

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

**May 1, 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

**Physically present: David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake (arrived at 6:15 PM) and Scott Bloomberg**

**Absent: Steve Rubsam**

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

4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA

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

**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg**

**Nays: None**

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of April 17, 2018

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Newton City Council held April 17, 2018.**

**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Brown**

**Nays: None**

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Natalie Hopson

**Natalie spoke on the Special Event Permit Application for Summerfest and on the event "Jasper in July." The Chamber's scheduled events are on their web and Facebook pages.**

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on accepting the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Newton and the Laborers' International Union of North America, the Southern and Central Illinois Laborers' District Council and Laborers' Local 1197.

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Newton and the Laborers' International Union of North America, the Southern and Central Illinois Laborers' District Council and Laborers' Local 1197.**

**Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks**

**Nays: None**

- B. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 18-05 An Ordinance Approving Annexation Agreement with Charles E. Dhom and Mary Evelyn Dhom to the City Of Newton, Jasper County, Illinois.

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to pass Ordinance 18-05 An Ordinance Approving Annexation Agreement with Charles E. Dhom and Mary Evelyn Dhom to the City Of Newton, Jasper County, Illinois.**

**Ayes: Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks, Riesner**

**Nays: None**

- C. Consider and act on authorizing the purchase of hydro/vac truck for Wastewater Department at a total cost of \$153,455.00, with the Electric Department paying \$8,800.00 of the total cost for the hydro excavation package.

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize the purchase of hydro/vac truck for Wastewater Department at a total cost of \$153,455.00, with the Electric Department paying \$8,800.00 of the total cost for the hydro excavation package.**

**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Riesner, Bloomberg**

**Nays: None**

- D. Consider and act on approving Chief Swick's 3 year agreement.

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to approve Chief Swick's 3 year agreement.**

**Ayes: Brooks, Riesner, Bloomberg, Brown**

**Nays: None**

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- E. Consider and act on allowing the Newton Police Department to accept bids for the new police vehicle.

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to allow the Newton Police Department to accept bids for the new police vehicle.**

**Ayes: Riesner, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks**

**Nays: None**

- F. Consider and act on Scott Bloomberg's resignation.

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to accept Scott Bloomberg's resignation.**

**Ayes: Mayor Bolander, Brown, Brooks, Reisner**

**Nays: None**

**Acknowledge retirement of Scott Bloomberg, effective May 1, 2018.**

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on the appointment of Marlene Harris as Ward 1, alderman.

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to approve the appointment of Marlene Harris as Ward 1, alderman, effective May 1, 2018.**

**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Mayor Bolander**

**Nays: None**

**Swear in Marlene Harris**

**Eric Blake arrived at 6:15 PM**

- B. Consider and act on 2018 Special Event Permit application for Newton High School Fellowship of Christian Athletic 5K Glow walk/run.

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to approve 2018 Special Event Permit application for Newton High School Fellowship of Christian Athletic 5K Glow walk/run.**

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

**Nays: None**

- C. Consider and act on 2018 Special Event Permit application Jasper County Chamber of Commerce Summerfest Fest, June 1-2, 2018.

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to approve 2018 Special Event Permit 2018 Special Event Permit application Jasper County Chamber of Commerce Summerfest Fest, June 1-2, 2018.**

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

**Nays: None**

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: JEDI 5-1-18 and Water/Wastewater Joint Committee Meeting April 23.

**JEDI:** Ken Larimore is retiring the end of July. JEDI is developing a job description to advertise for economic coordinator's position. Some updates were given.

**Water/Wastewater Joint Committee Meeting April 23:** Discussed Water and Sewer billing at Tim Jones Apartments. Brent discussed new vac truck and is taking plans to D&M for the wastewater sludge container. Cobblestone Hotel has a new water meter. Tyler is going out for bids for a new water department truck. The water plant is back in compliance with sump splashing and chlorinator brine tank. Adjourned at 6:15 PM

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members

**Brown:** Cheryl Michl has about 6 unfilled position at the pool. We reviewed approximately 30 applicants. No decisions made at this time. No firm date for the opening of the pool, but it will be a few days after school is out for the summer. The pool painting is done. Newton Police Department is quiet.

**Brooks:** No comments

**Reisner:** Walk the low bottoms of the Eagle Trail north of the Old River Bridge. The City might think about contacting the landowner to the North to see if the Park can mow the weed on their side.

**Blake:** Gave the Jasper County Animal Report.

**Harris:** Ask about possible insurance bids this fall.

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**City Attorney:** No comments

**City Treasurer:** No Comments

**City Clerk:** Welcomed Marlene.

**Mayor:**

- Self Help Housing was discussed at a mayor's meeting. A family is selected. They do 65% of the labor and tax write-offs and tax credits pays for the materials and specialized labor. Yost has done this in Effingham. Reisner is doing some research on how this compares to Habitat for Humanity. He will try to get someone from Habitat for Humanity to speak to the council.
- Also at the mayor's meeting, he presented a list of Jasper County Assets. When you look at all we offer in Newton and Jasper County, I am very proud of our community.
- Rides Mass Transit District (RMTD) is having a "Listening Session" on May 15, 2018 at 2:00 PM in the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce Building, 124 S. Van Buren St., Newton, IL.
- "Jasper County Among Best Places in Illinois for Living on Social Security" This study is at <https://smartasset.com/retirement/social-security-calculator#Illinois> . Jasper County is rank #1 in Illinois for living on Social Security Benefits. (Source: Vanette King)

**11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM**

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Finance Committee May 7, 2018 at 5:30 PM**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Open session suspended at 6:53 PM.**

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

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

**Nays:**

**Open session resumed at 7:05 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 Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to adjourn the meeting.**

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

**Nays: None**

Meeting adjourned at **7:09 PM.**

Submitted by Rosetta York

