

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

April 3, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor
Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Steve Rubsam
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Alderman Steve Rubsam
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk
Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Scott Bloomberg
Absent: Eric Blake
Also present: Attorney Max Tedford and Clerk Rosetta York.
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: **Delete Tyler Weber from Public Comments**
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to adopt the amended agenda.
Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of March 20, 2018:
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 regular meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Sarah Weiler, Tom Lindemann and Tyler Weber
No one appeared to speak.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on US Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Services Grant Agreement with the City of Newton for the Newton Police Department vehicle, \$25,000 grant funds (64.84 %) and \$13,555 city's commitment.
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to approve the US Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Services Grant Agreement with the City of Newton for the Newton Police Department vehicle, \$25,000 grant funds (64.84 %) and \$13,555 city's commitment.
Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown
Nays: None
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on the Mayor's appointment of committees and their chairpersons, effective May 1, 2018.
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the Mayor's appointment of committees and their chairpersons, effective May 1, 2018.
Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks
Nays: None
 - B. Consider and act on the Mayor's appointment of Department Heads, effective May 1, 2018. (Kathy Hayes will be appointed Department Head when Alice Addis retires.)
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Department Heads, effective May 1, 2018. (Kathy Hayes will be appointed Department Head when Alice Addis retires.)
Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner
Nays: None
 - C. Consider and act on 2 Police employees going to SMUG (Spillman Midwest Users Group) training, no training fees, plus allowable expenses.
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize 2 Police employees going to SMUG (Spillman Midwest Users Group) training, no training fees, plus allowable expenses.
Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg
Nays: None
 - D. Consider and act on 2018 City Wide Clean Up will be on May 18 and 19, 2018.
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to approve and authorize 2018 City Wide Clean Up to be on May 18 and 19, 2018.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam
Nays: None
 - E. Consider and act on Resolution 18-04 Regarding Police Vehicle Fund.
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to pass Resolution 18-04 Regarding Police Vehicle Fund.

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Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Bloomberg - The Police Committee met April 2, 2018 and discussed Squad Car, part-time updates, Resolution for moving non levied funds in Police Department Budget line items and litigation concerning Hill/Clark case. Also the golf cart is getting painted and new tires. Newton Police may have to give some traffic control to the fun run. City Wide Clean Up is May 18 & 19.

Bloomberg - JEDI met April 3, 2018 and toured the vocational department and other program updates at NCHS, received monthly updates from Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator; Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton; Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chairman; Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Schools.

10. STATEMENTS BY:

Council Members:

Rubsam: Riverwalk and Old River Bridge Dedication 5K Fun Run/Walk is Saturday May 19th. There are fliers and social media with all the information.

Brown: EMA Meeting dates are 4-12, 7-12 and 10-11 this year at 6:00 PM in County Annex Building.

Brooks: Water Committee Meeting 4-9-18 at 5:30 PM. Glad to be back.

Reisner: No Comment

Bloomberg: No Comment

City Attorney: No Comment

City Clerk (Water Department PO # 6502):

Clerk York presented a purchase order.

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Brown to authorize a purchase order # 6502 for the Water Department for Encoder, Brackets, Meter Bases, etc. from Midwest Meter Inc. at a cost of \$4218.32.

Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Mayor: Welcomed Larry back. Thanked Steve Rubsam for all his work on the Riverwalk Fun Run/Walk and Bridge Dedication.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **April 17, 2018 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Negotiation Committee April 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM, Water Committee April 9, 2018 at 5:30, Finance Committee April 12, 2018 at 5:30 and EMA April 12, 2018 at 6:00 PM at County Annex Building

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

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

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session suspended at **6:26 PM**

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Open session resumed at **6:42 PM**

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

13. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM

Submitted by Rosetta York

