



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

January 21, 2020

There will be a public hearing at 5:45 PM for the USDA Community Facilities Grant Application to aid in purchasing of the new police radios.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor
In the absence of Mayor Bolander, William Heap called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Galye Glumac.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman David Brown.
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac (arrived at 6:02 PM), David Brown, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris
Absent: None
Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York
William Heap, City Attorney, called for a motion to appoint Robert Reisner as Mayor Pro Tem for tonight's meeting.
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to appoint Robert Reisner Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Reisner, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to adopt the amended/proposed agenda.
Ayes: Brown, Blake, Harris, Reisner, Glumac
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of January 7, 2020:
Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Brown, to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2020 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Blake, Harris, Reisner, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Alderman Harris reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$188,611.32 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and make a motion to approve the pre-pays and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of \$90,407.57.
Glumac seconded the motion.
Ayes: Harris, Reisner, Glumac, Brown, Blake
Nays: None
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Herb Meeker announced doing an article on sand darter (NOT snail darter), which is the fish being studied by IDOT Environmental for the Eagle Trail Riverwalk.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Consider and act on authorizing the appointment of William G. Heap as City's Attorney.
Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Harris, to authorize the appointment of William G. Heap as City's Attorney.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Blake, Harris, Reisner
Nays: None
 - b. Consider and act on Ordinance 20-01 Two 1 block sections of Decatur St. One-way in the directions away from Van Buren St.
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to pass Ordinance 20-01 Two 1 block sections of Decatur St. One-way in the directions away from Van Buren St.
Ayes: Brown, Blake, Harris, Reisner, Glumac
Nays: None
 - c. Consider and act on authorizing the entering into the Illinois Commerce Commission Stipulated Agreement 2036 which is a safety upgrade on Scott Ave. crossing.
Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Brown, to authorize the entering into the Illinois Commerce Commission Stipulated Agreement 2036 which is a safety upgrade on Scott Ave. crossing
Ayes: Blake, Harris, Reisner, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
 - d. Consider and act on authorizing a lottery to sell up to five (5) lots in Five Aprils Crossing subdivision for \$1.00.



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Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to approve and authorize a lottery to sell up to five (5) lots in Five Aprils Crossing subdivision for \$1.00, the deadline is May 5, 2020 at 5:00 PM for all documents to be filed in the City Clerk's office and the lottery for the lots will be that night at the Newton City Council Meeting at 6:00 PM.

Ayes: Harris, Reisner, Glumac, Brown, Blake

Nays: None

- e. Consider and act on awarding the contract to mow and trim the City's cemetery and city parcels.

Brad Benefiel, Parks and Cemetery Department presented the quotes. Price quotes are given for mowing and trimming all seven (7) City owned properties one time.

Weston's \$1,595.00

Backwood's \$1585.00

Burley's \$3,000.00

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Blake, to approve and authorize awarding the contract to mow and trim the City's cemetery and city parcels to Backwood's for three (3) years at \$1,585.00.

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Blake, Harris, Reisner

Nays: None

- f. Consider and act on renewing the agreement with the City's appointed treasurer, Melissa Brooks.

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Glumac, to approve and authorize renewing the agreement with the City's appointed treasurer, Melissa Brooks, effective May 1, 2020.

Ayes: Brown, Blake, Harris, Reisner, Glumac

Nays: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consider and act on advertising for Dues and Donations applications to distribute \$5500 budgeted fund with application deadline of March 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Harris, to approve advertising for Dues and Donations applications to distribute \$5500 budgeted fund with application deadline of March 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

Ayes: Blake, Harris, Reisner, Glumac, Brown

Nays: None

- b. Consider and act on authorize renewing the Cummins Sales and Service Agreement for the City of Newton's five generators, a 3 year contract for \$27,538.88.

Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to authorize renewing the Cummins Sales and Service Agreement for the City of Newton's five generators, a 3 year contract for \$27,538.88.

Ayes: Harris, Reisner, Glumac, Brown, Blake

Nays: None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Dues and Donation 1-14-2020, Alcohol and Tobacco 1-14-2020, and EMA on 1-16-2020

Blake--Dues and Donation 1-14-2020:

Discuss the advertising in Eagle and Press for two weeks, the date the applications are due is March 13, 2020 by 5:00 PM and the total amount budgeted for the sum of all participants is \$5,500.00. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Blake--Alcohol and Tobacco 1-14-2020:

Alcohol and Tobacco Committee met at 6:30 PM to discuss possibly having more liquor licenses added to the city. Discussed adding 2 "E" restaurant liquor licenses to be consumed on premises only. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Brown--EMA on 1-16-2020:

Brown reported the only thing discussed was where EMA is going to store their equipment in the future.

11. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Glumac: No comment

Brown: No comment

Blake: Welcome to Bill Heap.



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Harris: Welcome to Bill Heap. Congratulation to Melissa. She gave the Payment and Billing Adjustment Report to the Council.

City Attorney: No comment

City Treasurer: CDBG Grant for the Liberty St. water main was awarded to Newton for \$495,000.

City Clerk: Wastewater Department PO

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Wastewater Department purchase order for \$10,500.00 for a used 1991 International 4900 spreader truck.

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Blake, Harris, Reisner

Nays: None

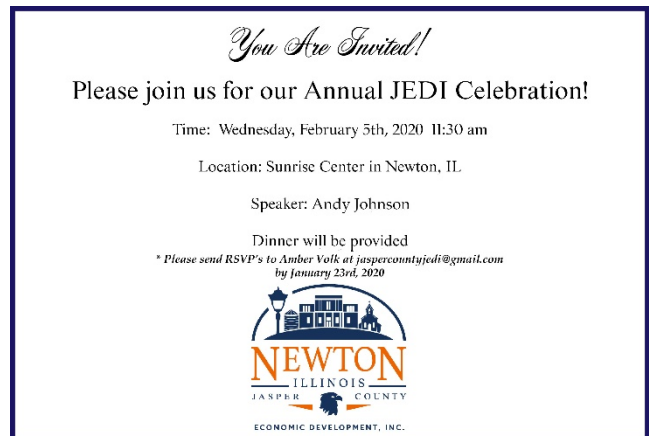
David Brown left at 6:32 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Reisner:

- Kintner's cashier's check was returned by US mail on August 9, 2019.
- 2020 JEDI Celebration, February 5.
- January 14th Zoning Hearing will continue on Jan 28th at 6:00.
- INRR is also going to upgrade Van Buren St. and Hutton St. crossings.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 4, 2020 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Police Committee Meeting Feb. 3, 2020 at 5:30 PM.



13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation and sale 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 and sale of real estate pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Blake, Harris, Reisner, Glumac

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:37 P

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

Ayes: Harris, Reisner, Glumac, Blake

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:45 PM.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Glumac, Blake, Harris, Reisner

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York