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Building and Grounds 1-9-2013

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Scott Bloomberg
Mark Bolander
Rick Lindemann
Larry Short
Scott Bierman
John Miller
Garrett Ellingsworth
Alice Addis
Mike Swick
Robert Reisner
David Brown
Connie Tate

Committee discussed proposed fees for property maintenance and building inspection submitted from Eagle Inspection. Committee proposed to accept fee schedule during the next January City Council meeting.

Adjourned

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INSURANCE COMMITTEE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting January 16, 2013, 5:30 PM

Council meeting room at City Hall

108 N. Van Buren, Newton, Illinois

Insurance Committee:

Present: Mark Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Harold Bolander, David Brown, Rick Lindemann, Bob Reisner, Connie Tate

The committee discussed special events insurance requirements

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Finance Committee:

Present: Mark Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Harold Bolander, David Brown, Rick Lindemann, Bob Reisner, Connie Tate

The committee met to discuss:

- Grave opening contract labor increase

- Pool wages

- Electric consultant new computer and cell phone

- Impound income restricted for K-9 fund

- Budgets for 2013-2014

- Dumpster reimbursement

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Mark Bolander

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ALCOHOL & TOBACCO Meeting

Jan. 24, 2013, 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Present: Robert Reisner, Harold Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Jeanne Wagner, Mark Bolander, Scott Bloomberg

Committee talked about special event liquor license for wine tasting at the Legion Hall.

Discussed an application by Newton Hotel Group for a new "hotel" liquor license to be created.

Meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

Submitted by Mark Bolander

Electric Committee Meeting
Feb. 4, 2013, 5:30 PM
City Hall Conference Rm.
108 N. Van Buren
Newton, IL 62448

Present: Evelyn Dhom: Mark Bolander: Greg Champe, BNNT Plant Manager: Dave Draeger, BNNT Office Manager: Jeff Vance, Ameren Energy Marketing: Connie Tate: Mike Steiner, Ameren Energy Marketing: Scott Bloomberg: Lincoln Duncan, BHMG: Raymond Reynolds: Rick Lindemann: Alice Addis

Greg Champe and Dave Draeger reported on the status and startup of the biodiesel plant. Start-up is scheduled for May 1, with production start-up a couple of weeks later. Sixty percent of the electric usage will be a base load. There are currently 12 full-time employees.

Jeff Vance and Mike Steiner explained the biodiesel electric requirement will be 2-1/2 MW about the City's current contract with Ameren. There are two options for the City:

1. Blend and extend agreement
2. Separate price for the biodiesel outside the current contract

The City may want to consider changing the delivery point of power from the generator buss to the City's substations.

The Committee discussed a new building for the Electric Dept.

Mtg. adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Alice Addis

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Dues & Donations Meeting

Feb. 5, 2013, 5:30 PM

City Hall Conference Rm.

108 N. Van Buren

Newton, IL 62448

Present: Rick Lindemann, Scott Bloomberg, Harold Bolander, Connie Tate, Alice Addis

Discussed amount to be set aside for donations, decided on \$5,500. Deadline for applications is March 8, 2013 at 5 PM.

Mtg. adjourned at 5:43 PM

Rick Lindemann

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Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting

Feb. 19, 2013, 5:50 PM – 6:10 PM

Newton City Hall

108 N. Van Buren, Newton, IL

Present: Lee Beckman, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Harold Bolander, Kathy Hayes, David Brown, Connie Tate, Ken Larimore, Bob Reisner, Larry Short, Max Tedford, Alice Addis

Lee Beckman explained the Phase I, Phase II and Phase III plans of the Eagle Trails. Phase I was the Aquatic Center.

The current plans for Phase III include sidewalks, underground electric, benches and over-all beautifying around the square and to the public school on S. Van Buren. It will probably take six months for the state to return the engineering agreement.

Phase II includes the old river bridge. Anything weak structurally on the bridge will be replaced, including all the wood. Everything on the trail will be ADA compliant. The bridge will be for pedestrian foot traffic and possibly golf carts. It will not be painted.

There will be a parking lot.

The Tourism Council and the Friends of the Trails may be encouraged to help with the trail.

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Building and Grounds 2-26-2013 6:00PM

Present:

Scott Bloomberg

Mark Bolander

Harold Bolander

David Brown

Rick Lindemann

Alice Addis

Connie Tate

Jeremy Yost

John Stone

Yost Management Company made a presentation regarding a potential affordable housing opportunity in Newton. The project would consist of approximately 40 total units consisting of 1,2 and three bedroom units. The potential building prospect would be south of Five Aprils Crossing subdivision. The committee recommended to provide a letter of intent so that Yost Management could explore financing. Total potential investment would be around 9.4 million dollars.

Scott Bloomberg email

Dues and Donations Committee Minutes 03-11-13

Meeting began at 5:35 pm (while waiting for others to arrive)

-The committee met to discuss allocating the donation funds for the 2012-2013 annual budget.

-Those attending the meeting decided to allocate the donation funds as follows:

- \$2200 to Jasper County Senior Citizens Center
- \$100 to NCHS Post Prom
- \$1000 to Sunrise Youth Soccer Program
- \$1000 to Newton Junior Football League
- \$200 to Jasper Co. Junior High Library
- \$200 to Jasper Co. Junior High PBIS
- \$150 to Jasper Co. Junior High Science Lab
- \$150 to Jasper Co. Junior High Student Council

The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

Attending:

Rick Lindemann

Connie Tate

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Parks and Cemetery Committee meeting
March 12, 2013, 6:00 – 6:40 PM

Present: David Brown, Connie Tate, Robert Reisner, Brad Benefiel, Mark Bolander, Rick Lindemann,
Harold Bolander

The Committee met to discuss and review applicants for the Pool Manager position. Candidates were
selected to be interviewed.

David Brown, Chairman

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Building and Grounds 3-18-13. 6:00PM

Present:

Scott Bloomberg
Harold Bolander
Mark Bolander

Interview Paul Conlin for building inspector position.

Adjourned 6:15 PM

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parking
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Parks and Cemetery Committee
March 26, 2013, 6:00 to 7:45 PM
Newton City Hall, 108 N. Van Buren

Present: David Brown, Harold Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Brad Benefiel, Mark Bolander

The Parks Committee met to interview applicants for the manager's position at the Aquatic Center. All the candidates interviewed were excellent. The Committee decided to hire Cheryl Michl as the Aquatic Center Manager.

The Committee also discussed the city's mowing contract with Jasper Services. It will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

David Brown, Chairman

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Finance Committee meeting
April 1, 2013, 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM

Physically present:

Larry Brooks
Jeff Ford
Harold Bolander
Ken Larimore
Mark Bolander
Rick Lindemann
Scott Bloomberg
Connie Tate

Ken Larimore was present to present two TIF applications:

1. David Webster for a warehouse for storage of Polaris ATV and side-by-side. \$3,000 for immediate reimbursement of eligible TIF expenses, \$7,000 based on tax increment starting with 2014 taxes through 2018 (5 years).
2. IGA \$2500 for assistance to be able to repair and improve signage and lighting

Tentative application for Sarah Weiler was discussed and will be presented after May 1, 2013.

Grant Locator eCivis was discussed.

Yost Management Agency is interested in coming to Newton and was discussed.

Connie Tate also discussed the budget for 2013 – 2014, to be voted on at the next council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Larry Brooks, Chairman

Water Department Committee Meeting Minutes - 04/03/2013

Meeting began at 6:00pm

- The committee discussed bulk water sales rates and costs.
- The committee discussed Sewer Plant Water Usage.
- The committee discussed the connection fee rate structure vs actual costs.
- Adjournment at approx. 6:55m

Attending:

Carl Baker

Rick Lindemann

Robert Reisner

Harold Bolander

Mark Bolander

Shannon Woodard

Jeff Ford

David Brown

Rick Lindemann, Chairman

Electric Committee Meeting
April 4, 2013, 5:30 PM – 6:25 PM

Physically present: Raymond Reynolds, Larry Brooks, Lincoln Duncan BHMG, Brad Hummert HMG, Mark Bolander, Harold Bolander, Evelyn Dhom, Alice Addis, Rick Lindemann, Jeff Ford

Lincoln Duncan explained the rates and agreement offered by Ameren for the city to purchase power. A firm price will be given the day the agreement will be signed. Ameren will provide services to the City (currently performed by Evelyn) beginning June 2015, as stated in the agreement.

A new 165' by 89' electric building was discussed. It will have overhead doors, a warehouse area, conference room, training room and offices. A concrete driveway is preferred.

The Electric Department had advertised for truck bids and four bids were received for the cab chassis, one bid for the bed. The Committee will recommend purchasing the cab chassis from Webster Ford and the bed from Drake-Scruggs Equipment Co.

Wayne's Tree Service will be cutting trees for the City in several locations. Bolander suggested having a tree-trimming schedule for better quality and reliability of our electric system.

An electric upgrade at Hardees and the hotel electric work will be done at the same time. The pad for the transformer at the hotel will be poured next Wednesday.

Re-conductoring will be done from the water well and at the Freeze.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Jeff Ford, Committee Chair

Police Committee Meeting

April 4, 2013, 6:25 PM – 7:00 PM

Physically present: Jeff Ford, Rick Lindemann, Larry Brooks, Mike Swick, Harold Bolander, Alice Addis, Mark Bolander

Personnel: April 10 will be the date for interviewing applicants for the Administrative Assistant position in the Police Department.

Building Maintenance: Renovation of City Hall was discussed regarding the Police Department's needs.

K9: The Department would like to have a raffle to raise funds. Doug Bierman has applied for funds from the Mary Heath Foundation grant. Vehicles have been replaced on a rotation schedule . An SUV would be a better vehicle for the K9 so Chief Swick will research the availability and price of a used SUV. Dog school begins in Sept. and is 6 weeks long.

Chief Swick's employment contract was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Jeff Ford, Committee Chair

Building and Grounds. 4-8-13

Present:

Scott Bloomberg

Larry Brooks

Jeff Ford

Harold Bolander

Robert Reisner

Dick Grogg

Larry Casey

Connie Tate

Committee discussed Burl Ives project. The Jasper Co. Tourism is working up drawings and funding for the project. A suggestion was made that City would assume responsibility of memorial after it has been established. At this time the Jasper Co. Tourism will work on the project as funding becomes available. A drawing of the layout and potential cost was also reviewed.

Adjourned 5:50 PM

Scott Bloomberg, Chairman

Insurance Committee meeting

April 8, 2013, 6:00 PM – 6:15 PM

Present: Scott Bloomberg, Harold Bolander, Jeff Ford, Larry Brooks, Connie Tate, Robert Reisner

The Committee met to discuss amendments to the health insurance policy for the City employees. The Committee will meet again at a later date, when more information is available.

Also discussed was eligibility for city insurance.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

Larry Brooks, Chairman

Finance Committee meeting

April 8, 2013, 6:15 PM – 6:30 PM

Present: Scott Bloomberg, Harold Bolander, Jeff Ford, Larry Brooks, Connie Tate, Robert Reisner

The Committee discussed the amount of interest paid to the Electric Department for the inter-fund loans. Because the City receives a very small amount on their CDs, it was decided to recommend paying the Electric Department the rate of .40% on the water loan and TIF loan from the Electric Department.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Larry Brooks, Chairman

Police Committee meeting

April 10, 2013, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Present: Larry Brooks

Mark Bolander

Bob Reisner

Mike Swick

Harold Bolander

David Brown

Jeff Ford

Met to interview prospective individuals for police secretary position.

Jeff Ford, Committee Chairman

Finance Committee

April 16, 2013, 5:30 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Connie Tate, Jeff Ford, Harold Bolander, Ken Larimore, Mark Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Robert Reisner

Ken Larimore was present to present a TIF application for Kent and Sandra Farley for \$2500.00 for façade.

Also discussed: letting a full-time employee back up start time. This will be on the agenda for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 5:50 PM

Larry Brooks, Chairman

Water Department Committee Meeting Minutes - 04/18/2013

Meeting began at 6:00 pm

- The committee met to conduct a tour of the water plant.
- The committee discussed the water wells and plant operation.
- Adjournment at approx. 7:00pm

Attending:

Carl Baker
Rick Lindemann
Larry Brooks
David Brown
Scott Bloomberg
Shannon Woodard
Harold Bolander

Insurance Committee meeting
May 7, 2013, 5:30 PM
Newton City Hall

Present: Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Harold Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Rick Lindemann, Bob Reisner,
Connie Tate

The Committee met to discuss values of city buildings for property insurance. It was decided to go with all the updates as suggested by Illinois Risk Management Company and by Shannon Woodard.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Larry Brooks, Chairman

Finance Committee meeting
May 7, 2013, 5:15 PM
Newton City Hall

Present: Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Scott Bloomberg, Alice Addis, Mark Bolander, Bob Reisner, Connie Tate

The Committee met to discuss the contract with Lamar Company for Five Aprils Crossing Subdivision advertising. It was decided to let Lucas Bolander explore other options before we decide.

The building permit fee schedule was discussed and it was decided to change one and two family to Single Family.

Connie passed out copies of the appropriations to be looked at.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Larry Brooks, Chairman

Finance Committee
May 8, 2013, 5:15 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Harold Bolander, Mark Bolander, Ken Larimore, Connie Tate, Alice Addis

Department head wages and part-time wages were proposed. A raise of 40¢ per hour was proposed for department heads.

Part-time employees' raises were proposed; for Evelyn Dhom a 25¢ raise per hour; Rosie York would receive \$14.42 per hour for hours worked for mapping and other duties other than her elected official hours; Jarad Schackmann would receive 25¢ per hour raise. There was discussion on going out for cleaning service bids.

Chief Swick's contract was discussed and a 4% raise per year for 5 years was proposed.

These proposals will be voted on at the next council meeting May 21, 2013.

Alice was present to discuss billing program changes to 5 digits instead of 6 digits.

A TIF application was presented by Ken Larimore for Sara Weiler for \$2500 for repair on a retaining wall at 102 N. Jackson, Integrated Therapy, total project \$5800.00.

Jeff Ford and Mayor Bolander presented possible future plans for a new electric building and remodeling of City Hall. There will be much more discussion in the future.

Appropriations were also discussed.

Meeting adjourned 6:50 PM

Larry Brooks, Chairman

Parks Committee

May 14, 2013, 6:20 – 7:10 PM

Present: David Brown, Bob Reisner, Brad Benefiel, Rick Lindemann, Mark Bolander, Jim Closson
IMLRMA, Harold Bolander, Larry Brooks, Connie Tate

Jim Closson discussed IML's views on our Peterson Park playground equipment. Jim stated that we have a clean and safe park with good playground equipment. The Parks Committee had previously decided to put money back every year to purchase more up-to-date equipment.

Next, the City's mowing agreement with Jasper Services was discussed. Brad is going to advertise the Grasshopper zero-turn and wood rear-mount mower for sale. The Committee agreed to extend the contract with Jasper Services through 2016. The cost would go up \$78.00 for all city property except unsold lots in Five Aprils.

David Brown, Chairman

Insurance Committee meeting
May 14, 2013, 5:30 PM
Newton City Hall

Present: Robert Reisner, Larry Dorn, Joe Stoops, Harold Bolander, Larry Brooks, Mark Bolander, Mike Swick, David Brown, Alice Addis, Susie McCann from the Chamber, Brad Benefiel, Connie Tate, Raymond Reynolds, Rick Lindemann, Jim Closson from IMLRMA

The committee met with our safety insurance man, Jim Closson. Safety for special events was discussed: how much insurance, who is responsible for the event, need to make sure we have enough personnel to provide crowd control, ordinance for special events. Permits were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Larry Brooks, Chairman

xc: Jasper Unit I

Water Department Committee Meeting Minutes - 05/13/2013

Meeting began at 5:30pm

-The committee discussed bulk water sales rates and costs.

- Adjournment at approx. 6:00pm

Attending:

Carl Baker

Rick Lindemann

Robert Reisner

Larry Brooks

Harold Bolander

Mark Bolander

Shannon Woodard

Connie Tate

Alice Addis

Personnel Committee meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 2013, 5:30 PM

Physically present: Mark Bolander, Harold Bolander, Raymond Reynolds, Larry Dorn, Joe Stoops, Rosetta York, Alice Addis, Connie Tate, Mike Swick, Jeff Ford, Paul Conlin, Brad Benefiel, Carl Baker, Larry Brooks, Doug Bierman, *Rick Lindemann*

Met with the department heads to receive updates on each respective department.

Officer Bierman told us about what he is doing with the police dog.

Chief Swick is considering trading a vehicle to use for the police dog

Brad Benefiel said the pool is ready to go and wants a date for the city picnic

Joe Stoops is doing a lot of mowing and fixing culverts

Larry Dorn needs several (\$5,000 worth) of diffusers

Raymond Reynolds is keeping lines and pole s fixed up, getting a new truck

Carl Baker reported the water tower needs worked on, water plant is doing good

Rosie York is learning the job

The City employee picnic is tentatively set for July 27 at the park.

Harold Bolander, Chairman

Electric Committee meeting
May 28, 2013, 5:30 – 6:35 PM

Physically present: Harold Bolander, Robert Reisner, Shannon Woodard, Mark Bolander, Tim Raibley (ADG Architects), David Brown, Raymond Reynolds, Matt Tarr, Connie Tate, Alice Addis, Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Rick Lindemann

Met to discuss a new electric department building.

Another meeting will be scheduled to continue the discussion.

Jeff Ford, Chairman

Wastewater Committee meeting

June 10, 2013, 5:30

Physically present: Scott Bloomberg, Shannon Woodard, Larry Dorn, Carl Baker, Bob Reisner, Harold Bolander, Jeff Ford, Larry Brooks, Connie Tate, Rick Lindemann

Met to discuss proposed Xanders Addition to annex – water and sewer infrastructure

Bob Reisner, Chairman

Finance Committee meeting
June 11, 2013, 5:30 – 6:20 PM

Physically present: Larry Brooks, Harold Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Ken Larimore, John Stone, Rick Lindemann, Robert Reisner, Connie Tate, Brad Benefiel, Lucas Bolander

Advertising for Five Aprils Crossing was presented by Lucas Bolander. The Committee decided to set the budget at \$20,000.00 for this year. Lucas stated that a traveling billboard, radio ad, newspaper ads and a web-site would come in at approximately \$16,000.00 for the year. The Committee decided for Lucas to proceed.

Ken Larimore was present with an update on Yost apartments. As more information comes, we will proceed with options as they are presented.

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Bids were received for janitorial services for City Hall. Wanda Kocher was the low bidder of \$2,704.00 a year.

Appropriations were also discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Larry Brooks, Finance Committee Chairman

Finance Committee meeting
June 10, 2013, 5:30 – 6:20 PM

Physically present: Larry Brooks, Harold Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Ken Larimore, John Stone, Rick Lindemann, Robert Reisner, Connie Tate, Brad Benefiel, Lucas Bolander

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Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Larry Brooks, Finance Committee Chairman

Building and Grounds 6/12/13. 5:30PM

Present:

Scott Bloomberg

Mark Bolander

Lee Beckman

Jeff Ford

Larry Brooks

Connie Tate

Rick Lindamenn

Mike Swick

Discussed Phase II, III, and Phase IV of Eagles Trails

Phase III is Landscape/Streetscape downtown

Phase IV Rail Road right away

Adjourned 6:00

Scott Bloomberg, Chairman

Police Committee meeting
June 12, 2013, 6:15 – 6:40 PM

Physically present: Scott Bloomberg, Jeff Ford, Larry Brooks, Connie Tate, Robert Reisner, Doug Bierman, Mike Swick, Rick Lindemann, Mark Bolander

1. Discuss the check received from Mary Heath Foundation. The amount was \$10,000 for the K-9 dog.
2. Discuss the purchase of a new vehicle for K-9. Swick will talk to all three dealers in Newton about a K-9 vehicle.
3. Sandy Dhom will be attending the Users' Training Conference on Aug. 26 – 28. Register cost is \$225.00 and hotel \$300.00.

Jeff Ford, Police Committee Chairman

Police Committee meeting minutes

7-2-13, 5:30 PM – 5:50 PM

Physically present: Harold Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Mike Swick, Doug Bierman, Robert Reisner, Larry Brooks, Connie Tate, Jeff Ford, Rick Lindemann

1. Opened bids for K-9 vehicle. McClane Motors won the bid at a cost of \$27,597.00.
2. Swick would like to invite Kevin Burke to speak to the City and County police
3. Swick requests golf carts be allowed to ride after dark if they have the proper lights. Swick will check with the city attorney and the city ordinances.

Jeff Ford, Chairman

Joint meeting of Finance and Personnel Committees

July 8, 2013 5:15 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Harold Bolander, Robert Reisner, Ken Larimore, Mark Bolander, Connie Tate

Ken Larimore presented a TIF application from Colleen Wright of Cellular One at 122 W. Washington St., Newton for exterior renovation/restoration. The request is for \$2,500.00. Project cost of \$5,200.22. Brian Reich is the property owner. This application will be voted on at the July 16 council meeting.

Personnel meeting was to discuss part-time employees benefits, who may work more than 1000 hours per year.

The City Treasurer also asked to attend the Treasurer's Institute Nov. 17 – 21, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM

Submitted by Larry Brooks, Finance Committee Chair

Personnel Committee 7-10-13. 5:30PM

Present:

Scott Bloomberg
Larry Brooks
Connie Tate
Rick Lindamenn
Mike Swick
Larry Dorn
Joe Stoops
Raymond Reynolds
Carl Baker
Rosie York
Alice Addis
Brad Benefiel
Cheryl Michl
David Brown
Harold Bolander

Each department discussed technology needs and gave updates.

Police:

Requested that each squad car be fitted with Blue tooth technology.
The Chief will generate spread sheat to track property maintenance issues.

Paul Conlin

Currently tracking current building projects.

Streets:

Working on summer street program.

Parks:

Requested wireless camera surveillance for Dufrain Park. A 2000.00 anoymous donation was made for swing for the disabled. Planted about 20 trees. The pool personnel had a modified emergency response training. Need to add second assistant manager was also discussed.

Waste Water:

Dealing with excessive rain water run off.

Electric Dept.:

Set transformer for hotel.

Requested lap top for Matt for GIS mapping system

Add Blue-tooth for staff. Getting New truck retrofitted in Springfield

Water Dept.

NOTICE: 5:45 PM, Public hearing re: Appropriations

WTE
7-16-13

Hearing called to order by Mayor Bolander.

Physically present: Scott Bloomberg, Larry Brooks, Larry Short, Rick Lindemann
Also present: Rosetta York, Connie Tate, Alice Addis, Emma Meeks, Jeremy Catt

Treasurer Tate explained the appropriations include the anticipation of two grants along with anticipated expenses for the city.

No comments or objections were voiced to the Appropriations Ordinance No. 13-8.

Hearing was closed at 5:51 PM.

Submitted: Rosetta York

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosetta York", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

EMA, HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE MEETING

July 23, 2013, 5:30 PM

Present: David Brown, Robert Reisner, Harold Bolander, Camelia Ganett with Republic Services, Ron Howard with Republic Services, Connie Tate, Alice Addis, Rosetta York, Larry Brooks, Larry Short

The committee met with representatives from Republic Waste Services. Ron Howard, Sales Manager with Republic, discussed his meetings with several commercial customers in Newton. Mr. Howard explained how the errors occurred and how Republic has taken measures so that it doesn't happen again. The Committee was satisfied with Republic's efforts to resolve the issues. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

David Brown, Chairman

Revolving Loan Fund Meeting
July 25, 2013, 10:05 AM

Present: Mayor Bolander, Tom Brown, Ken Larimore, Travis Farley, Connie Tate

The committee met to discuss the RLF loan to Chris Hankins. It was recommended that the loan be approved upon approval of the Plan I environmental studies, and requirements are met of the RLF Loan Program.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 AM

Connie Tate, Treasurer

Electric Committee meeting

August 8, 2013

5:30 PM – 6:20 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Harold Bolander, Mark Bolander, Raymond Reynolds, Alice Addis, Connie Tate, M. Evelyn Dhom, Jeff Vance AEM, Mike Steiner AEM, Rick Lindemann

1. Discuss Evelyn Dhom's decision to retire and how her job will be taken over by Ameren.
2. Evelyn briefly discussed her job description.
3. Ameren will discuss with their company on how to handle the consulting and the consulting fee

Jeff Ford, Chairman

Finance Committee meeting

Aug. 15, 2013

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Harold Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Larry Short, Rick Lindemann, Brian of Kemper CPA Group, Connie Tate Newton City Treasurer

The Committee met to discuss the yearly city audit. Brian of Kemper CPA Group, conducting the City audit, was present to explain the audit. He answered any questions and reported that the City had a Clean Audit.

Larry Brooks, Finance Chairman

Insurance Committee meeting

Aug. 15, 2013

6:35 PM – 7:10 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Harold Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Larry Short, Rick Lindemann, Raymond Reynolds, Connie Tate

The Committee met to discuss an ordinance for Special Events. The ordinance will cover permits, insurance, and etc. for special events. After some discussion, Connie Tate, City Treasurer, was asked to give the ordinance, with some revisions, to the City attorney. The ordinance will be revisited at another meeting before being voted on.

An event planned by Lindemann of TPS was also discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Larry Brooks, Insurance Committee Chairman

Alcohol & Tobacco Committee meeting

Aug. 29, 2013

5:30 PM – 5:45 PM

Present: Harold Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Mark Bolander, Joe Stoops, Larry Brooks, Gary Johnson

We discussed changing the days and hours for special event liquor licenses.

Submitted by Mark Bolander

Streets and Alleys Committee meeting

Aug. 29, 2013

6:00 PM – 6:35 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Rick Lindemann, Harold Bolander, Mark Bolander, Joe Stoops

The Committee met to discuss vacating an alley in Dalton's Subdivision between lots 5 and 9 in Block 7.

Also discussed...was East Washington Street in need of some repair.

City mowing was also discussed.

Larry Brooks, Committee Chairman

Insurance Committee meeting

Sept. 4, 2013

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Harold Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Ray Diel, Jason Booth, Melisa Brooks, Connie Tate, Rick Lindemann

The Committee met to discuss policy changes for the City's health insurance. The Affordable Care Plan will be the largest change in the plan. The Committee agreed that this should be in our Plan for the year 2014, as presented by Snedeker Risk Management, which was accepted by Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Larry Brooks, Chairman

Finance Committee meeting

Sept. 4, 2013

6:35 PM – 6:44 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Harold Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Rick Lindemann

The Committee met to discuss a new copier for the Treasurer's office. A Sharp MX-M264N digital copier was decided on, at a price of \$3,300.00.

A maintenance contract can be added at a later date if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Larry Brooks, Chairman

Building & Grounds Committee meeting

Sept. 17, 2013

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Present: Mark Bolander, Tim Raibley from ADG, Shannon Woodard from Connor & Connor, Harold Bolander, Jef Ford, Rosetta York, Connie Tate, Larry Brooks, Matt Tarr, Raymond Reynolds, Mike Swick, Alice Addis

The Committee met to discuss the new electric building and city hall renovations in order to give more room, yet improve efficiencies.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

Mark Bolander, Mayor

Electric Committee Meeting

Oct. 2, 2013

5:30 – 6:00 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Connie Tate, Robert Reisner, Evelyn Dhom, Alice Addis, Mark Bolander, Lincoln Duncan from BHMg, Scott Bloomberg, Rick Lindemann, Jeff Vance from Ameren, Jeff Ford

Committee met to discuss Ameren taking over Evelyn Dhom's responsibilities, the agreement will go into effect at a later date. A charge will be discussed at a later date. This agreement will conclude June 2015.

Lincoln Duncan from BHMg discussed finished jobs by Henkel and McCoy and talked about Circuit B (west side of square). BHMg is still working on substation study.

Jeff Ford, Committee Chair

Police Committee Meeting

Oct. 2, 2013

6:00 – 6:35 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Rick Lindemann, Robert Reisner, Doug Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Mike Swick, Jeff Ford, Dave Brown

Committee discussed concealed carry – Brian Hart, from Secretary of State requests the right to use the city's fire range. The range would be used for college students who are registered in a college class. The IECC would provide the insurance and pay \$100 each time the range is used.

K-9 update – Bierman will start training 10-21-13 for 6 weeks. Training will end Nov. 27. Still waiting on squad car for K-9.

Side by side vehicles – Several complaints about side by sides on the highway. Side by sides are not supposed to be on the highway. Only crossing is at Jackson and Jourdan.

Discussed several nuisance situations.

Jeff Ford, Committee Chair

Personnel/Water/Finance Department Committee Meeting Minutes - 10/29/13

Meeting began at 5:35 pm

- The Major moved to go into closed session to conduct interviews. Seconded by Bloomberg.
- The Committee moved to closed session and interviewed 5 applicants for the Water Department Position.
- The Committee discussed the applicants and decided on an applicant for the position.
- Adjournment at approx. 7:25pm

Attending:

Carl Baker

David Brown

Harold Bolander

Rick Lindemann

Larry Brooks

Mark Bolander

Scott Bloomberg

Jeff Ford

Insurance Committee meeting

Nov. 4, 2013

7:00 – 7:20 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Harold Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Scott Bloomberg, Raymond Reynolds, Connie Tate, Melissa Brooks, Mark Bolander

1. Discussed health insurance for the city employees. The City's insurance rates were discussed with possible raises soon. Property liability and work comp. insurance will increase from \$140,066.01 to \$158,172.28 this year. Connie Tate will pay our premium early to receive a discount. The Committee discussed going out for quotes next year.
2. Reviewed insurance requirement for contractors, decided to continue as done in the past.
3. Discussed a new employee for the Treasurer's Dept. Will advertise at a later time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Larry Brooks, Insurance Committee Chairman

Finance Committee meeting

Nov. 4, 2013

5:30 – 7:00 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Harold Bolander, Evelyn Dhom, Melissa Brooks, Connie Tate, Ken Larimore, Mark Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Rick Lindemann

1. Ken Larimore was present to present two TIF applications; Tammy Wilson, 109 E. Jourdan, \$1000.00, Eric Carr, Crooked Creek Antler, Inc., Washington St. \$5000.00 after work is completed and up to \$5,000.00 more based on tax increments up to five years.
2. Review eligible expenses: reviewed Pizza Man (will contact again), Schackmann Insulation and Holly Brook had eligible expenses.
3. Connie Tate reviewed the City's department budgets. The Insurance budget needs to be watched, as premiums continue to rise.
4. Mayor Bolander discussed future TIF marketing. Discussed a possible contract up to \$17,000 with Trisha Vitale, Planning Success, LLC, to enhance future contacts.
5. Connie Tate presented the City tax levy. The levy is within the 5% allowed. The tax levy will be on the agenda the first meeting of Dec.
6. Evelyn Dhom was present with a review of our Electric Dept. transmission charges.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Larry Brooks, Finance Committee Chairman

Building & Grounds/Finance joint meeting

Nov. 14, 2013, 5:30 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Robert Reisner, Larry Short, Rosie York, Alice Addis, Melissa Brooks, Connie Tate, David Brown, Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor), Tim Raibley (ADG Architects), Mark Bolander, Trisha Vitale (Planning Success, LLC)

1. Trisha Vitale with Planning Success, LLC presented a proposal for the City of Newton Commercial Analysis. The contract for this would not exceed \$17,000.00. This is not a lump sum contract, the City would be billed only for actual time and expenses incurred. Contract period would be for 9 months.
2. Tim Raibley presented the plans for the new electric building and city hall renovation. A long discussion on the project cost and how it would be paid for was very lengthy. There was no agreement reached. An alternate electric building was also discussed. Shannon Woodard will look into this building and report back to a Finance Committee meeting later.
3. Annexation of Xanders Addition, EDA and IEPA were discussed. Sewer and water for the addition were discussed. Shannon Woodard will follow through on the possibility of annexation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Larry Brooks, Chairman

Police Committee meeting

Nov. 26, 2013

10:00 AM – 10:40 AM

Present: Robert Reisner, Mike Swick, Jeff Ford, Mark Bolander, Rick Lindemann

1. Bids were open: the Crown Victoria went to Tom Eaton, Jr. for \$1205.13 and the Pontiac went to Jeff Judy for \$650.00.
2. How much does the City want to get involved with the destruction of home due to the financial situation of the owners?

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM

Jeff Ford, Police Committee Chairman

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Jeff Ford, Police Committee Chairman

Personnel Committee meeting

Dec. 9, 2013

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, David Brown, Robert Reisner, Rick Lindemann, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Jeff Ford

Mark Bolander moved to go into executive session, seconded by Jeff Ford, for the purpose of reviewing applications for the Asst. Treasurer position.

Mark Bolander moved to go out of executive session and into open session, seconded by Robert Reisner.

In executive session applications were reviewed for the Asst. Treasurer's position.

Scott Bloomberg moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rick Lindemann.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00PM

Larry Brooks, Chairman

Police Committee meeting

Dec. 11, 2013

5:00 PM – 5:20 PM

Present: Jeff Ford, Mike Swick, David Brown, Robert Reisner, Mark Bolander, Connie Tate, Melissa Brooks, Larry Brooks

1. Discussed a part-time officer position – recommended the dept. hire one part-time employee. Swick will advertise for the part-time position.
2. Concerns about Shamhart residence on S. Van Buren St., Weeds need to be trimmed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Jeff Ford, Chairman

Personnel Committee meeting

Dec. 11, 2013

5:30 PM – 6:50 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Melissa Brooks, Connie Tate, Brad Benefiel, David Brown, Robert Reisner, Mark Bolander, Carl Baker, Tyler Weber, Ken Albrecht, Doug Bierman & Dan-o, Mike Swick, Larry Dorn, Alice Addis, Rosie York, Rick Lindemann, Raymond Reynolds, Scott Bloomberg

The Committee met with department heads for updates on their respective departments. Everything seems to be moving along smoothly.

Also discussed were any other related matters.

It was a good meeting with input from everyone involved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50PM

Larry Brooks, Chairman

Insurance Committee meeting
December 16, 2013, 5:00 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Harold Bolander, Mark Bolander, Mike Swick, Connie Tate, Melissa Brooks, Rick Lindemann, Robert Reisner, David Brown

The committee met to discuss the city's health insurance. The fund for our self insurance account needs to be raised by 5% for the city's and employees' contributions for dependents. The MRP coverage per individual would be raised 50% from \$5.15 to \$7.74.

Dental coverage would increase from \$30.00 to \$35.00.

Increases would start Jan. 1, 2014.

Also, each department will have to contribute for the Symetra Re-insurance, starting May 1, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Larry Brooks, Insurance Committee Chairman

Insurance Committee meeting

December 16, 2013, 5:00 PM

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Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Larry Brooks, Insurance Committee Chairman

Personnel Committee meeting
December 16, 2013, 5:30 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Harold Bolander, Mark Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Robert Reisner,
David Brown, Connie Tate, Melissa Brooks

The Committee met to interview applicants for the Asst. Treasurer position.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Jeff Ford, seconded by Harold Bolander, for the purpose of interviewing applicants.

In executive session two applicants were interviewed for the position.

Jeff Ford moved to go out of executive session, seconded by Harold Bolander.

In open session, department related matters were discussed. The Committee discussed the applicants and decided on an applicant for the position to be voted on at the Dec. 17 council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Larry Brooks, Chairman

Finance Committee meeting

December 17, 2013

5:30 PM

Physically Present: Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Rosetta York, Mark Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Robert Reisner, Ken Larimore, Connie Tate, Melissa Brooks

The Committee met to discuss and review TIF eligible expenses for the Medicine Shoppe. Ken Larimore was present to explain the TIF expenses. After reviewing and discussing, the expenses were approved by the committee. The tax reimbursements will be sent to the Medicine Shoppe.

Also discussed were individual applications for TIF. Ken Larimore will look into this type of application and get back to the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

Larry Brooks, Finance Committee Chairman

Electric Committee meeting December 30, 2013, 5:30 – 6:17 PM

Present: Larry Short, Shannon Woodard, Mark Bolander, Robert Reisner, Raymond Reynolds, Connie Tate, Matt Tarr, Melissa Brooks, David Brown, Rick Lindemann, Jeff Ford

Shannon Woodard presented information about the Lindemann building as a possible location for the Electric Dept. Woodard estimated the cost for the Lindemann building at \$638,000. The new building will be 9,000 square feet, if cut down the building size by 1/3 the estimated cost could be a little over \$600,000.

The present cost would be \$851,000 for a new building. Shannon will advertise for bid letting for a new electric building.

The committee supported the idea of building a new building.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM

Jeff Ford, Electric Committee Chairman

13,252 sq. ft. (Lindemann building)

Concrete \$85,000, lights \$50,000, walls/insulation \$35,000, panels \$26,000, walls \$30,000, brace \$12,000, drainage/retaining wall \$55,000, doors \$18,000, heat \$30,000, RR/office \$28,000

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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING (PY-2013 Project Application Hearing)

After providing due notice in the February 7, 2013 edition of the Newton Press-Mentor newspaper, the City of Newton's Mayor, Mark Bolander called the Project Application Public Hearing to order at approximately 5:15 P.M. on Tuesday, February 19 2013. The public hearing was held in the fully accessible City Council Chambers of the Newton City Hall located at 108 North Van Buren Street in Newton, Illinois with several interested individuals, including residents of the proposed project target area, in attendance (see *the accompanying attendance sheet immediately following these minutes*). Mayor Bolander opened the public hearing and then recognized Mike Shaw of the South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission who spearheaded the city's preparation of its PY-2013 CDAP housing rehabilitation grant request.

Mr. Shaw noted that the purpose of the *public hearing* was to provide all interested parties (*and especially those from the proposed project target area*) with general information regarding: (1) the amount of CDAP *grant funds* available to non-metropolitan Illinois local governments; (2) the range of eligible *housing rehabilitation* program activities which can be undertaken with CDAP Fund resources along with municipal and other resources; (3) the estimated amount of CDAP targeted such that they will benefit *poverty level, very low and low and moderate-income* local residents within the recently selected project target area of the city; (4) the city's plans for *minimizing* and in fact, totally avoiding the involuntary displacement of individuals as a result of the implementation of the proposed PY-2013 CDAP Fund project; and (5) the discussion of the city's *community development and housing needs* and how the proposed housing rehabilitation assistance program in question will address a portion of such problems. Mr. Shaw also indicated that the public hearing would be used to discuss the city's pending plans to submit a \$277,894 Competitive Housing Rehabilitation PY-2013 CDAP grant application.

Mr. Shaw noted that, for the program year 2013 funding period, the State of Illinois, through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), expects to receive nearly \$26.16 million in federal community development block grant funds, which in turn will be made available in the form of *grants* to qualifying non-metropolitan *general purpose* units of government (*i.e., villages, cities, townships and counties*) throughout rural Illinois. Mr. Shaw noted that the state's sizable allocation of such federal funds under the CDAP program was further subdivided into several "*components*" as indicated in the table below.

PY-2013 CDAP Program Components	Allocation	Grant Ceiling
<u>Ongoing (non-competitive) Programs</u>		
General Economic Development Component	\$ 5,000,000	\$750,000
Emergency Public Infrastructure	2,750,000	200,000
Mobility & Accessibility Rehabilitation Service (MARS)	750,000	100,000
Community Revitalization Area	750,000	750,000

Minutes of Public Hearing (cont'd)

<u>Competitive Programs</u>		
Public Infrastructure (Municipalities /Counties)	7,445,284	450,000
Public Infrastructure (Rural Water)	1,500,000	400,000
Housing Rehabilitation Component	5,000,000	400,000
Design Engineering/Planning Component	2,000,000	150,000

Mr. Shaw noted that the remaining \$965,515 balance of the state's total program year 2013 federal allocation of block grant funds would be retained by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to provide: (1) technical assistance to local governments; and (2) general administration of the CDAP program. Shaw noted that a diverse range of potentially *eligible activities* could be supported by CDAP grant resources with the specifics guided by the particular regulations for the *program component* in question.

For example, Mr. Shaw noted that under the CDAP *Competitive Housing Rehabilitation* grant component, state funds are awarded annually with the application submission deadline for the PY-2013 funding cycle being March 8, 2013. Local governments are permitted to receive DCEO funding for only one (1) housing rehabilitation project per year. Shaw added that *100%* of any CDAP grant funds requested must be targeted to the local jurisdiction's poverty level, very low income and/or low and moderate-income persons.

Shaw further noted the state's decided preference for housing rehabilitation projects that have systematically surveyed the entire local political jurisdiction as a prelude to the logical identification of a much more narrowly defined "*project target area*" within which all rehabilitation activities would be undertaken. Shaw added that, in order for an applicant's proposal to achieve a higher state ranking, the project target area should be *compact in size* and reflect a *high concentration of income-eligible home owners* currently residing in dwelling units which reflect *one or more structural or other problems (such as sagging porches, wobbly steps, significant roofing, framing, chimney or heating and ventilation, plumbing or electric system problems, etc.)*.

Furthermore, the scale and specific characteristics of the locally selected project target area should be *consistent with*, and permit the local community to make *significant progress* in, accomplishing its stated housing rehabilitation *program goals and objectives* relative to various categories of households (*i.e., by income status, age composition, race, physical or developmental disabilities, and family size, etc.*) and dwelling unit categories (*single-family owner-occupied units, conventional construction vs. mobile homes, etc.*) to receive financial assistance and subsidized home improvements designed to bring the unit into "*full compliance*" with minimal local, state (IHDA) and federal (HUD Section 8) housing standards.

It was explained that an award of CDAP housing rehabilitation grant funds is traditionally complemented with a smaller allocation (*\$3,500 per rehabilitated structure*) of Energy Efficiency Improvements resources. Such state funds are then most commonly used by the recipient local government to: (1) provide financial assistance (*i.e., through five-year potentially forgivable loans*) to income-eligible home owners (*poverty level, very low income and/or low and moderate-income families*) to fully rehabilitate their substandard, single-family, owner-occupied structures

Minutes of Public Hearing (cont'd)

(including needed energy efficiency and essential housing rehabilitation improvements and connection costs) such that the structure complies with all applicable municipal and federal HUD Section 8 housing *rehabilitation standards* after the completion of such publicly-supported home improvements; and (2) offset the essential application intake, data verification, housing inspection, project review and approval and construction monitoring costs along with general project management and administrative costs to comply with all applicable state and federal regulations governing the use of such public funds.

Only proposals submitted by local governments that meet or exceed the state's minimum *leverage requirement* of \$9,000 in non-administrative funds outside the CDAP grant resources will be considered for additional "points" in the evaluation process. As previously noted, such leveraged funds are most commonly provided through either: (1) the Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund administered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA); or (2) the Housing Preservation Grant Program administered by the Rural Development division of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Other possible sources of non-CDAP matching funds can sometimes include: (1) conventional home loans by local participating banks to the target area's middle and upper-income households that are more capable of borrowing and repaying such funds; and (2) the use of home weatherization funds allocated for use by the community action agency serving the project area - in this instance, the Embarras River Basin Agency (ERBA).

DCEO's project ranking criteria for housing rehabilitation proposals generally consider: (1) the community's *overall housing needs* documented by current survey data depicting that housing deficiencies (*especially within the proposed Southwest of Liberty "project target area"*) are widespread and serious, particularly for very low, low income and low to moderate-income households; (2) how the proposed housing rehabilitation assistance efforts will *directly address* the range of local *housing needs* identified by a current family income and structural conditions survey of the proposed *project target area* - such that a clear and easily-measured impact can be documented upon project completion; (3) how local resources (*from the applicant local government and other agencies involved in housing rehabilitation*) will be effectively *coordinated* with the use of CDAP funds to successfully bring about the actual stabilization and subsequent revitalization of the proposed project target area; and (4) the degree to which the local government has prepared for the project's successful and timely (*i.e., within no more than 24 months*) implementation by: developing a list of *genuinely-interested* income eligible home owners residing in substandard single-family housing units located within the project target area; securing a pre-qualified list of reputable *housing rehabilitation contractors* that are actually willing to perform the needed home improvements under contract with the city, developing suitable written and formally-adopted program operating policies and procedures and an administrative structure for the program's equitable implementation including an objective, non-biased *application ranking system*, and ensuring the services of a qualified housing inspector with a thorough knowledge of the minimal local, state and federal housing standards which must be accommodated and the qualifications to assess lead-based paint risk levels, energy codes, etc.

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Mr. Shaw added that DCEO has established a \$400,000 grant award *ceiling* to any one project submitted for consideration by a general purpose local unit of government under the Competitive Housing Rehabilitation grant program component. Mr. Shaw explained as an outgrowth of a community-wide survey conducted in the Summer of 2012, a follow-up more in-depth and recent (i.e., January 2013) household and structural unit survey, and subsequent meetings with the membership of the Newton Housing Rehabilitation Advisory Committee, the Newton City Council has been asked to consider the official designation of the multi-block Southwest of Liberty PY-2013 "*project target area*" comprised of some 37 residential units principally situated on either side of the 700 and 800 block of Foster, the 700 and 800 block of Lincoln, the 500 and 600 block of Sycamore, the 700 and 800 block of Grant and the north side of the 700 and 800 blocks of Oak, all generally located in the older southwest portion of the community. The Newton City Council is also being asked to authorize the submission of a \$277,894 grant *request* under the Competitive Housing Rehabilitation grant component of the broader CDAP program, administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), along with a matching \$21,000 companion funding in Energy Efficiency Improvements.

CDAP grant resources would be utilized by the city to support: (1) the provision of five-year forgivable loans to an estimated six (6) or more of the twenty (20) income-eligible, home owners residing within substandard residential structures located within the selected Southwest of Liberty target area to facilitate the complete and successful rehabilitation of their single-family, fair, deteriorating and seriously-deteriorated dwelling units (to comply with all applicable housing codes); (2) a 24-month contract which has been properly procured through the Request For Qualifications process (RFQ) with Ron Markus (Moon Dawg) Inspections (Breesee, Illinois) for the provision of staff expertise to perform housing inspection and subsequent construction monitoring services to the substandard dwelling units to be rehabilitated; and (3) a 24-month contract with the South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission (Salem, Illinois) for the provision of staff expertise to perform a range of state-required project administration and grant management services.

It was also noted that, in addition to the above referenced CDAP supported activities, the total proposed scope of work would include efforts to negotiate the cooperative removal (i.e., *demolition*) of dilapidated vacant structures and out buildings and/or the clean-up of overgrown undeveloped lots within the proposed project target area as a means of *removing* blighting influences that might hinder the ultimate stabilization and revitalization of the target neighborhood. An estimated \$4,500 in financial support for such coordinated code enforcement-demolition efforts would be provided by the City of Newton, Illinois. The City of Newton has also agreed to commit \$20,000 from its current and/or future municipal budgets to foster a "*cooperative relationship*" to augment the aforementioned CDAP state grants as well as the weatherization program efforts administered by ERBA. The city realizes that, unless a large percentage of all substandard structures within the project target, their remaining presence will hinder the overall effectiveness of such neighborhood stabilization and revitalization efforts.

In total, city officials project that approximately eight local residents, comprising six (6) income eligible, owner-occupied households residing in deteriorating and/or seriously deteriorated single-family structures within the selected Southwest of Liberty project target area, should find it possible to Fully rehabilitate their homes so as to fully comply with applicable local, state

Minutes of Public Hearing (cont'd)

and federal minimal housing standards within 24 months of a CDAP grant award announcements and grant agreements by DCEO officials.

Only very low (i.e., poverty level), low income and/or low to moderate-income single-family home owners will be eligible to benefit from the city's proposed issuance of five-year CDAP supported forgivable loans of up to as much as \$40,000 per structure. It was noted for the benefit of those target area residents in attendance that, even though the city only intends to utilize municipal resources to pursue the voluntary (or municipally financed) clean-up and/or acquisition and demolition of any identified "vacant" dilapidated dwellings within the target area, i.e., no involuntary displacement of families will occur.

Finally, Mr. Shaw noted that, during working sessions to prepare the city's PY-2013 CDAP Competitive Housing Rehabilitation application consideration was given to the need to update and modify as necessary the city's previously established statement of "Housing and Community Development Needs". Such needs were reconsidered at the public hearing in order to ensure that they remain "responsive" to the overall challenges now faced by the rural community and were presented in priority order during the public hearing. The proposed use of CDAP grant funds to foster the stabilization and subsequent restoration of the declining neighborhood is considered to be consistent with the most current priorities established by the city in the aforementioned "statement of needs".

Prior to concluding the public hearing, Mayor Mark Bolander invited any interested individuals to express their *personal observations or comments* regarding the PY-2013 CDAP Competitive Housing Rehabilitation grant proposal under consideration by the Newton City Council at this time. A number of the home owners and landlords from the proposed multi-block Southwest of Liberty "project target area" expressed vocal support for the city's intent to seek state grant assistance to compliment local municipal and ERBA home weatherization funds to combat the current physical decline of the neighborhood in question.

There being no further comments or observations, Mr. Shaw returned control of the public hearing to Mayor Bolander who, in turn, formally closed the public hearing at approximately 6:00 PM. in order to prepare for the regularly scheduled February 19, 2013 Newton City Council meeting.

CERTIFICATION

Dated: February 19, 2013



Mark Bolander, Mayor and
Public Hearing Officer
City of Newton, Illinois

ATTENDANCE SHEET

PY-2013 Project Application Public Hearing
Newton City Hall - Council Chambers

5:15 PM ♦ Tuesday ♦ February 19, 2013

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**Minutes of the Jasper County EMA Committee Meeting
October 14, 2013**

**Present: Mark Smithenry, Co. Chairman Angela Fehrenbacher
 Jeremy Haycraft, Asst. Coordinator Doug Long, Coordinator**

Meeting came to order at 7 am.

A discussion concerning the bids for cleaning the molding problem in the ERV and trailer was held with a motion by Angela, 2nd by Mark to award Newton Car Care the bid. Newton Car Care estimate was \$725.00 Servo Pro of Effingham placed a bid of \$962.00 and Fear Car Care was \$800.00. The County Board will approve the bid at the next meeting.

The coordinator stated that he is shopping for a new battery for his laptop computer. This one will not hold charge very long. He plans to try to wait till next fiscal year to purchase one.

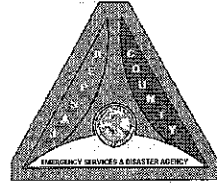
Those present reviewed the proposed EMA budget. Mark will discuss the budget with the Finance Committee when they meet.

With no further business to discuss, a motion by Mark, 2nd by Angela to adjourn was made. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 am.

Submitted by D. Long



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**Minutes of the Jasper County EMA Committee Meeting
January 2, 2013**

Present:	Mark Smithenry, Co. Chairman	David Brown, City Chairman
	Jeff Smithenry	Angela Fehrenbacher
	Brian Leffler	Board Chair Ed Mitchell
	Mayor mark Bolander	Jeremy Haycraft, Asst. Coordinator
	Doug Long, Coordinator	

Meeting came to order at 11am.

The Coordinator gave an update on the new completed EMA radio system. It is working well and was recently used by the Sheriff's department when their system became inoperable. Makes for a good backup radio system.

The coordinator was able to use the high school bomb threat incident as a full-scale exercise for the county. All paperwork has been submitted for review.

The Emergency Operations Plan was completed and submitted but may have to be reviewed again since it was submitted too early. It is not due till March 2013. It was completed and submitted in September which was too early.

A discussion was held in regards to EMA assisting the ambulance service on critical calls. Availability of volunteers and their response time to the scene was discussed. It was discussed that possibly the ambulance service should take an extra crew member if they know it is a crucial call thus cutting down on delay of transport to the hospital. Also EMA volunteers who respond felt they should be compensated for their time if they drive for the service. Members present felt this could be a problem with payroll. Mark Smithenry will take this information back to the ambulance committee for further discussion.

Also discussed were pagers that were given to EMA from the ambulance service. Some of them have been distributed. We also discussed the FireText Response system. The coordinator is stilling waiting for a response from this company for a demonstration. It was felt that this system would still be a benefit for better response to calls.

The coordinator reported that repairs were recently made to the ERV (old ambulance) that EMA has. A block heater had to be replaced and a trickle charger was installed to keep the battery charged.

The coordinator showed a certificate of accreditation for Jasper County. All requirements were met for the time period from October 2012 to September 2014.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50am.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES

11-25-2013—6 PM--- Newton City Council Room

Chairman Ken Albrecht called the meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance. Webb, McCrillis, Volk, Clark, Albrecht, Dhom, and Farley. Quorum met.

Secretary Farley read the prior minutes. Following presentation of prior minutes they were adopted by voice vote of 7-0-no abstentions, motion by Volk, 2nd by Clark.

Attendees who wished to speak sworn in.

Chairman Albrecht acknowledged that there had been prior communications from the public to various board members since the last meeting, concerning this November 25th meeting.

Jeremy Yost, representing Yost Management made the Eagle Ridge Apartments of Newton presentation to the zoning board and attendees. Mr. Yost described the makeup of the development, construction, and screening process for tenants and a range of housing costs per duplex size.

The applicants will have to sign a drug free amendment to the application. There will be maintenance person and management person on site Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM. Each unit will have range, refrigerator, microwave, and washer/dryer hookups. In the central community building a laundry facility will be accessible. Appliances are energy star rated as is construction materials.

Public comments...list of sworn in attendees on file at City Hall...centered around concerns on private liability surrounding the development, increased traffic, the nature of such a development, necessity, and the type of tenants that such a development would draw.

Mayor Mark Bolander addressed the board re: conversations he had had with other community leaders where Yost Management had similar developments, all spoke of positive influences.

Mr. Bolander addressed concerns of the location, that it was the best fit for the community in property zoned A-1, farm ground as it was the most flexible for development of this nature.

With no further questions the board deliberated the request.

With a motion by McCrillis and 2nd by Volk to re-zone from A-1 to MR-1, property description on file at City Hall at address aka 8598-8636 North 1200th Street, Newton for Eagle Ridge Apartments was approved by a vote of 7-0-and no abstentions.

Second item on the agenda was consideration for a Special-Use Permit for the property on file at City Hall at address aka 8598-8636 North 1200th Street, Newton for the use of a central building for a manager office and assembly uses of residents in the development.

With a motion by Dhom and 2nd by Clark a Special-Use Permit for the property on file at City Hall at address aka 8598-8636 North 1200th Street, Newton for the use of a central building for a manager office and assembly uses of residents in the development was approved by a vote of 7-0-and no abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned, motion by Farley, 2nd by Webb w/a vote of 7-0-0.

Tim K. Farley
Secretary Board of Appeals

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**ADVISORY REPORT
REQUEST FOR ZONING MAP AMENDMENT**

July 8, 2013

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL:

A public hearing was held on July 8, 2013 at 6:15 P.M. at the Newton Community High School auditorium by the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider an amendment to the City of Newton zoning ordinance to change the zone district classification from SR-1 to MR-1; property description on file at City Hall for Eagle Ridge Apartments of Newton, located on the southern portion of Five Aprils Crossing Subdivision.

After considering the testimony presented at the hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals makes the following findings of fact.

- A. Property description on file at City Hall for Eagle Ridge Apartments of Newton, located on the southern portion of Five Aprils Crossing Subdivision.
- B. Surrounding area is residential.
- C. Present zoning of the Area is SR-1.
- D. Currently zoned SR-1, to change to MR-1 would affect the neighborhood.
- E. Proposed Use: Possible development of duplex, affordable housing.
- F. No impact on this proposal to Governmental Services.

The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends by a vote of 7 to 1 and no abstentions to not approve rezoning the described above property from SR-1 to MR-1.

Respectfully submitted,



SECRETARY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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ADVISORY REPORT
REQUEST FOR VARIANCE

June 3, 2013

To the Members of the Corporate Authorities:

A public hearing was held on June 3, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the City of Newton, Illinois by the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider the request by the applicant, the City of Newton on behalf of Larry Short for a Variance to permit the reduction of the setback required from 25 feet to 10 feet for the East, West, and South properties lines @ 111 Water Street, Newton, Illinois.

After hearing the evidence and reviewing the exhibits submitted at the hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals has made the following findings of fact:

FINDING OF FACTS

- A. If Mr. Short should want to construct property the setback requirements for the zoned property are inadequate.
- B. Request by the City of Newton on behalf of Larry Short for a Variance to permit the reduction of the setback required from 25 feet to 10 feet for the East, West, and South properties lines @ 111 Water Street, Newton, Illinois.
- C. No public opposition.
- D. There will be no effect to the general welfare, health, safety, etc. to this area.
- E. No parking issues.
- F. There will be no effect on the utilities.
- G. Current Zoning Classification calls for a 25 foot setback and Mr. Short requests 10 foot setbacks for the East, West, and South property lines @ 111 Water Street.
- H. No conditions were set forth.

A voice vote of 5-1 and no abstentions, Mr. Richards voting no, approved Mr. Short and the City of Newton request for a Variance to permit the reduction of the setback required from 25 feet to 10 feet for the East, West, and South properties lines @ 111 Water Street, Newton, Illinois.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES

6-3--2013 6 PM City Hall

Chairman Ken Albrecht called the meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance. Webb, Volk, Richards, Albrecht, Dhom, and Farley. Quorum met.

Secretary Farley read the prior minutes. Following presentation of prior minutes they were adopted by voice vote of 6-0-no abstentions, motion by Volk, 2nd by Webb.

Mayor Bolander and Councilmen Bloomberg, Bolander, and Lindemann in attendance.

Chairman Albrecht asked if there had been any communications from the public to any board member since the last meeting. There were no prior communications.

Mayor Bolander advised that the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendations from it's April 29th meeting, regarding zoning reclassifications had been approved.

Item for consideration was the City's request on behalf of Larry Short for a Variance to permit the reduction of the setback required from 25 feet to 10 feet for the East, West, and South properties lines @ 111 Water Street, Newton, Illinois.

The change and request for this property was congruent with the City's comprehensive plan to conform for the walking/bike trails.

Richards voiced displeasure that Mr. Short did not attend this meeting nor the prior meeting regarding his request(s).

A voice vote of 5-1-and no abstentions, Mr. Richards voting no, approved Mr. Short and the City of Newton request for a Variance to permit the reduction of the setback required from 25 feet to 10 feet for the East, West, and South properties lines @ 111 Water Street, Newton, Illinois.

Tim K. Farley
Secretary Board of Appeal

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES

4-29-2013 6 PM City Hall

Chairman Ken Albrecht called the meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance. Webb, McCrillis, Clark, Albrecht, Dhoni, and Farley. Quorum met.

Secretary Farley read the prior minutes. Following presentation of prior minutes they were adopted by voice vote of 6-0-no abstentions, motion by McCrillis, 2nd by Clark. Attendees who wished to speak sworn in.

Chairman Albrecht asked if there had been any communications from the public to any board member since the last meeting. There were no prior communications.

First item for business was request made by Mark I. Anderson to rezone from an SR-2 to a B-1 for the property @ street address, 1106 West Decatur. Motion by Farley 2nd by Webb passed with a 6-0-vote. No abstentions.

Second item for business was request made by Charles Bosley III to rezone from an SR-2 to a B-1 for the property @ street address, 1108 West Decatur. Motion by Clark 2nd by McCrillis passed with a 6-0-vote. No abstentions.

Third item for business was request made by Larry Short and the City of Newton to rezone from an SR-1 to a B-1 for the property @ street address, 111 Water Street. Motion by Clark 2nd and 2nd by Dhoni was defeated by a vote of 3-3- and no abstentions.

Discussion ensued regarding the agenda and the B-1 request vs B-2. Mr. Short was not in attendance to explain his request.

Motion by Clark to accept an application amendment for a reclassification from a SR-1 to a B-2 on the agenda was declined by a lack of a 2nd.

A motion was made by Clark, 2nd by Dhoni to amend the agenda from a SR-1 to a B-1 zoning reclassification was passed with a 6-0 vote. No abstentions.

Fourth item for business was a request by the City of Newton to amend the zoning map to SR-1 to B-1 at the location of Lot 6 Block 3 of Martins Addition to the city of Newton plus 6-feet of vacated alley. Street address 804 S. Jackson

All items on the agenda re: zoning re-classification are recommendations from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the City Council.

Tim K. Farley
Secretary Board of Appeal

4-1-13

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES

4-1-2013 6 PM City Hall

Ed Webb sworn in to complete the term of Mike Connor.

Vice-Chairman Ken Albrecht called the meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance. Richards, Webb, Volk, McCrillis, Clark, Albrecht, Dhom, and Farley. Quorum met.

Secretary Farley read the prior minutes. Following presentation of prior minutes they were adopted by voice vote of 8-0-no abstentions.

Vice-Chairman Albrecht asked if there had been any communications from the public to any board member since the last meeting. There were no prior communications.

Vice-Chairman Albrecht read the request by the applicant, Dave Webster of Webster Ford. The request for an amendment to the Zoning Map by rezoning the properties as follows from a SR-2 to B-1. Said properties described as:

Lot 5 Block 3 of Martins Addition to the City of Newton. Street address 103 W. Henry.
Lot 8 Block 4 of Martins Addition to the City of Newton plus six feet of vacated alley.
Street address 102 W. Henry.

It was noted that B-1 zoned property is to contain screening when the property is adjacent to residential property. Mr. Webster has spoken to the affected residential property and the owner, Paul Schafer, said that it was not necessary given the construction of the building. Zoning board was in agreement to not require any screening.

Given no public opposition, the request for an amendment to the Zoning Map by rezoning the properties described above from a SR-2 to B-1 was approved 8-0-with no abstentions with a motion by Volk and 2nd by Richards.

Organizational meeting regarding election of officers. Mr. Albrecht was elected Chairman, 8-0-no abstentions, motion by Clark, 2nd by Richards. Farley elected Secretary, 8-0-no abstentions, motion by Clark, 2nd by Webb. Volk elected Vice-Chairman, 8-0-no abstentions, motion by Farley 2nd by McCrillis.

Motion to dismiss by Farley 2nd by Clark passed with a 8-0-vote.

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Secretary Board of Appeal

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MEETING MINUTES

2-18-2013 6 PM City Hall

Attendance and speaking rolls taken. Vice-Chairman Ken Albrecht called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was held for the passing of Chairman Mike Connor.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken: Volk, McCrillis, Clark, Albrecht, Dhom, and Farley. Quorum met.

Secretary Farley read the prior minutes. Following presentation of prior minutes they were adopted by voice vote of 6-0-no abstentions with a motion by Clark and 2nd by Volk.

Vice-Chairman Albrecht asked if there had been any communications from the public to any board member since the last meeting. There were no prior communications.

Vice-Chairman Albrecht read the request by the applicant, Newton Hotel Group, L.L.C., represented by Paul Johnson, Manger/President for a Special Use Permit to permit a Motel Use in I-1, Industrial District and a Bulk Variance of Section 40-3-17 to allow a covered drive-through to intruded into the required setback for a side yard abutting a street at 100 S. Gregory Drive, Newton.

Given no public opposition, the Special Use permit was approved 6-0-with no abstentions with a motion by McCrillis and 2nd by Clark. The Bulk Variance was approved 6-0-and no abstentions with a motion by Clark and 2nd by Volk.

Mayor Mark Bolander addressed the board regarding a potential multi-family development South of 5 Aprils Crossing, that if came to fruition would need to be re-zoned accordingly. Mayor Bolander said that he had approached Vice-Chairman Albrecht to becoming the full time Chairman and how the process to replace Mr. Connor was likely to proceed. Mayor Bolander was to be in communication with the City Attorney.

Alderman Scott Bloomberg addressed the board, Vice-Chairman Albrecht that he had received a building permit request for the Ambulance Dept re: the erection of a 60-foot antenna.

The Board then considered changes to the following sections of the code, per Chairman Connors concerns:

- 1) Section 40-14-16: Change last sentence to read “other types of residences (mobile homes, manufactured homes, apartments, etc.) are prohibited uses in this district.”
- 2) Section 40-8-3-: Discussion concerning allowing nonconforming residential structures being replaced after destruction by fire of other act of God.
- 3) Section 4-3-16: Define maximum square footage of and the number of accessory structures permitted per lot.

Consideration of Item #1 approved by motion from Clark, 2nd by Volk.

Item #2 was discussed and Alderman Bloomberg advised Vice-Chairman Albrecht to contact Frank Heiligenstin of Illinois Codification Services on a recommendation.

Item #3 was tabled for future discussion.

Motion to dismiss by Clark 2nd by McCrillis passed with a 6-0-vote.

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MINUTES

Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, December 3, 2013, 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Brett Lessley, Mark Bolander, Joe Bierman, Brian Leffler, Dan Cox, Mareah Volk, Lucas Huston, Ed Webb, Larry Brooks, Ed Mitchell, Tom Brown, Louis Ochs, Mike Hall (Congressmen Shimkus office), Gary Johnson, Bill Weber, Rachelle Hollinshead, Mindy Hartke and Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve agenda made by Scott Bloomberg, second by, Mark Bolander, motion passed.
4. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Joe Bierman, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed.
5. **Ken Larimore, Community and Economic Development Extension Educator:**
 - a. Mayor Mark Bolander almost had a speaker from Dynegy so we didn't schedule a tour for today.
 - b. CBI check. The bridge rehabilitation project is moving forward. The bids have been awarded. The original bridge contractors-Chicago Bridge and Iron CBI built the bridge in 1890, the year CBI were formed. With months of effort, CBI is sending a check for \$160,000.00 to support the City of Newton's rehabilitation.
6. **Mayor Bolander updated on local projects:**
 - a. Managers from Dynegy will be meeting community officials December 4.
7. **Ed Mitchell updated from the county:**
 - a. West Liberty was not awarded a sewer grant from DCEO but may re-apply.
 - b. West Liberty did suffer some tornado damage and may qualify for assistance.
 - c. Dynegy finished purchasing the Ameren plant December 2.

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- d. December 2 was the last day to file for the next election.
- e. The county is in the process of adopting the annual levy.
- 8. **Dan Cox gave the update from the Jasper County School District.**
 - a. Dan lead a good discussion of workforce development and working with community colleges on curriculum.
 - b. The CEO Class underway and a board of directors have been established. The timeline will move quickly with fall registration underway for the 2014 semester. For now more can be found about CEO at:
<http://www.effinghamceo.com>
Dan also announced that Amy Tarr has been selected for the CEO instructor.
- 9. **Mareah Volk** informed the group of the grants that she is working on. She is also working on Google Analytics for the website.
- 10. **Scott Bierman** suggested we have our annual meeting next month on the regular date and elect officers. Then we will have an annual celebration with guests when dates can be confirmed. Motion by Ed Webb, second by Mark Bolander, motion passed.
- 11. Motion to close meeting made by Brian Leffler, second by Joe Bierman, motion passed unanimously.

Supporting Links:

- A. <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cefi>
- B. <http://www.cusd1.jasper.k12.il.us>
- C. <http://www.cityofnewtonil.com/index.htm>
- D. <http://www.dynegy.com>
- E. <http://jaspercountyillinois.org>
- F. <http://www.fiveaprilscrossing.com/about.html>
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MINUTES
Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, November 5, 2013, 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room
204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Brett Lessley, Mark Bolander, Joe Bierman, Brian Leffler, Dan Cox, Mareah Volk, Lucas Huston, Ed Webb, Larry Brooks, Ed Mitchell, Tom Brown, Travis Farley, Louis Ochs, Mike Hall (Congressmen Shimkus office), Gary Johnson, Rachelle Hollinshead, Mindy Hartke and Ken Larimore. Special guests Trisha Vitale owner of Planning Success Inc. and Bill Teichmiller CEO of EJ Water Coop.

1. Call to order, Co-Chairman Scott Bloomberg.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve agenda made by Scott Bloomberg, second by, Travis Farley, motion passed.
4. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Joe Bierman, second by Ed Webb, motion passed.
5. **Trisha Vitale** owner of Planning Success presented details of two proposed planning projects. One would focus on the market data of industrial sites. The other would focus on commercial and service oriented businesses.
6. **Bill Teichmiller** presented a check for \$10,000 to the Jasper County CEO class program. He was able to match the pledges made by EJ Water and JEDI. Thank you Mr. Teichmiller and EJ Water!
7. **Ken Larimore, Community and Economic Development Extension Educator:**
 - a. JEDI membership is now at 47 and \$45,200 has been donated for the year.
 - b. Super 6 Region is developed with ECIDC and brings school superintendents, community college presidents and business leaders together to work on curriculum to improve workforce skills.
 - c. Future JEDI meetings may include more tours and guest speakers.
 - d. The TIF JRB met recently for the annual report review. The Newton TIF has supported 35 projects for a total of \$7,768,392 in investments.
8. **Mayor Bolander updated on local projects:**
 - a. The city is working with Yost Inc. on a site for the housing project.

- b. The Eagle Trails projects are making some progress and the bridge rehab contract has been awarded.
- c. Five Aprils Crossing has a website
<http://www.fiveaprilscrossing.com/about.html>

9. Ed Mitchell updated from the county:

- a. The county is working on the budget.
- b. Updated some of the countywide water projects with EJ Water.

10. Dan Cox gave the update from the Jasper County School District.

- a. The CEO Class underway and a board of directors has been established. The timeline will move quickly with fall registration underway for the 2014 semester. For now more can be found about CEO at:

<http://www.effinghamceo.com>

Dan also announced that Amy Tarr has been selected for the CEO instructor and that Craig Lindvahl will be speaking November 8 at the high school.

- 11. Mareah Volk informed the group of the 4 Heath grants that she has written and submitted.
- 12. Motion to close meeting made by Dan Cox, second by Travis Farley, motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES
Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, October 1, 2013, 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room
204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Joe Bierman, Dan Cox, Mareah Volk, Lucas Huston, Ed Webb, Larry Brooks, Ed Mitchell, Tom Brown, Travis Farley, Rachelle Hollinshead, Mindy Hartke and Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Co-Chairman Scott Bloomberg.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve agenda made by Ed Webb, second by, Travis Farley, motion passed.
4. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Joe Bierman, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed.
5. **JEDI Membership**-Ken stated that 44 members have paid and we are right on schedule.
6. **Ken Larimore, Community and Economic Development Extension Educator:**
 - a. JEDI paid half the annual cost to Extension at the Extension open house September 26.
 - b. Ken facilitated an International Trade meeting September 25.
 - c. Mareah Volk reported on the eCivis grant search program and grants applied for. Extension is supporting her grant efforts as an extra help employee.
 - d. Cobblestone Hotel Grand Opening and Ribbon cutting will be held October 2.
7. **Mayor Bolander updated on local projects:**
 - a. The Eagle Trails projects are making some progress and the bridge rehab contract has been approved.

MINUTES
Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room
204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Brett Lessley, Mark Bolander, Joe Bierman, Dan Cox, Mareah Volk, Lucas Huston, Louis Ochs, Paul Johnson, Marie McCrillis, Rachelle Hollinshead, Mindy Hartke and Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve agenda made by Scott Bloomberg, second by, Brett Lessley, motion passed.
4. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Scott Bloomberg, second by Scott Bierman, motion passed.
5. **CEO Class**-Superintendent Dan Cox announced CEO will be an official course in Unit 1. It will be funded by the community stakeholders and will not cost the school. The schedule is for students to start signing up this November with the class beginning in the fall of 2014. CEO is a fabulous opportunity for the youth to see successful entrepreneurship and local businesses in action. For additional information on the program or how to contribute contact Dan Cox, Ken Larimore or Mark Bolander.

Ken added that Norris Electric will also support the CEO program. Contact Ken if you would like to meet with the CEO class September 12.

<http://www.effinghamceo.com>

6. **JEDI Membership**-Ken stated that 44 members have paid. He gave out an updated list for any new members.
7. **Ken Larimore:**
 - a. JEDI paid the web hosting bill for the website.
 - b. We plan to have the annual JEDI meeting in February.
 - c. Ken is facilitating an International Trade meeting September 25.
 - d. Five Aprils Open House for the Custom Family home is September 14.
 - e. JEDI needs to give Tom Brown the certificate for one night stay at the Cobblestone Hotel that he won at the annual meeting.

- f. Mareah Volk helped use eCivis this summer to search for grants.
Extension will support her grant efforts again this fall.

8. Mayor Bolander updated on local projects.

- a. The Eagle Trails projects are making some progress and the bridge rehab should start soon.
- b. Still working on affordable housing with Yost Apartments.
- c. Five Aprils Crossing has a website
<http://www.fiveaprilscrossing.com/about.html>
- d. The Newton aquatic center had a very successful year.

9. Joe Bierman gave the update from the county.

- a. The county is starting the budget process.
- b. They are working on the Ameren real estate tax settlement.
- c. Working on the roof of the courthouse.
- d. Need to work on boiler at courthouse.

10. Dan Cox gave the update from the Jasper County School District.

- a. Enrollment is up by 23 students.
- b. All the programs are going well.

11. Cobblestone Hotel. Paul Johnson and Marie McCrillis gave an update on the new Newton Hotel that opened August 2. There are lots of people enjoying the new facility. The hotel number is 618-783-5550. There will be a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting and Open House announced soon.

12. Motion to close meeting made by Louis Ochs, second by Joe Bierman, motion passed unanimously.

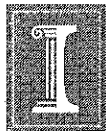
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Minutes of JEDI meeting
August 6th, 2013 @ 1:15PM

Present: Mark Bolander, Joe Bierman, Ed Mitchell, Mark Hartrich, Larry Brooks, Louis Ochs, Tim Bohnhoff, Mareah Volk, Scott Bierman

1. Call to Order, Chairman Scott Bierman
2. Request amendments to the agenda, None.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Ed Mitchell, seconded by Joe Bierman, motion passed
4. CEO Class. Mark Bolander gave a short update. Gave presentation to the Mason's. Overall very good responses in favor. We have been 1 of 6 accepted for the 2014 school season. Unit will start taking applications from students in November for 2014.
5. JEDI Membership. Scott Bierman stated that he wasn't sure what new memberships that had come in since last meeting. Commented on how we would reengage ourselves into making personal contacts with previous members. Felt that a personal contact needed to be done.
6. Monthly Updates:
Mark Bolander commented on City's IKE Grants. Two of the storm water retention ponds have had work done on them to improve their usefulness.
Affordable Housing Rezoning was turned down. May look at it in the future again.
Trails Bid should be redone in August or September.
Eagle Water Works was working towards starting the Jasper County Community Foundation.
Louis Ochs spoke about the Cobblestone Hotel opening last Friday. Very nice and everyone should take an opportunity to go see it.
Ed Mitchell commented on a few county items.
Mareah Volk spoke on her work she is doing with the Ecivics grants. Said she has done research for several businesses on what grants are available. Group spoke about how important it is that the word gets out of what opportunities are available using this format.
7. Motion to close meeting made by Larry Brooks and seconded by Joe Bierman.



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Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, July 2, 2013, 1:15 P.M.

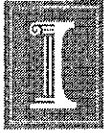
County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Brett Lessley, Mark Bolander, Joe Bierman, Dan Cox, Mareah Volk, Lucas Huston, Travis Farley, Ed Webb, Louis Ochs, Larry Brooks, Debbie Overoyen, and from Extension Rachelle Hollinshead, Connie Elliot, Norletha Nyikana (guest from South Africa) and Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve agenda made by Travis Farley, second by, Joe Bierman, motion passed.
4. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Travis Farley, second by Joe Bierman, motion passed.
5. **CEO Class**-Superintendent Dan Cox announced that the CEO class has been approved and local funds secured. CEO will be an official course in Unit 1, but will be funded by the community stakeholders thus not costing the school. CEO is a fabulous opportunity for the youth to see successful entrepreneurship and local businesses in action. For additional information on the program or how to contribute contact Dan Cox, Ken Larimore or Mark Bolander.
<http://www.effinghamceo.com>
6. **JEDI Membership**-Travis Farley provided an update of the JEDI dues that have been received this year.
7. **Ken Larimore:**
 - a. The new Enterprise Zone applications have been delayed by DCEO. However, some of the new EZ administrative rules will be in effect starting July 1. Starting July 1, all sales tax exemption certificates issued will expire. Starting July 1, new EZ sales tax certificates must be issued by the Department

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Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, June 4, 2013, 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

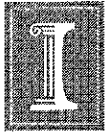
Present: Scott Bloomberg, Brett Lessley, Rhonda Kuenstler, Mark Bolander, Joe Bierman, Ed Mitchell, Dan Cox, Mareah Volk, Lucas Huston, Travis Farley, Mark Hartrich, Rick Athey, Beth Probst, Tom Brown, Bill Teichmiller, Extension Educator Ken Larimore. Guest Jim Clements with the Cobblestone Inn and Suites Management Company.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bloomberg.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve agenda made by Travis Farley, second by, Joe Bierman, motion passed.
4. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Travis Farley, second by Joe Bierman, motion passed.
5. **CEO Class**-Superintendent Dan Cox led an excellent discussion regarding how Jasper County can have the CEO class opportunity if we work together. CEO will be an official course in Unit 1, but will be funded by the community stakeholders thus not costing the school. CEO is a fabulous opportunity for the youth to see successful entrepreneurship and local business's in action. Local funds will need to be raised to support the class. For additional information on the program or how to contribute contact Dan Cox, Ken Larimore or Mark Bolander.

Motion made by Mark Bolander and seconded by Ed Mitchell for JEDI to contribute \$1,000 per year for 3 years to support the CEO class fund. Motion passed unanimously.

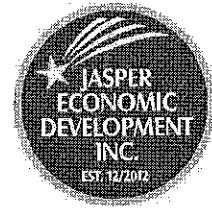
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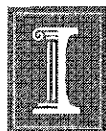


6. **JEDI Membership**-Travis Farley provided an update of the JEDI dues that have been received this year.
7. **Ken Larimore:**
 - a. The new Enterprise Zone regulations have been delayed by DCEO. However, some of the new EZ administrative rules will be in effect starting July 1. Starting July 1, all sales tax exemption certificates issued will expire. Starting July 1, new EZ sales tax certificates must be issued by the Department of Revenue.
 - b. The Extension's Local Government training that was conducted with support from the Illinois Attorney General's office was attended by Newton/Jasper police, clerks, treasurers etc. The topics were Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.
 - c. Cobblestone Inn and Suites has started interviewing for new employees.
8. **Mayor Bolander updated on local projects.**
 - a. IDOT will open bids on June 14 for rehabbing the CBI steel bridge as part of the Eagle Trails project.
 - b. The Newton Aquatic Center is open and very busy. The heated pool has been very popular with this cool spring weather. Swimmers of all ages participate in various swimming class activities and it is a great employment experience for local youth.
 - c. The Cobblestone Inn and Suites construction is making great progress.
9. Motion to close meeting made by Travis Farley, second by Ed Mitchell, motion passed unanimously.

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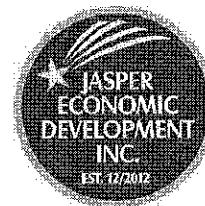
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Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 1:15 P.M.

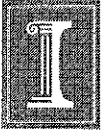
County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Brett Lessley, Mark Bolander, Dan Cox, Mareah Volk, Lucas Huston, Ed Webb, Travis Farley, Larry Brooks, Mark Hartrich, Rick Athey, Beth Probst, Linda Huth, Tom Brown, Debbie Overoyen, Mike Hall (Shimkus's office), Extension Educator Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve agenda made by Scott Bloomberg, second by, Mark Hartrich, motion passed.
4. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Scott Bloomberg, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed.
5. Budget update-Brett Lessley handed out financial activity report.
6. Membership update-Travis Farley discussed annual dues received.
7. Mareah Volk presented a good description of Rotary Youth Leadership Award RYLA that she attended. The three day event at Allerton Park trains youth on leadership skills.
8. Lucas Huston discussed his opportunity to attend the Future Business Leaders of America FBLA Conference in Anaheim California. It is an honor for him to be invited. JEDI agreed to support his expenses to attend with a \$100.00 donation.
9. **Guest Speaker Craig Lindvahl:** Craig is the Executive Director of the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship. Craig presented the exciting Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities CEO program. CEO could change the future of Jasper County. The official school class meets at businesses to teach the students real life business opportunities. We had a lively discussion with school officials and community leaders all showing support for the program. See this link for much more information: <http://www.effinghamceo.com>

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10. eCivis Grant Locator: JEDI is collaborating with the City of Newton, Jasper County, Newton Community Schools and the Jasper Health Department on the eCivis program that will locate available grants with the goal to fund some awesome projects. Training starts May 8 at 10:00.
11. Ken Larimore:
 - a. The local TIF program continues to be very productive and has supported 34 projects in just the few years since Newton established it.
 - b. The new Enterprise Zone regulations have been delayed by DCEO. We will continue to wait for DCEO on the applications for new zones. The administration of the EZ has had major changes. The Department of Revenue will now review the application and make the final approval. This will take time.
12. Mayor Bolander updated on local projects. The second house in Five Aprils Subdivision is now under construction. The trail project that will connect the city to Sam Parr State Park is making progress.
13. Jasper County: Linda Huth represented county officials.
14. Dan Cox: We continued discussion of how to implement the CEO class program.

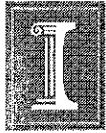
MOTION: Motion was made by Scott Bloomberg and seconded by Mark Bolander to establish a working Education Committee. Those serving on the committee will be Dan Cox (chairman), Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Brett Lessley, Ed Webb, Lucas Huston, Mareah Volk, and Ken Larimore. Motion passed unanimously.

15. Motion to close meeting made by Scott Bloomberg, second by Brett Lessley, motion passed unanimously.

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Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2013, 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

DRAFT

Present: Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Ed Mitchell, Joe Bierman, Dan Cox, Rhonda Kuentler, Mareah Volk, Ed Webb, Travis Farley, Louis Ochs, Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Tom Brown, Ray Diel, Bill Weber, Tim Bohnhoff, Extension Educator Ken Larimore and guests listed below.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve agenda made by Ed Webb, second by Scott Bloomberg, motion passed.
4. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Scott Bloomberg, second by Travis Farley, motion passed.
5. Budget update-JEDI has joined International Council of Shopping Centers ICSC at a cost of \$100.00.
6. Guests:
 - a. Mike Hall-Regional Director, Senator John Shimkus District 15
Mike spoke about Congressional District 15 regional activities. He also shared with JEDI information on grant funding. His telephone #217-347-7947.
 - b. John Cooley, Director Newton Energy Center
John presented an update on the status of the environmental technology investment that Ameren is making as well as the proposed new owner-Dynegy.
 - c. Paul Hardiek, Ameren Energy Center
Paul added additional comments about the timing of the new construction.
 - d. Elizabeth Ahern
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Elizabeth spoke about her 20 county region and how she can assist local business improve sales through international trade. She described several of her programs.

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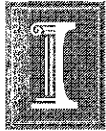
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8. Chairman Bierman explained meeting with Tax Accountant Kara Weber. She will assist JEDI in filing requirements.

9. Monthly Updates:

- a. Ken Larimore, Extension CED Educator
 - i. Extension is now able to provide a full time office assistant to assist with Extension Education and programming duties.
- b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton
 - i. CBI is still discussing assisting in rehabbing the 1890 CBI Bridge.
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- c. Ed Mitchell, Jasper County Board Chairman
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- ii. The IKE grant for \$1,900,000.00 EJ Water system improvements within Jasper County is making progress.
 - iii. Mentioned the Ameren tax assessment meeting in April.
 - d. Dan Cox, Superintendent of Schools
 - i. Strategic Planning sessions are being conducted to establish a 5 year plan.
 - ii. For an interesting informational blog, sign up on the school website.
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MINUTES
Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2013, 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

DRAFT

Present: Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Ed Mitchell, Joe Bierman, Dan Cox, Rhonda Kuenstler, Mareah Volk, Ed Webb, Travis Farley, Louis Ochs, Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Tom Brown, Ray Diel, Bill Weber, Tim Bohnhoff, Extension Educator Ken Larimore and guests listed below.

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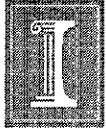
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Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, March 5th, 2013, 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Ed Mitchell, Brett Lessley, Joe Bierman, Dan Cox, Mark Hartrich, Lucas Houston, Mareah Volk, Ed Webb, Travis Farley, Louis Ochs, Tom Brown, Ray Diel, and Extension Educator Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda.
3. Motion to approve agenda made by Scott Bloomberg, second by Mark Bolander, motion passed.
4. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Scott Bloomberg, second by Ed Webb, motion passed.
5. Budget update-Report and handout from Brett Lessley.
6. Monthly Updates-Ken Larimore, Extension
 - A. eCivis grant locator is a national system that searches for grant opportunities. One idea is for the school, county, city and JEDI to share the cost. More research will be done on the system. Dan cox said the school would have staff to work with the eCivis program. Ed Mitchell stated that the county finance committee will discuss the opportunity.
 - B. CellularOne smartphone training-April 13, 1-3 p.m.
 - C. Enterprise Zone Association Conference-April 25 and 26
 - D. International Council of Shopping Centers ICSC:

MOTION: Motion for Ken to join ICSC. Bloomberg made the motion, second by Mark Bolander, motion passed unanimously.

It was also suggested that a market study would be a useful tool to “sell” the community and identify opportunities.

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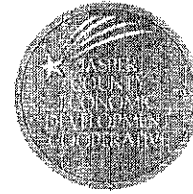
- E. Doug Wadell needs to relocate and has asked for suggestions on locations.
 - F. Accountant for reporting-Ken and other officers will meet with Kara Weber Tuesday.
7. Brett Lessley discussed payment of bills and a policy to approve bills over \$500.00.

MOTION: Any two JEDI officers can approve bills up to \$500.00. Motion made by Ed Webb, second by Mark Bolander, motion passed unanimously.

- 8. Proposed Budget-Ken will prepare a projected annual budget for review at the next meeting.
- 9. Insurance-Scott Bierman stated that JEDI is now covered by liability insurance for a cost of \$450.00 per year.
- 10. Membership Drive-Travis Farley now has the list of members and will be organizing the annual membership statements.
- 11. Open Meetings Act OMA-Most of the OMA Certificates have been recieved.
- 12. Mark Bolander reported:
 - A. Community visioning is being discussed.
 - B. Ed Webb has agreed to serve on the zoning board.
 - C. Work is being done on the Beezer Creek drainage project.
 - D. There are now 2 phases of the Eagle Trails project being worked on. One will rehab the old CBI Bridge and the other will be street enhancement from the CBI Bridge and south.
 - E. A CDAP/DCEO application is completed for another phase of housing rehabilitation in the city. It will be several months before we know if the grant is awarded.
 - F. MCC contractors are putting in more fiber optic cable and anyone interested should contact the city.
 - G. A company is proposing an affordable rental apartments project. More details will be available soon.
- 13. Louis Ochs announced that the Cobblestone Inn and Suites is under construction and may be completed in 6 months, depending on the weather.
- 14. Motion to close meeting made by Brett Lessley, second by Ed Mitchell, motion passed.



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Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

******Special Date******

Parklanes-Rotary Room

Newton, IL

Unapproved Minutes

Present: Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Tom Brown, Dan Cox, Mark Hartrich, Brett Lessley, Ed Mitchell, Ed Webb, Extension Educator Ken Larimore, Rhonda Kuenstler, June Bierman, Angela Fehrenbacher, Bill Weber, Joe Bierman, Linda Huth, Vanette King, Jackson Adams, Rachelle Hollinshead, Mike Garbe, Paul Johnson, Ronnie Johnson, Mark & Marie McCrillis, Tim Bohnhoff, Keith McKinney, Jeane Ann Grunloh, Greg Ikemire, and Mark Daugherty

1. Call to order was made by Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to agenda. Motion was made by Scott Bloomberg to approve the agenda, second by Travis Farley, motion passed.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes was made by Mark Bolander, second by Ed Mitchell, motion passed.
4. Introductions were made by all attending.
5. State of JEDI: Ken Larimore, Extension CED Educator
 - A. Ken welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Ken stated the many accomplishments of 2012 and is looking forward to possible projects for 2013.
6. State of the County: Ed Mitchell
 - A. Ed proudly announced the newest member to the County Board, Angela Fehrenbacher.
7. State of the City of Newton: Mark Bolander
 - A. Mark informed us that the city is very sound and in good condition. He is very pleased with how well we have used our grants to better our city.
8. State of Unit 1 Schools: Dan Cox



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- A. Dan shared that each year brings many challenges to the school system. He is proud of the changes they have made to save money but still able to offer the same opportunities.
- 9. New Members
 - A. JJI, Jasper County Schools, Rotary and Newton Hotel Group were all recognized as new members.
- 10. Annual Economic Development Person of the Year Award
 - A. "It's a great day to be an Eagle" was quoted by Dan Cox who presented Paul Johnson and Bill Weber the Person of the Year Award for all their services to Jasper County throughout the years.
- 11. Drawing for free night stay at Newton's Cobblestone Hotel
 - A. The winner of the free night stay was Tom Brown.
- 12. Scott Bierman thanked everyone for attending the Annual Meeting.

Jasper Economic Development, Inc. (JEDI)

Tuesday, January 8th, 2013 1:15 p.m.

County Board Room

Present: Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Tom Brown, Dan Cox, Ray Diel, Mark Hartrich, Rachelle Hollinshead, Lucas Houston, Brett Lessley, Ed Mitchell, Mariah Volk, Ed Webb, Sara Weiler, Extension Educator Ken Larimore and Rhonda Kuenstler.

1. Call to order by Scott Bierman
2. Request amendments to the agenda. No amendments. Agenda approved.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Scott Bloomberg, second by Ed Mitchell, motion passed.
4. Budget update
5. Monthly Updates-Ken Larimore, Extension
 - A. Approval of Monthly Bills
 - a. Motion made by Scott Bloomberg to pay December bills, second by Ed Mitchell. It was decided that Ken will keep the mailed statements and Brett Lessley at Peoples State Bank can access the account anytime.
 - B. Announcement of Committees – See handout.
 - C. Insurance – Scott Bierman
 - a. Ray Diel has been looking into insurance for JEDI and will hopefully know more by next week. Consensus is that JEDI needs the E&O Insurance as soon as possible.
 - D. JEDI Officials Terms
 - a. Scott Bierman – 3 year term
 - b. Brett Lessley – 2 year term
 - c. Mark Hartrich – 3 year term
 - d. Ed Webb – 2 year term
 - f. Travis Farley – 1 year term
 - g. Rhonda Kuenstler – 4 year termScott Bloomberg made motion to approve terms, Ed Webb second. Motion passed.
6. Other business.
 - A. Ken reported that the hotel ground breaking will be January 29. Ribbon cutting for the new house at Across Five Aprils is being planned. Ken will send out link to the OMA testing, then certificates will be kept by the secretary.
 - B. Tom Brown reported that the Bio Diesel plant is making progress.

- C. Mark Bolander commented that Cell-One is moving and the ribbon cutting will be January 11th @ 11:00. It is mandatory that minutes and agenda are received by all members. Agenda is to be posted at the County Board Room and County Offices.
 - D. Ed Mitchel commented that there should be no conflicts with having JEDI meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month.
 - E. Scott Bloomberg suggested revising the website and including a mission statement. He will work on our mission statement.
 - F. Dan Cox reported that the Entrepreneur Club will be having a CEO Conference on January 31st. A trade show will be at the end of the school year.
7. Our Annual Meeting will be at Parklanes on February 6th at 11:30 in the Rotary Room.
 8. Motion to close meeting made by Scott Bloomber, second by Mark Bolander and motion passed.