Insurance Committee Chairman



Insurance Committee Meeting  
November 19, 2014  
5:30 PM to 5:55 PM

Present:

Larry Brooks  
Eric Blake  
Robert Reisner  
Mark Bolander  
Scott Bloomberg

The Committee met to discuss the City's liability insurance and work comp.

AJ Gallagher, Farley Insurance, IMLRMA and Snedeker's bids were considered.

The Committee decided to go with Farley Ins. at a cost of \$114,909.00 as the Committee considered it to be the lowest responsible bid.

Adjourned at 5:55 PM

Larry Brooks reported in the absence of Rick Lindemann, Insurance Committee Chairman

Electric Committee meeting

November 20, 2014

6:00 PM – 6:40 PM

Present: David Brown, Larry D. Brooks, Matt Tarr, Raymond Reynolds, Verbal Blakey (BHMG), Mark Bolander, Melissa Brooks

The Electric Committee met with Verbal Blakey from BHMG to review circuit A bids. The committee agreed to go with Big D Electric. The bid amount for all four phases was \$570,895, which was the lowest bid. Big D will probably start in January and project will take approximately six months.

Raymond mentioned that the bids for the electric building would be opened the morning of Dec. 2.

The proposed pole use agreement was also discussed. This is for Ameren to place routers on our utility poles. This would affect ten poles.

Matt is working on requirements for residential meter loop services. This will eventually become an ordinance for residential services.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

David Brown, Chairman

Personnel Committee meeting  
December 9, 2014, 5:30 PM – 7:20 PM

Present:

Carl Baker  
Larry Brooks  
David Brown  
Larry Short  
Paul Conlin  
Rosetta M. York  
Mike Swick  
Melissa Brooks  
Brad Benefiel  
Joe Stoops  
Larry Dorn  
Robert Reisner  
Raymond Reynolds  
Scott Bloomberg  
Rick Lindemann  
Mark Bolander

Department heads gave updates on each of their department's activities.

The Mayor suggested that any new ideas be put in writing and given to their chairman for vetting and budget purposes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Mark Bolander reported for Harold Bolander, Chairman

Finance Committee meeting  
December 15, 2014, 5:30 PM – 5:57 PM

Present:

Robert Reisner  
Larry Brooks  
Tyler Weber  
Melissa Brooks  
Larry Short  
Rick Lindemann  
Mike Swick  
Mark Bolander  
Alice Addis  
Scott Bloomberg

Melissa went through the tax levi as it is/was.

Alice and Kathy looking at software – demonstrations in early January.

Police received grant from Mary Heath Foundation for partial funding, so need to see how much the sign project will be total.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Rick Lindemann, Chairman