

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
November 20, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Larry Brooks

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks

3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk

Present: Steve Rubsam, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Marlene Harris

Absent: David Brown and Eric Blake

Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and City Clerk Rosetta York

4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the proposed agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner and Harris

Nays: None

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of November 6, 2018

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the November 6, 2018 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Harris, Rubsam

Nays: None

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$247,884.25 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 \$90,301.50.

Reisner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Reisner, Harris, Rubsam, Brooks

Nays: None

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

8. OLD BUSINESS: **None**

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Consider and act on Ordinance 18-14 To Amend Article VIII – Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment, Section 22-8-3 (B) (3), 22-8-4 (G), 22-8-5 And 22-8-6 Of The City Code.

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Harris, to pass Ordinance 18-14 To Amend Article VIII – Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment, Section 22-8-3 (B) (3), 22-8-4 (G), 22-8-5 And 22-8-6 Of The City Code.

Ayes: Harris, Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

b. Consider and act on authorizing getting quotes for the demo of the house at 404 E. Morgan St.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize getting quotes for the demo of the house at 404 E. Morgan St.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner, Harris

Nays: None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: **None**

11. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Harris: No Comment

Reisner: No Comment

Brooks: The town is beginning to look like Christmas.

Rubsam: Everyone should come and enjoy The Chamber's Holly Jolly Christmas.

Reported on Billing and Payment Adjustment Report for October.

City Attorney: No comments

City Treasurer: Appropriation change

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Reisner, to make the following appropriation change in the General Fund Police Department, move \$1,000 from Contingency Fund to K-9 Training Expense.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Harris, Rubsam

Nays: None

City Clerk: Water Department PO # 6506

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to authorize Water Department purchase order #6506 for \$3,111.16 to De Nora Water Technologies Texas, LLC.

Ayes: Reisner, Harris, Rubsam, Brooks

Nays: None

Mayor:

- ✓ Jill Cucinella is purchasing a new Santa House for Holly Jolly and ask if they could park it in the Newton Police Department car bay for a few days to paint it.
- ✓ City, County, Unit #1, Chamber and JEDI are developing a logo applicable to all. (Image proposed to right)



12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **December 4, 2018 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: **Finance Committee Meeting on Nov 26, 2018 at 5:30 PM**

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

Ayes: Harris, Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session suspended at **6:23 PM.**

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner, Harris

Nays: None

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

Open session resumed at **6:35 PM.**

Congratulation to Jerry McDaniel for being selected as the Philanthropist of the Year by Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Harris, Rubsam

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York