

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL  
September 18, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor

**Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.**

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Eric Blake

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

3. ROLL CALL: Brenda Philips, Deputy City Clerk

**Present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Marlene Harris**

**Absent: None**

Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Deputy Clerks Kathy Hayes and Brenda Phillips

4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: #8b delete

**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to adopt the amended agenda.**

**Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris**

**Nays: None**

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of September 4, 2018

**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the September 4, 2018 meeting of the Newton City Council.**

**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Rubsam**

**Nays: None**

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

**Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$258,272.88 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 \$244,371.39.**

**Harris seconded the motion.**

**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Rubsam, Brown**

**Nays: None**

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **None**

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on purchasing power rake in the amount of \$8760.00

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Reisner, on purchasing power rake in the amount of \$8760.00.**

**Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Harris, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks**

**Nays: None**

- ~~B. Consider and act on purchasing computer to control the water plant systems up to \$25,000.~~

- C. Consider and act on IDOT compliance review 2013-2016

**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Harris, to accept the IDOT compliance review 2013-2016**

**Ayes: Blake, Harris, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner**

**Nays: None**

- D. Consider and act on Dumpster Reimbursement for demo at 312 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. by Jarrett Brooks

**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Harris, to authorize payment of \$1924.45 on a Dumpster Reimbursement for demolition at 312 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave to Jarrett Brooks.**

**Ayes: Harris, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake**

**Nays: None**

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on approving Halloween Trick or Treat Night for October 30, 2018 between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM, with a bad weather date of November 1, 2018. (questions call 783-8478)

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to approve Halloween Trick or Treat Night for October 30, 2018 between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM, with a bad weather date of November 1, 2018.**

**Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris**

**Nays: None**

- B. Consider and act on providing flu shots for all part-time and full-time city employees.

**Motion was made Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to approve providing flu shots for all current part-time and full-time city employees.**

**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Rubsam**

**Nays: None**

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Water on September 17

**Water September 17:** The committee discussed the Power Rake purchase for the skid steer to be used by all departments.

The committee also discussed the Water plant system control computer. A replacement unit will cost around \$10,920.00 and decided to put this in next year's budget, unless the system control computer quits.

Dhom water extension is completed, and will be tested next week.

The Cross-Connection surveys were mailed on Sept. 6, 2018

Water loss is at 8.8 percent, up about 3 percent. Tyler is checking to find what might be causing this.

11. STATEMENTS:

**Harris:** While doing some work on Marion Street, the backhoe got stuck. It was mentioned to her if department had a 4-wheel drive backhoe, this could have been prevented

**Blake:** No comment

**Reisner:** Scott passed his Class 4 test 1<sup>st</sup> time.

Sara Weiler's business, LIFE Café, in Arndt's building going well. Open House October 6.

**Brooks:** Commented on how amazed he was at pots around city square.

**Brown:** Wished Rosie a speedy recovery.

Pool Manager provided him with the 2018 facts on operations for the year.

**Rubsam:** Fall Festival despite of bad weather was a success. Crafts turned out well. Various homemade/local artisans did really well. Next bigger events for Chamber are Halloween and Christmas.

**City Attorney:** No comment

**City Treasurer:** Commented herself, Larry Brooks and Marlene Harris will be attending Snedeker training next Wednesday and Thursday.

**City Clerk:** No Comment

**Mayor:**

- Expressed appreciation of Unit 1 and NCHS opening school for Fall Festival events.
- Five Aprils lot drawing coming quickly. 5:45 before council meeting on October 2 drawing. 5 lots selling for \$1 each. Not less than three days prior to the lottery date, furnish to the Newton City Clerk evidence of participant's pre-qualification for a construction loan and permanent financing. Asked council members to continue to spread the word.
- Discussed with John Stone about parking lot at hotel about dividing electrical and concrete jobs. Approach to Gregory Drive.
- Newton Medical Clinic walls are going up.
- Showed appreciation to Kathy and Brenda for stepping up while Rosie on medical leave
- Homecoming parade and festivities this weekend.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **October 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM. Drawing for Five April lots at 5:45.**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: **None**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Open session suspended at 6:31 PM.**

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

**Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Harris, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks**

**Nays: None**

**Open session resumed at 7:08 PM.**

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

**Ayes: Blake, Harris, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner**

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.**

**Submitted by BP**