

NEWTON PUBLIC WORKS SAFETY MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2012 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

- I. INTRODUCTION/CEU'S/IMLRMA WEBSITE;DISCLAIMER (IDOL STANDARDS)
- II. LOSS CONTROL MEETINGS-DEPARTMENT HEADS SAFETY COMMITTEE; RMC AND MAYOR MEETING
- III. REVIEW APRIL, 2011 TRAINING-FACILITY INSPECTIONS, HEARING CONSERVATION
- IV. TRENCHING OVERVIEW-HANDOUTS
- V. HAZARD COMMUNICATION-DVD
- VI. PREVENTING WINTER SLIPS/FALLS-HANDOUT
- VII. PUBLIC LIABILITY EXPOSURES-PARKS, SIDEWALKS
- VIII. QUESTIONS/CLOSE

NAME (PRINT)	DEPARTMENT
Adam Painter	Water
Sean Ingart	Waste Water
Philip Bengboun	Street Dept
Roger Woodard	Street Dept
Joe Stoops	Street Dept
CHOD PAINTER	PARK
Henry Dow	wastewater
Brent Biful	wastewater
Raymond Reynolds	Electric
Carl Baker	Water
Zach Yates	water
Brian B	Park
Alan Hollis	Elec.
Matt Tan	Elec



TRENCHING & SHORING

1. Determine if you are properly trained & equipped to do the job (trench box, sloping, shoring). If not, contract the work out to a qualified contractor.
2. Plan traffic control around the trench or excavation if necessary (ex. barricades, cones and flaggers to control traffic).
3. Must have competent person on site during all applicable digs (5 ft. or deeper).
4. Identify underground utilities prior to digging (call JULIE 800-892-0123). Excavate trench using care around marked utilities.
5. Competent person should test freshly excavated soil and visually inspect trench to determine soil classification.
6. Determine which type of protection will be used if digging 5 ft. or deeper or as conditions require.
7. Competent person should test atmosphere in trench if possibility of hazards exist.
8. Trenches 4 ft. deep or more must have exit means within 25 ft. of every worker (stairway, ladder, ramps).
9. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment including hard hats and reflective warning vests when exposed to vehicular traffic.
10. Back fill trench as soon as possible.

POCKET GUIDE

IMLRMA SNOW PLOW SAFETY GUIDELINES

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

1. Be familiar with the snow removal route—travel planned snow route in good weather and make note of hazards or conditions which could cause an accident or property damage.
2. Drivers/operators should be trained, competent and properly licensed.
3. Do not attempt to work if you are under the influence of alcohol or medication which makes you sleepy.
4. Check all equipment, including spreader and auger, blades, back-up alarm, heater/defroster, lights, tires, fluid levels, plow bolts, chains and brakes.
5. Make sure your vehicle is properly equipped with a first-aid kit, flashlight, flares, radio or cell phone, ice scraper, shovel, class II reflective vest or coat, drinking water and food, blanket, jumper cables and a change of clothes depending on the severity of the weather.

PLOWING GUIDELINES

1. Coordinate your plowing route with co-workers.
2. Always wear your seatbelt.
3. Make sure all lights and emergency flashers are on.
4. Check your mirrors every 3 to 5 seconds to avoid motorists who may advance into a blind spot.
5. Scan ahead to look for hazards such as children playing, pedestrians, cars, animals or disabled vehicles.
6. Avoid pushing or blowing snow off bridges or overpasses.

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POCKET GUIDE

IMLRMA SNOW PLOW SAFETY GUIDELINES

PLOWING GUIDELINES (CONTINUED)

7. Avoid backing unless absolutely necessary.
8. Use the three-point contact method when entering or exiting your vehicle – face the vehicle and maintain two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand on the vehicle at all times to avoid falls.

RECORDKEEPING

1. Detailed records should be kept, including the name of each operator, the vehicle I.D., date, start and finish time of each route.
2. Complete detailed reports on near misses, property damage or accidents which occurred during the snow removal process.

AFTER SNOW REMOVAL

1. Inspect all equipment, repair and complete maintenance as needed.
2. Take equipment out of service if it cannot be safely operated.
3. Inform the supervisor and other drivers/operators of any conditions which may hamper the safe operation of snow removal equipment.
4. After removing snow from roadways, clear ice and snow from catch basins and storm drains to allow melted snow to drain before refreezing.
5. Replenish emergency supplies.



WEEKLY SAFETY WISDOM – PREVENTING WINTER SLIPS & FALLS

Injuries due to slips and falls are some of the most common injuries reported to the IMLRMA. They're also some of the most preventable. The key is learning to recognize the behaviors and hazards that lead to these kinds of accidents and making a concentrated effort to avoid them. Many of the slips/falls we see during winter months occur because of inclement weather. Wet or slippery surfaces are increased risk factors for slip and fall injuries. So taking extra precautions during the fall/winter season will help keep your employees free from injuries.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

Injuries sustained from slips and falls may range from trivial bruises to broken wrists or sprained ankles, to more serious bone fractures and back injuries, to life-threatening head traumas.

Snow and ice raise special safety concerns because they increase the likelihood of slips/falls, particularly on sidewalks, stairs, ramps, slopes, parking lots, etc. Tripping may also occur as objects get covered and frozen in the ground or imperfections such as holes get hidden beneath snow.

TAKE THESE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS

Identify hazards. Take time to identify places in the work environment where winter/weather-related slips and falls are most likely to occur and eliminate/control the hazards. Conduct periodic inspections/maintenance of areas that are subject to repeated hazards, such as entranceways.

Training. Train new employees on how to prevent winter/weather-related slips/falls. Provide refresher trainings for existing employees.

Enter and exit vehicles and equipment. Far too many injuries occur in the simple process of getting in and out vehicles, trucks, tractors, and other equipment. And these injuries are totally preventable with a little extra care. Follow the basics to avoid slips and falls when entering/exiting municipal vehicles and equipment.

- Install anti-slip coatings or tape on the steps of vehicles and equipment.
- Keep vehicle/equipment steps clean and dry.
- Inspect the area around the vehicle/equipment before stepping out. Even stepping onto wet leaves can increase the risk for slips/falls.
- Always face the vehicle/equipment when entering/exiting, keeping legs close to the vehicle and getting as close as possible before climbing in.
- Don't enter/exit a vehicle/equipment without first having a good hand-hold. Pulling oneself up reduces the force between the shoe and the step and reduces the danger of a slip.
- Practice the "3-points of contact" system to significantly reduce the chances of slipping/falling. The 3-points of contact system means that 3 of 4 limbs are in contact with the vehicle/equipment at all times when entering and exiting – either one hand and two feet, or two hands and one foot. Only one limb is in motion at any one time.
- Step down lightly, testing the surface before putting entire weight down. Transfer weight slowly and use the vehicle for support. Never jump onto a step or surface. When stepping off the bed of a truck or other equipment, step down backward – never "jump" or "fall" down forward.
- Wipe one's feet and keep mud, ice, and other debris off the bottom of shoes/boots to maintain good traction.

Snow and ice removal programs.

- Remove ice and snow completely before employees arrive for work and continue removal throughout the day if needed.
- Apply deicers and/or abrasives to accelerate melting of ice and give traction.
- Walkways, stairways, and ramps should be completely cleared of ice and snow. Give extra attention to areas frequented by the public. Stairs should have standard handrails and there should be good lighting on all sloped surfaces.
- Pay particular attention to north-facing sides of buildings which receive less sunlight and tend to stay frozen longer.
- Address problems with roof drainage from buildings if they cause ice problems around walkways, stairs or ramps.
- Give extra attention to entranceways because moisture can be tracked into facilities where tile and other surfaces can get slippery. Provide extra walk-off mats during heavy snows, with replacement mats or a wet vac available if mats get saturated. Use wet floor signs to warn employees and visitors about the increased slip hazard.
- Encourage employees to report any areas that need ice/snow removal, deicing, sanding, mopping, etc. Remind them that they are each responsible for safety – don't rely on someone else to report the hazard.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Checklist

MUNICIPALITY NAME:	DATE:
INSPECTOR'S NAME:	

	Yes	No	N/A	Date Corrected
The work place has been assessed for hazards that require the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).				
The work place assessment has been documented with the name of the work place, the person doing the assessment, and the date of the assessment.				
The work place is re-assessed as needed when changes to the work place or PPE are made.				
PPE is selected based on the hazards identified in the assessment.				
PPE that is selected meets recognized standards.				
The hazards of hazardous materials use are considered when doing the assessment.				
Efforts are made to ensure that employee PPE is properly fitted.				
Employees have been told which PPE is required for the job they perform.				
Employees have been trained on the required PPE for the job they perform.				
Employee PPE training includes when PPE is necessary, which PPE to use, how to wear it properly, limitations, and care.				
Employee training documentation includes the name of the employee, date trained, and the topic of training.				
Damaged or defective PPE is removed from service.				
A regular audit of PPE practices is performed to discover employee compliance with PPE requirements, the condition of employee PPE, and any changes to the work place that would require a hazard assessment.				

Please take appropriate corrective measures for any items not answered as YES.

Contact an IMLRMA Loss Control Specialist for assistance.

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Dues and Donations Committee Meeting Minutes - 02/13/2012

Meeting began at 5:15 pm

- The Committee met and discussed the amount of donations given in the preceding years.
- The Committee decided to dedicate the same total funds as in the 2007-2011 (\$6000).
- The Committee discussed reducing the dumpster reimbursement line item in next year's budget by \$5000 to help accommodate the donations.
- The Committee recommends advertising in the paper until March 16th and allowing applicants to submit applications until at least March 16th. The goal is to have the last day of submission to be March 16th if possible.
- The Committee would like to schedule a meeting on March 19th at 5:30pm to discuss the applicants and decide how to disperse the funds. The Committee would like each applicant to be notified as they apply that if they would like to address the committee on the evening of the 19th, they can come and do so at 5:30.
- Adjournment at approx. 5:30pm

Attending:

Harold Bolander
Rick Lindemann
Mark Bolander
Ken Larmore
Connie Tate
Robert Reisner

Economic Development

2/13/2012

Present:

Mark Bolander
Harold Bolander
Robert Reisner
Rick Lindemann
Ken Larimore
Connie Tate
Garrett Ellingsworth
Scott Bloomberg

Discussed subdivision covenants and any alterations that might have an impact on the new city subdivision.

Adjourned 6:15PM

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

February 16, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mark Bolander
Larry Dorn
Joe Stoops
Jean Ghast
Garrett Ellingsworth
Harold Bolander
Brad Benefiel
Robert Reisner
Scott Bloomberg
Mike Swick
Jeff Ford
Connie Tate
Alice Addis
Raymond Reynolds

Chief Swick will get the price on some cars. He said two of the police officers will be going for some training. The county jail will be opening soon.

Joe said the Street Department has been fixing some of the roads. They have not had to use much salt this winter.

Raymond reported the new lighting is almost finished. They will be putting some additional lights in Peterson Park. The additional wiring will be underground.

Larry reported his department has been working on the clarifiers and the south digester.

Brad Benefiel said they have been working on some of the tables in the park.

Connie and Alice talked about their office work.

Mayor Bolander said there is more "IKE" Grant money available.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ELECTRIC COMMITTEE

February 27, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

Present: Harold Bölander
Bob Reisner
Rick Lindemann
Raymond Reynolds
Jeff Ford

The Electric Committee met in closed session to discuss personnel and other related items.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.



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MINUTES

Economic Development Joint Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Tour of Newton School Renovation

Present: Scott Bloomberg, Ed Mitchell, Mark Hartrich, Mark Bolander, Jerry Kinder, Harold Bolander, Ed Webb, David Brown, Nathan Klingler, student representative Jordan Huston, Vanette King, Ameren Plant Manager Jim Williams, Superintendent Dan Cox, Principal Travis Wyatt, Director of Curriculum Kathy Johnson, Extension Director Rachelle Hollinshead, and Extension Educator Ken Larimore.

1. Tour of School Renovation: Superintendent of Schools Dan Cox and Principal Travis Wyatt gave an excellent tour of the major school renovation project. The main focus was on the Junior High and Elementary schools. The project came in under the \$2 million dollar budget. Ultimately they will benefit by cost savings and room utilization. Director of Curriculum, Kathy Johnson presented a power point program on the exciting new curriculum changes, new grading policies and student engagement.
2. Ameren Plant Manager Jim Williams:
"We announced Thursday, Feb. 23, that we will significantly decelerate the Newton scrubber project until such time as market prices sufficiently recover. In the meantime, certain engineering, construction and field tasks will continue. The recent sharp decline in forward power prices has prompted us to revise our capital spending plans for our merchant generation business. We attribute the recent price decline predominantly to two factors: the Dec. 30 U.S. Court of Appeals order staying the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) which created tremendous uncertainty as to when federal regulations would be implemented, as well as the recent decline in natural gas prices. It is unclear to us exactly when legal and regulatory uncertainties related to CSAPR will be resolved and when natural gas and power prices will recover."
3. Call to order, Co-Chairman Scott Bloomberg.
4. Request amendments to agenda. Agenda Approved: Motion Ed Webb and second Jerry Kinder. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes. Motion by Ed Webb, second by Harold Bolander. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Ed Mitchell discussed a recent South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission meeting.
7. Mark Bolander discussed SB 3638 that affects Enterprise Zone Legislation.
8. Motion to close meeting made by Ed Webb, second by Mark Hartrich, motion passed unanimously.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

March 8, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Harold Bolander
Scott Bloomberg
Mayor Mark Bolander
Rick Lindemann
Mike Swick
Robert Reisner
Connie Tate
David Brown
Jeff Ford
Sherry Hollingsworth
Jeremy Haycraft
Greg Coker
Joe Hill
Doug Bierman

The Negotiations Committee met in closed session with the Police Department to discuss the new contract.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF STREETS & ALLEYS COMMITTEE

March 13, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Robert Reisner
Joe Stoops
John Stone
Harold Bolander
Connie Tate
Mayor Mark Bolander
David Brown
Jeff Ford

Discussed resurfacing streets around the square.
Approximate cost \$115,000.00.

Will recommend approving Engineering Agreement
with Connor & Connor. Martin Street is ready for
repair.

S.A.D.D. Chapter wants to install some signs
at the high school like "No cell phones in school zone".

Stop signs are going to a larger size in the
future.

"IKE" Grant still progressing.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ELECTRIC COMMITTEE

March 19, 2012, 5:50 P.M.

Present: Raymond Reynolds
Rick Lindemann
Mayor Mark Bolander
Harold Bolander
Jeff Ford

The committee discussed Alan Hollis' situation dealing with light duty. The committee feels there is no longer light duty within the electric department beginning May 1, 2012, per the department head and committee chairman. Alan must receive a release from the doctor that he can return to full time work. The release must go into effect May 1, 2012. Reference to Article 24, Section 4, Page 18 of the Union contract.

Discussed dark spots within the community. The electric department has installed 24 new lights.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Dues and Donations Committee Meeting Minutes - 03/19/2012

Meeting began at 5:32 pm

- The Committee met to discuss the applications for donations.
- The Committee discussed the applications and decided how to divide the funds.
- The following were the results of their discussion and are the recommendation of the committee:

Jasper County Senior Center:	\$2,200.00
NCHS Post Prom:	\$300.00
Sunrise Youth Soccer Program:	\$1000.00
Jasper Co. Boys and Girls Park:	\$1,900.00
Eagle Country Water Works:	\$600.00

Total-	\$6,000.00

- Adjournment at approx. 5:40pm

Attending:
Harold Bolander
Rick Lindemann
Jeff Ford

Building Committee**3-21-12 5:30
Adjourned 6:35****Present:****Harold Bolander****Mark Bolander****Jeff Ford****Scott Bloomberg****Connie Tate****Garrett Ellingsworth**

Garrett would like to establish an IN box for all Building Permits and Code Official responsibilities. This will establish continuity with all other Dept. Heads.

Applications for building permits should have a \$25.00 minimum and this should be indicated on the permit form.

Garrett would like to become a member of the Municipal Building Inspectors of Southern Illinois. 150.00/Annually

Garrett will be attending a Free Seminar in Olney on Energy Conservation codes.

Property Maintenance Progress: Removed four trailers, five houses and three demolished commercial buildings.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

March 26, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Mike Swick
Mayor Mark Bolander
Scott Bloomberg
Harold Bolander
Connie Tate
Rick Lindemann
Greg Coker
Joe Hill
Jeremy Haycraft
Sherry Hollingsworth
Doug Bierman

The Negotiations Committee met in closed session with the Police Union to discuss a new four year contract.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

March 27, 2012, 6 P.M.

Present: Connie Tate
Brad Benefiel
Harold Bolander
Mayor Mark Bolander
David Brown
Rick Lindemann

Committee discussed opening the pool Memorial Day weekend. Applications for summer help were reviewed. Interviews for Manager/Assistant Manager will be conducted on April 4th.

Brad Benefiel brought the committee up to date on the OSLAD grant for rubber mulch, playground equipment, etc. Deadline for grant is July, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

David Brown
Chairman

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 2, 2012, 5:15 P.M.

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

The committee met to discuss three items: the City budget, wastewater loan, and TIF application.

Connie Tate discussed the city budget, stating that some new line items were added with no balance on them, that may be needed later in the year. Also some budget amounts were moved to different lines in the budget. None of these changes will affect the balanced budget, which will be voted on at the April 3rd council meeting.

The Wastewater loan was discussed to decide, if possible, more money could be applied to the loan over the required payments, or possibly a new loan at a lower interest rate, which could save the city a sizeable amount of money over the life of the loan.

The TIF was discussed by Ken Larimore with one new application to be voted on at the April 3 meeting from Nails by Trisha at 205 W. Washington for \$2500.00.

Also discussed was a possible application from "All About You Embroidery" if current code violations are taken care of. After up to \$5000 is applied to the violations, the city would consider the possible \$2500. application.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

LARRY BROOKS
Finance Chairman

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

April 4, 2012, 6 P.M.

PRESENT: David Brown
Harold Bolander
Larry Brooks
Connie Tate
Brad Benefiel
Mayor Mark Bolander
Jeff Ford,
Rick Lindemann
Scott Bloomberg

The Committee met to interview pool manager. The Committee agreed to hire Darleta Wagner for the position of Aquatic Center Manager. The hourly wage for Manager for the 2012 season will be \$12.00 per hour.

Mayor Bolander discussed a local revival possibly being held at Peterson Park in July. Insurance/Liability discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

David Brown
Chairman

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 17, 2012 5:30 P. M.

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Attending the Meeting

Mark Bolander, Mayor
Larry Brooks
Harold Bolander
Rick Linderman
Larry Short
Scott Bloomberg
Jeff Ford
Bob Reisner
Evelyn Dhom
Raymond Reynold, Electric Department
Connie Tate
Alice Addis
Jeff Vance, Ameren
Mike Steiner, Ameren
Amy Jo Miller, Ameren
David Stephens, BHM
Lincoln Duncan, BHM

The Committee met to discuss the following items:

1. Possibility and anticipation of a new electric load dealing with the Industrial Park within the upcoming fall (2012). The possibility that new commercial industry in the Industrial Park could raise the level of megawatts and add greater electric cost to the city. The committee will decide if the city will bargain with Ameren and/or other electric companies to provide the cheapest electric for the Industrial Park.
2. BHM provided the committee information dealing with the Electric System Evaluation concerning the increase capacity of the substation power transformers, reduce system losses and improve delivery voltage to the City. The committee also discussed installation of fuses and capacitors.
3. The cost of the materials would be around \$90,000.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P. M.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REVOLVING LOAN Committee
April 25, 2012, 10:05 A.M.

Present: Mayor Mark Bolander
Connie Tate
Scott Bierman
Ken Larimore
Greg Ikemire
Thomas H. Brown
Brett Lessley

Loan rate was discussed. It was agreed and recommended that we lower our Revolving Loan rate to 3.5% immediately.

Superior Collision Center, LLC was approved for \$30,000. from our R.L.F. @ 3.5% for 10 years. We would hold the real estate as collateral and share with Peoples State Bank as first lienholder. The city would waive the application fee.

We would like to see an opaque fence around the property.

It was requested that the application be sent to committee members prior to all meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 A.M.

Street and Alleys Committee Meeting May 7, 2012 at 5:10 PM

Present: David Brown, Larry Brooks, Harold Bolander, Mark Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Robert Reisner, Scott Bloomberg, Joe L. Stoops

The committee met to review applications for the Street Department full-time position. Applicants will be interviewed Monday, May 14 beginning at 5:30 PM.

Streets and Alleys Chairman, Robert Reisner

Finance Committee Meeting May 7, 2012 at 4:30 PM

Present: Larry Brooks; Harold Bolander, Connie Tate, Alice Addis, David Brown, Mark Bolander

The committee met to discuss a TIF application. The application was not ready so it will be presented at a later date.

Department head raises were discussed. The committee decided to give a 40¢ per hour raise retroactive to May 1, 2012. Part-time employees were also discussed and it was decided to give our Electric Consultant a 35¢ per hour raise.

The raises will be voted on at the next council meeting, June 5, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Finance Chairman, Larry Brooks

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Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Finance Chairman, Larry Brooks

Electric Committee Meeting May 10, 2012, 5:30 PM

Present:

Mark Bolander
Larry Brooks
Connie Tate
Alice Addis
Rick Lindemann
Scott Bloomberg
Raymond Reynolds
Lincoln Duncan

Lincoln Duncan presented information for the installation of fuses and capacitors. He also presented a letter with the bids submitted for the work for the electric infrastructure for the Woods Subdivision.

The committee discussed the need for an employee in the Electric Department due to the retirement of Alan Hollis. The committee recommends advertising the position as soon as possible. Several options were discussed if the city doesn't have a sufficient workforce in the case of an emergency.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

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Streets and Alleys Committee Mtg., May 14, 2012, 5:15 PM

Present:

Mark Bolander
Rick Lindemann
Harold Bolander
Jeff Ford
Larry Brooks
Joe Stoops
Robert Reisner

Committee interviewed applicants for a full-time position in the Street Dept.

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Building Committee Meeting, May 15, 2012, 2:00 PM

Present:

Mark Bolander, Ken Larimore, Mike Weber, Jim Robins, Rhonda Kuenstler, Jeff Wilson, Travis Farley, Cindy Volk, Raymond Reynolds, John Stone, Larry Brooks, Harold Bolander, Brett Lessley, Kim Smith (Ameren), Ron Zwilling (USDA-RD), Bev Gorrell (USDA-RD), Alice Addis, Garrett Ellingsworth, Connie Tate, Max L. Tedford

John Stone distributed Phase I plans for the Woods Subdivision. Street construction will begin June 1. Streets will be concrete with curb and gutters, with sidewalks on one side of each street. Streets should be done around the end of June. Gas, phone, TV and electric will begin any time. Lots will be ready to build on the property by early July. Most construction crews will be out of the way so residence construction can begin.

B & T is installing water lines. Foyt will build streets and storm sewers.

The addition is zoned SR-1.

Most lots are .4 acre, some are closer to .5 acre. Utilities are all below ground except for the light poles. Most hookups will be in the road right-of-way or in front of the residences. There will be some pad mounted transformers. Hopefully fiber optic will be available. The conduit will be there.

Along the north side of the subdivision is a drainage easement to handle the surface water from the back of the lot. The bulk of the water will go to the street to be carried away with the storm sewer.

There is a storm water retention area on the south end. Water will not be standing in the detention area. The sewer will run east and south then lifted to be send north. Potable water will be accessed on Iva Street.

Iva, Haley and Lafayette Streets will provide access to the subdivision. There are no plans to have access from the county road on the west.

As part of the City of Newton, all city ordinances and codes will apply. Restrictions and covenants will apply.

Residences must be 1300 sq. ft., above ground, single-family. Site plan approval is required. The City would adopt an ordinance for the sale of a property. There will be an agreement between the City and the purchaser with certain time requirements.

Mike Weber explained details of project incentives and rules for lot sales and an initial lottery. A building permit will be required. Issues raised: owner-occupied, what if taxes are not paid? (taxes will be approximately \$4,000 per year) extend building timeline beyond 1 year?

One incentive would be a refund of 30% of mortgage interest for the first 5 years. The money would come from the TIF fund, the taxes that were paid by the homeowner for that particular property. Ideas for the incentive were discussed...put a time limit on how long the offer is available.

For the lottery – one suggestion would be to keep a few lots (5?) that are not a part of the lottery but offer choices of the remaining lots for the lottery.

No city employee or alderman could purchase a lot.

Mike Weber believes there should be a period of time for open offers to purchase lots before incentives are made available.

When the covenants are approved, the final plat can be made. Lots could be sold subject to final plat approval.

Mark will meet with realtors (Jim Robins and Scott Bierman) to discuss the commission for selling lots.

Ron Zwilling and Bev Gorrell presented options of financing through USDA.

Ken and Mark will get together to get ideas ready for the lottery.

John Stone spoke to NewWave and they are offering the same services to this addition that the other City residents have available.

12-31-15 could be the ending date for the increment financing (offered for 2 years). It could be available 5 years from the date of the closing.

Restrictive covenants are almost ready.

The plat must be voted on by the city council. The county will certify.

Early July – begin lottery?

July 5 agenda – consider and act on the approval of soliciting proposals for lot purchase for the Woods Addition. Consider and act on a listing agreement with the realtors.

July 19 – accept or reject proposals received.

Property corners will be set after construction is complete.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 30, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Larry Brooks
Connie Tate
Jeff Ford
Harold Bolander
Mayor Mark Bolander
Rick Lindemann
John Stone
Brad Benefiel

Mayor Bolander informed the committee that Boys & Girls Park would like to make a practice field on the land belonging to the city. The land is presently being used by the Boys & Girls Park for extra parking. A long term lease was discussed to allow them to use the land for a practice field, with them paying all the expenses. More information will be brought to another meeting at a later date.

The Appropriations Ordinance was discussed. There will be a hearing in July, and voted on at the last meeting in July.

An ordinance authorizing an inter-fund loan from the Capital Development fund and/or the electric fund to the special tax allocation fund for the tax increment financing redevelopment project area No.1 was discussed and will be voted on at the June 5 Council meeting.

Sidewalks and guttering projects were addressed.

Advertisizing lots in the new subdivision was discussed. A budget of \$27,500.00 was put forth.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Larry Brooks
Chairman

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON June 4, 2012
5:30 P.M.

Building Permit Committee

Present:

Scott Bloomberg
Mark Bolander
Harold Bolander
Garrett Ellingsworth
Rick Lindemann
Larry Short
Jeff Ford
Mike Connor
Kathy Hayes
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Adjourned 6:30 PM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON June 4, 2012
5:30 P.M.

Building Permit Committee

Present:

Scott Bloomberg
Mark Bolander
Harold Bolander
Garrett Ellingsworth
Rick Lindemann
Larry Short
Jeff Ford
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 11, 2012, 5:15 P.M.

Present: Larry Brooks
Connie Tate
Jeff Ford
Rick Lindemann
Mayor Mark Bolander

The Finance Committee met to discuss a TIF application.

Marion and Sandy Layman have submitted an application for \$2500. from TIF for improvements on the building at 103 S. Jackson, Newton, IL.

The Committee approved the application, which will be on the agenda for the June 19th council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Larry Brooks
Chairman

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ELECTRIC COMMITTEE

June 12, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Jeff Ford
Robert Reisner
Larry Brooks
Scott Bloomberg
Rick Lindemann
Harold Bolander
Raymond Reynolds

Committee discussed possible candidates to
interview on June 18th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ELECTRIC COMMITTEE

June 18, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mark Bolander
Raymond Reynolds
Robert Reisner
Larry Short
Rick Lindemann
Scott Bloomberg
Harold Bolander
Jeff Ford
Larry Brooks

The committee held interviews for the position within the Electric Department. The committee decided on Mike Schackmann.

Meeting adjourned at 7 P.M.

June 11, 2012

Building and Grounds Committee

5:30 PM

Present:

Scott Bloomberg
Mark Bolander
Harold Bolander
Rick Lindemann
Larry Brooks
Jeff Ford
David Brown

The committee discussed names for the new south-town subdivision. After entertaining several potential names. The committee agreed on Five Aprils Crossing.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ELECTRIC COMMITTEE

July 16, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Larry Brooks
Connie Tate
Raymond Reynolds
David Stephans-BHMG
Lincoln Duncan-BHMG
Rick Lindemann
Mayor Mark Bolander
Harold Bolander
Larry Short
Jeff Ford

Discussed future improvements and maintenance items for the City electric. The Committee decided to ask Henkels & McCoy to replace 12 poles in the city. Raymond will get an estimate for the pole replacement.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Building Committee 7-9-12

Scott Bloomberg
Mark Bolander
Harold Bolander
Ken Larimore
Alice Addis
Garrett Ellingsworth
Robert Reisner
Larry Short
Larry Brooks
Connie Tate
John Stone
Lucas Bolander
Jim Robins
Mike Connor

Lucas Bolander presented some graphics on the Five April's subdivision. Billboards will be placed on the corner of Lafayette St. And Halley entrance. The committee also talked about contacting Channel 2 and 10 for public announcement and public relations exposure for the project.

The lottery for the lots and conditions were discussed. Five lots will be available for the lottery. Each participant will have a bank letter to show eligibility of financing and have the lot choice and alternate ready during the lottery meeting a one dollar fee will be required to enter the lottery. Thirty percent of the mortgage interest will be refunded back to the home owner for the first five years of mortgage financing with this incentive ending in year 2020.

Lots 1,2,16,19 and 20 will be excluded from the lottery drawing.

The deadline and drawing date for the lottery is still being discussed and another meeting will be announced pertaining to these dates.

John Stone will prepare a pamphlet about the subdivision outlining lot size, and other relevant conditions.

Talked about the Powers Building and bid opening and sale procedure.

Garrett brought us up to date regarding property maintenance issues around our community.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35PM

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ALCOHOL & TOBACCO COMMITTEE
July 23, 2012, 5 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mark Bolander
Harold Bolander
Jeff Ford
Connie Tate
Larry Brooks
Rick Lindemann
Scott Bloomberg

CVS is applying for a packaged liquor license.

At this time we have no alcohol retail license
available.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Harold Bolander
Chairman

MINUTES OF MEETING OF INSURANCE COMMITTEE

July 23, 2012, 5:15 P.M.

Present: Larry Brooks
Connie Tate
Scott Bloomberg
Rick Lindemann
Mayor Mark Bolander
Harold Bolander

The committee met to discuss Limited Medical Benefits
(IMRF Coverage Continuation) Monthly Rates.

It was decided that the following rates would be
put in place for this coverage:

Single	\$137.50
Single & Spouse	\$309.38
Single & Children	\$275.00
Family	\$343.75

This will be voted on at the August 7th council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Larry Brooks
Chairman

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

July 30, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Larry Brooks
Connie Tate,
Harold Bolander
Mayor Mark Bolander
Steve Barbee
Rick Lindemann
Scott Bloomberg
Robert Reisner

The Finance Committee met to discuss a possible 4" natural gas line that may be needed to service the biodiesel plant on the south edge of Newton. Steve Barbee was present to talk about the 4" line location and possible cost to the plant. The estimated cost could be as much as \$380,000.00. The committee discussed the value to the city, if any.

EJ Water Cooperative, Inc. has approached the City about buying water from the city of Newton if the need arises. An estimated cost of \$3.25 per 1000 gallons was discussed but not committed to E-J Water.

The Hotel/Motel project was discussed, as were our T.I.F. project.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Larry Brooks
Chairman

MINUTES OF MEETING OF STREETS & ALLEYS COMMITTEE

September 10, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

Present: Robert Reisner
Joe Stoops
Harold Bolander
Scott Bloomberg
Mayor Mark Bolander
Larry Brooks

Discussed Motor Vehicle Code 24-8-8 and 24-8-10
(Page 593). Will get together with Max to see about
changing the ordinance.

Also discussed leaf pickup for this year. Will
check with other cities to see what they are doing.

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

FACS meeting 8-8-12

Ribbon cutting ceremony Sept. 8, 11:00 AM

The lottery will be held Wednesday, October 24 at 6:31 PM

30% interest incentive – lots must be purchased by Dec. 31, 2013. 2015 is the last year to get the incentive...to be completed by Dec. 2020

On the website in a lottery package:

- lottery notice

- map

- covenants

- agreement to purchase

- deed

- ordinance

- John's pamphlet

The pamphlet or map could be available individually.

Agreements, map, etc. available: 3 banks, 2 realtors, council, extra copies in office, web page

Flyers to businesses in surrounding counties, Chamber of Commerce add info. to the newsletter and on the cable TV channel

FACS meeting 7-9-12 (?)

The 5 choicest lots will not be in the lottery – 1, 2, 16, 19, 20

The winner must choose their site the night of the lottery (from 17 remaining sites)

Those in the lottery must have a bank letter proving their financing is available. Letters should be sent to City Hall 3 business days before the lottery is held. There will be a reverter clause if the home isn't built within the year.

Lots to purchase will cost \$5,000

30% of the mortgage interest is refunded for the first five years. It is only available for 5 years from the beginning date

By Dec. 2015 the homes must be built.

This incentive will not transferred from one owner to another. It will transfer from a builder (spec home) to the first owner.

Building and Grounds

8/08/2012.

5:30-6:40

Scott Bloomberg
Harold Bolander
Mark Bolander
Connie Tate
David Brown
Travis Farley
Ken Larimore
Rick Lindamenn
Alice Addis
Jim Robins
Jeff Wilson
Jeff Ford
Max Tødford

Five April's crossing subdivision looks to be completed with all infrastructure by the end of August.

The lottery will be held at City Hall on Wednesday October 24th at 6:30PM. Eligible participants will need appropriate documentation from lending institutions to be involved in the lottery. All documentation presented to City Hall three days prior to the lottery.

Ground breaking ceremony will be held on Saturday September 8th at 11:00AM.

The committee talked about marketing ideas for the subdivision.

Parks & Cemetery Committee Meeting

August 14, 2012

7:00 PM – 8:15 PM

The committee met with the public to discuss questions, concerns, and ways the facility can improve.

Attendance was great and several good ideas discussed.

The committee will meet again with the public this winter to discuss steps the city has taken.

David Brown, Chairman

Present: David Brown, Connie Tate, Robert Reisner, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Brad Benefiel, Melissa Brown, Martha Allison, Vanette King, Alice Addis, April Stewart, Lori Tarr, Louise Lybarger, Holly Farley, Jill Michl, Bruce Balding, Harold Bolander, Kathy Collins, Bonnie French, Lyndsay Westrich, Amy Bickers, Cheryl Earnest, Natalie Earnest, Sarah Kinkade, Rebekah Diel, Rick Lindemann, Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Jared Britton, Gloria Bradley, Jodi Wallace, Casey Shaffer

MINUTES OF MEETING OF POLICE COMMITTEE

August 20, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Harold Bolander
Dan Strauch
Doug Bierman
Mike Swick
Jeff Ford
Mayor Mark Bolander
Larry Brooks
Scott Bloomberg
Rick Lindemann

Doug Bierman presented information concerning the possibility of the City purchasing a K-9 dog. The committee encouraged Doug to continue researching the opportunity to purchase a dog.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF INSURANCE COMMITTEE

August 27, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Larry Brooks
Jeff Ford
Harold Bolander
Mark Bolander
Rick Lindemann
Robert Reisner
Connie Tate
Jason Boothe

Jason Boothe was present concerning our Health Insurance. He told us there were two changes that needed to be made soon in our Health Care booklet. The first was concerning alternative medicine service and supplies.

The second change was concerning injury or illness that occurs while you are under the influence of illegal drugs or with a blood alcohol content (BAC) beyond 0.02.

Jason also discussed the many changes that are coming in the near future with all health plans.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Larry Brooks
Chairman

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMITTEE

August 28, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mark Bolander
Robert Rumpp-Eagles
Bob Copper-Legion
Jane Beavers-Marathon
Richard Swearengin-Legion
Robert Reisner
Michael Bergbower-KC Hall
Brandon Seigrist-Bottle Junction
Tim Dasenbrock-West Side
Don Burnell-Legion
Chris Correll-Legion
Todd Martin-IGA
Lee Klier-VFW
Steve French-Parklanes
Rick Lindemann
Harold Bolander
Larry Brooks
Jeff Ford
Susan Iffert Lindley -Marathon
Pixie Mahaney - The Pub

Discussed changing hours to embrace new gaming opportunities. The State will run and control it. All would like similar hours. Would like same time as other towns and the county. Trying to keep the people in town and enhance our economy.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 27, 2012, 5 p.m.

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

The Committee met to discuss financing for a K-9 dog for the police department. Also discussed was coverage of liability insurance for the dog for the City of Newton.

Also discussed was a TIF application from Champion Fitness Inc. for \$2500.00. The application will be on the agenda at the next council meeting.

Lucas Bolander was also present to give an update on the ribbon cutting for the Five Aprils Crossing subdivision.

Connie Tate spoke on changing our accounting to the cash basis. The audit would be 20% cheaper.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Larry Brooks
Chairman

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

September 24, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mark Bolander
Harold Bolander
Connie Tate
Robert Reisner
Larry Short
Brian Bradbury
Alice Addis
Steve Adams (Bernardi Securities)
Larry Brooks

Brian Bradbury, Kemper C.P.A., Presented the annual audit report. He stated the city audit was in good shape. He also addressed the issue of sending out 1099 tax forms where needed.

Steve Adams of Bernardi Securities, presented a refinancing proposal for the City of Newton's sewer plant bonds. Also discussed were possible bank financing, or internal financing. Connie Tate will gather more information for another finance meeting to make a decision.

Alice Addis presented a quote for a new billing program for the Collector's office. The City Clerk will present a purchase order at the next council meeting. The cost of the system is \$6122.88, plus a new monitor at a cost of \$358.00. Also, a new printer may be needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Larry Brooks
Chairman
Finance Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE
October 2, 2012, 5:45 P.M.

Present: David Brown
Connie Tate
Larry Brooks
Mayor Mark Bolander
Brad Benefiel
Jeff Ford
Rick Lindemann
Scott Bloomberg

The Committee met to discuss changes at the Aquatic Center for the 2013 season. Some of the areas discussed were admission price, managerial duties, concession prices, lifeguard duties, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

David Brown
Chairman

MINUTES OF MEETING OF POLICE COMMITTEE

October 8, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Dan Strauch, Robinson P.D.
Gabe Lowrance, Crawford Co. S.O.
Doug Bierman
Jeff Ford
Harold Bolander
Mike Swick
Mayor Mark Bolander
Larry Brooks
Dan Cheadle
Tammy Cheadle

1. Discussed the possibility of purchasing a K-9 dog.
 - (a) Veterinarian Clinic will provide the health care;
 - (b) Masonic Lodge-Make a donation and prepare a dinner to raise money;
 - (c) Newton Animal Health will provide the food;
 - (d) Cost
Full Service Dog (Bite Dog-Tracking-Narcotics)=\$20,000.
Dual Purpose Dog (Tracking-Narcotics-Detention)=\$14,000.
2. Impound Lot-Gate and poles will set up soon.
All the labor will be done by the city.
3. Parade/Event Safety-Concern for traffic flow during Fall Festival and Strawberry Festival. Chief will coordinate parking with Chamber. Parking of buses near the intersections of Van Buren and Washington was a problem.
4. Skateboard Park-Due to loud noises at night and trespassing Chief Swick has recommended the Skateboard Park be closed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Water Department Committee Meeting Minutes - 10/23/2012

Meeting began at 6:30 pm

-The committee discussed the City's deposit, tapping fee, and new service equipment costs. Essentially our new service expenses have been confusing and we need to simplify them.

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-The committee discussed water Department employees filling citizen pools from Fire Hydrants. It was decided that the City will NOT offer this as a service. In the case of new construction or liner replacement, the city will only charge for the water used to fill the pool (based on the pool's water capacity) and will not be charged for the sewer on these rare occasions.

-The one of the Water Department trucks needs replaced. The City is going to go out for bids for a new service truck.

- Adjournment at approx. 7:54pm

Attending:

Carl Baker

Rick Lindemann

Larry Brooks

Mark Bolander

Scott Bloomberg

Jeff Ford

Connie Tate

Shannon Woodard

John Stone

Robert Reisner

Ron Pearce

Alice Addis

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 9, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Larry Brooks
Harold Bolander
Ken Larimore
Mayor Mark Bolander
Jeff Ford
Scott Bloomberg

The Committee met to discuss TIF applications.

There were three applications the committee will present at the October 16th council meeting.

- (1) A TIF Re-Development Agreement with the Newton Hotel Group LLC for the maximum amount of \$500,000. to be paid from TIF revenue based on the Pin number \$5000.00 a year for 9.6 years.
- (2) TIF Re-Development Agreement with Phil Boggs to Re-hab 104 S. Van Buren Street for the amount of \$2500.00.
- (3) TIF Re-Development agreement with Cheryl Hardwick to complete repairs at 103 S. Lafayette (Pizza Man) for the amount of \$2500.

The Committee also discussed refinancing sewer Bonds A and B by using Bonds or Bank financing. The Committee will suggest bank financing.

Mayor Bolander also discussed what gaming revenue might be used for.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

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Tax Increment JRB MEETING
November 5, 2012

Present: Mark Bolander, Mayor, City of Newton, William E. Weber, Member at Large, Ed Mitchell, County of Jasper, Ken Larimore, Extension, Jim Dhom, Wade Fire Protection, Mark Dougherty, Newton Public Library, Connie Tate, City Treasurer.

Meeting commenced at 11 a.m., November 5, 2012. Ken Larimore addressed the Board and discussed the Projects that had involved the TIF. Mr. Larimore stated that since the TIF has started there have been a total of 19 TIF agreements as of April 30, 2012, since May 1, 2012 there have been 6 more agreements approved.

The TIF Report was reviewed by Mr. Larimore, Mark Bolander and Connie Tate. Motion was made to approve the TIF Report by Ed Mitchell and Seconded by William Weber. Motion to adjourn by Mark Dougherty. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted By: Connie Tate

TAX ABATEMENT MEETING
November 5, 2012

Present:

Mark Bolander, Mayor City of Newton
William Weber, County Board
Ed Mitchell, County Board
Jim Dhom, Wade Fire Protection
Mark Dougherty, Newton Public Library District
Ken Larimore, Jasper County Extension

Meeting commenced at 11:30 a.m. on November 5, 2012. Discussion on application for Tax Abatement for Schilling Brothers, Inc. Members present will be taking application to the taxing bodies for approval. Meeting dismissed 12:15 p.m.

By: Connie Tate

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

November 13, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mark Bolander
Larry Brooks
David Brown
Scott Bloomberg
Jean Ghast
Alice Addis
Brad Benefiel
Carl Baker
Joe Stoops
Larry Dorn,
Garrett Ellingsworth
Jeff Ford
Rick Lindemann
Harold Bolander

Meeting started at 5:30 p.m.

Received updates from Department Heads regarding their various projects.

Had concerns about new fiber being brought into town.

Also, had concerns about city's phone and internet quality with NewWave.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF INSURANCE COMMITTEE

November 19, 2012, 6:10 p.m.

Present: Larry Brooks
Connie Tate
Robert Reisner
Rick Lindemann
Mayor Mark Bolander
Harold Bolander
Jim Closson, IMLRMA

The Committee met to discuss the city's Work comp and Liability Insurance. Jim Closson was present to talk about our two options to pay our insurance. The Mini-Max plan would save \$15,000. on the premium. If we choose to take the reduction in premium there could be possible extra cost of \$45,753. if we went over the minimum of \$86,421. in property liability and Work Comp claims.

Non-PPO Health insurance claims were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Larry Brooks
Chairman

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

November 19, 2012, 5 p.m.

Present: Larry Brooks
Connie Tate
Harold Bolander
Rick Lindemann
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Robert Reisner

The committee met to discuss several items.

The Annual Review Board did meet and discussed the TIF report.

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The Indiana Railroad's Santa train was discussed.

Mayor Bolander also related some information from a meeting he attended. Subject was concerning retirement plans.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Larry Brooks
Chairman

Water Department Committee Meeting Minutes - 11/15/2012

Meeting began at 5:33 pm

-The one of the Water Department trucks needed replaced. The City had gone out for bids for a new service truck and bids were rec'd from 3 local dealers.

-First Bid: Webster Ford: \$27,748.00 exceeding specifications as set out.

-Second Bid: Louis Ochs Chevrolet: \$28,064.00 met specs aside from interior material being cloth.

-Third Bid: McClane Motors: \$33,665.00 exceeding specifications as sent out.

-A call was made to confirm the bid from Webster Ford. It was confirmed and the committee decided to purchased the vehicle from Webster's for the price of \$27,748.00.

- Adjournment at approx. 6:50pm

Attending:

Carl Baker

Rick Lindemann

Larry Brooks

Harold Bolander

Mark Bolander

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Larry Brooks
Chairman

Revolving Loan Fund Meeting
November 19, 2012

Meeting Started: 4:35 P.M.

Present: Mark Bolander, Harold Bolander, Larry Brooks, Connie Tate, Scott Bierman, Thomas H. Brown, Greg Ikemire, Ken Larimore.

Ken Larimore discussed the Newton Hotel Group. The group request a loan of \$100,000.00 for a period of 10 years, at 3.5% interest on a 2nd mortgage real estate. The project is a 36-room hotel, which will be situated on the west-end of Newton directly adjacent to the assisted living facility.

Motion was made by Greg Ikemire and seconded by Scott Bierman to approve a \$100,000.00 city of Newton RLF for construction of Cobblestone Hotel at 3.5% interest, fixed for 10 years on a 2nd mortgage real estate.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:53 P.M.

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Larry Brooks
Chairman

FINANCE, POLICE, BUILDING & ZONING, PERSONNEL joint committee meeting
Dec. 3, 2012, 6:30 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Connie Tate, Alice Addis, David Brown, Robert Reisner, Larry Short, Rick Lindemann, Mike Swick, Mark Bolander, Scott Bloomberg, Mike Connor, Harold Bolander, Jeff Ford

Discussed code enforcement, budget, finances, policies, procedures, permits.

Went into executive session to discuss personnel.

Discussed the Newton Hotel Group subdivision.

Adjourned at 8:20 PM.

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Dec. 3, 2012, 5:30 – 6:26 PM

Present: Evelyn Dhom, Scott Bloomberg, Lincoln Duncan, Raymond Reynolds, Larry Short, Harold Bolander, Jeff Ford, Connie Tate, Rick Lindemann, Larry Brooks, David Brown, Alice Addis, Robert Reisner

1. Discussed the change in cost for the fuse and capacitor project.
2. Discussed the underground service to the new hotel, the cost to be \$40,000. The city will need to order two transformers.
3. Future project – the Hardee service line project needs to be completed as soon as possible.
4. Raymond discussed a few items concerning lighting in the city and a franchise agreement
5. Evelyn Dhom updated the committee on Ameren items.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

December 11, 2012, 6 P.M.

Present: David Brown
Robert Reisner
Brad Benefiel
Harold Bolander
Louise Lybarger
Vanette King
Rick Lindemann
Connie Tate
Jeff Ford
Kathy Collins

The committee and community members discussed the outdated playground equipment at Peterson Park. It was mentioned of possibly a local organization helping in purchasing new, up-to-date playground equipment. Similar to the group that helped in getting the equipment northwest of the pool.

Next, changes at the Aquatic Center were discussed. Some of the changes were: Manager duties, new employee handbook, admission prices, concession prices, water aerobics, and lifeguard pay. The City will start advertising for a pool manager in mid-January. This is considerably earlier than in previous years.

Disc golf was also discussed. Brad will look into the possibility of adding that feature at one of the parks.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

David Brown
Chairman

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

CDAP Project Performance Hearing

After providing due notice in the Newton Press Mentor newspaper on May 24, 2012, Mayor Mark Bolander called the Project Performance Public Hearing to order at approximately 5:45 PM on Tuesday, June 5, 2012. The public hearing was held in the City Council room in the City Hall in Newton, Illinois with approximately eleven (11) interested individuals in attendance.

At this time, Mr. Bolander recognized Mike Shaw, Grants Manager with the South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission (*SCIRPDC*) of Salem, Illinois who provided much of the requisite data for the benefit of those in attendance. Mr. Shaw noted that the purpose of the public hearing was to provide interested parties with information regarding: (1) the amount of CDAP funds originally applied for by the City of Newton; (2) the CDAP grants that were actually awarded; (3) the project description-i.e., what the grant funds were used for; (4) milestones and accomplishments of the project; and (5) a description of any variances to the initial concept described in the CDAP grant application.

Mr. Shaw noted that on December 16, 2010, the Newton City Council approved the submission of a \$256,265 Housing Rehabilitation grant application under the provisions of the Community Development Assistance Program (*CDAP*) administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (*DCEO*). This grant was being applied for to rehabilitate six residential homes in a designated target area in the Dufrain Park Area of the city. DCEO elected to award the City of Newton a \$213,199.00 CDAP Grant to rehabilitate five homes in the target area. These funds were matched with as much as \$20,000 in committed funding from the City of Newton.

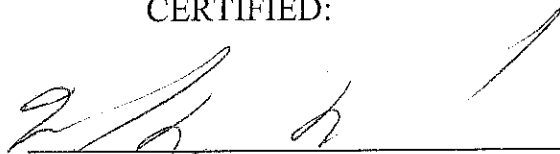
The CDAP grant funds were used to rehabilitate five homes in the target area, which will benefit low-and-moderate income individuals. The special grant conditions, which must all be met before grant funds can be utilized, were fulfilled September 9, 2010. The city has expended those CDAP funds to complete the rehabilitation work. All of the grant funds from DCEO (\$213,199) have been utilized. Of those grant funds, \$138,871 went to Schackmann Construction of Newton for rehabilitation work, \$ 41,503 to R & A Construction of Shelbyville for rehabilitation work, \$825 to Midwest Risk Assessment for lead work, \$15,700 to Moon Dawg, Inc. for project inspection services, \$15,100 to SCIRP&DC for CDAP administration services throughout the project and \$1,200 to Newton as reimbursement for administrative expenses incurred. In addition, the city paid 3,501.24 of the \$20,000 committed, for rehabilitation expenses.

Mr. Shaw noted that the city's actual accomplishments via the project included: (1) The proposed rehabilitation is now complete; (2) with five homes receiving grant assistance for the rehabilitation work, this project will directly benefit 100% low-to-moderate income individuals; (3) the CDAP process is finished and is now only awaiting the completion of the closing paperwork to be complete.

There were very few variances to this project. Originally, the city requested \$ 256,265 in funds to rehabilitate six homes in the target area. DCEO elected to award \$ 213,199 for five homes to be rehabilitated. Through this project, five homes were rehabilitated, as was outlined in the grant agreement. One additional variance is that even though DCEO was made aware that funds are available from Ameren (through huge fines) to purchase energy efficient items during the rehabilitation work, Newton was told they would NOT be eligible because the local residents are not direct Ameren customers. After a lot of discussion with higher DCEO officials, it was determined that Newton would indeed be eligible. Utilizing this funding, the projects rehabilitated homes received "energy efficient items" (i.e. lighting package, exhaust fans, Energy Star A/C, refrigerator and "thermal envelop development") (benefits varied). Prior to concluding the public hearing, Mr. Bolander invited any interested individuals to express their personal observations or comments regarding the CDAP grant awarded to the City of Newton. There were minor clarifications of earlier facts presented. There being no further comments or observations, Mr. Bolander closed the public hearing at approximately 6:00 PM.

CERTIFIED:

Dated: June 5, 2012



Mark Bolander, Mayor
City of Newton, Illinois

PROJECT PERFORMANCE HEARING

CITY OF NEWTON HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT

June 5, 2012 5:45 P.M.

SIGN-UP SHEET

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Mike Shaw	SCIRP & DC
Aline Addine	City of Newton
Connie Tate	City of Newton
SCOTT BLOOMBERG	CITY OF NEWTON
Jean Ghast	City Clerk
Mark Bolander	Mayor
Robert Reim	City of Newton
Harold Bolander	City of Newton
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**Minutes of the Jasper County EMA Committee Meeting
August 2, 2012**

Present: **Jim Weber, Co. Chairman** **Everett Miller**
 Danny Kerner **David Brown, City Chairman**
 Rick Lindemann **Chris Overbeck, GTSi**
 Doug Long, Coordinator

Meeting came to order at 5:30 pm

A discussion was held concerning the incompatibility for the Apollo pagers that most of the EMA members carry to function properly due to the frequency change during narrow banding of radios and pagers. The present Apollo pagers do not have the correct frequency range, therefore they can't receive the correct tones for call outs. The new fire department frequency is in the 151 MHz range and the present pagers have a range of 152-162 MHz.

There are 18 Apollo brand pagers in use and would need to be replaced at a cost estimated at around \$365.00 each, making a total of \$6570. These would be Motorola brand pagers which are working with the new fire frequency. Mr. Overbeck stated this was a reduced price from the normal price of \$415 each. He also stated he would look into possibly reselling our old pagers to another agency and possibly pay us up to \$100 per pager.

Another option is to look into a system called Fire Text, a company based out of Lawrenceville, where each member could receive a page thru their cell phone. Each member would receive the same information the same as with a pager. Initial cost set up cost would be \$2000 and \$500 per year thereafter. The setup includes all the hardware, software and tech support. The \$500 each year would provide tech support and any needed upgrades to the system.

It was reported that the new EMA radio system is operational and works really well. Coverage of the county with this radio system is excellent. Other county agencies have been advised that they can use the EMA frequency anytime that communications with the dispatcher is inadequate on the own frequency.

The Jasper County Emergency Operations Plan is up for state review this year. The Coordinator is working to review and update this plan and have it submitted by the end of this month. The Emergency Management Performance Grant for Jasper County was submitted and has been approved for 2013. This is the grant used for expenditure reimbursement each quarter. The grant amount is for \$5,499.19.

EMA has participated in several landing zone call outs recently with no problems incurred.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES

11-19-2012 6 PM City Hall

Attendance and speaking rolls taken. Chairman Connor called the meeting to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Volk, Connor, Albrecht, Dhom, and Farley. Quorum met.

Secretary Farley opened the meeting by a reading of the prior minutes. Following presentation of prior minutes they were adopted by voice vote of 5-0-no abstentions with a motion by Volk 2nd by Albrecht.

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

Guest Karen Devall and applicants Penny and Ivan Coleman were sworn in.

Chairman Connor then read the request by the Coleman's for a Bulk Variance of Section 40-3-17 to allow the addition of a roofed porch to an existing principal residential building that does not meet the required set back for the front yard. Said proposed construction is located at 901 West Jourdan. The property is located in B-1, Neighborhood Business District.

The Coleman's stated that the construction had been completed and that neither the contractor nor they were aware of a zoning issue. The Coleman's spoke that all their neighbors had front porches and they wanted to add one as well. Ms. Devall spoke that it was a welcome addition.

Chairman Connor referred to Section 40-3-12-E, Yard Intrusions that permits roofed porches to intrude into the required yards by 4 feet. The new porch intrudes by 4 feet, 8 inches and is therefore over the intruding by 8 inches.

Given the neighbor support, the minimal intrusion, and that it was completed, a month by Volk and 2nd by Albrecht to approve was passed 5-0-with no abstentions.

It was discussed that there might be some ways to better educate the public on the issue of zoning given that the Coleman's nor the contractor were aware.

The board then discussed the matter of Bob Hammer and how to handle the fact that he has not made any improvements and that he has a deadline of December 31, 2013.

Board member Clark now present.

Chairman Connor discussed the need to address residential properties now located in B-1, regarding non-conforming. Additional discussion was regarding the need to limit the maximum number and size of accessory buildings.

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

Tim K. Farley
Secretary Board of Appeal

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES

10-1-2012 6 PM City Hall

Attendance and speaking rolls taken. Chairman Connor called the meeting to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Clark, Volk, Connor, Albrecht, McCrillis, and Farley. Quorum met.

Secretary Farley opened the meeting by a reading of the prior minutes. Following presentation of prior minutes they were adopted by voice vote of 6-0-no abstentions with a motion by Volk 2nd by Albrecht.

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

Guest Craig Carr is representing the Jasper County Boys' and Girls' Park, Inc. (applicant) sworn in.

Chairman Connor then read the request by the Jasper County Boys' and Girls' Park, Inc. for a Special Use Permit to permit the use of land (street address 506 Wilson Street) as a private recreational area, operated Not-for-Profit. The land is located in SR-1, Single Family Residence District.

Mr. Carr spoke of the need to construct a new practice diamond on the proposed location due to contractual obligations with the School District. During the spring the high school baseball and softball teams use the current diamonds for practice and games, leaving limited use for summer league team practice. Mr. Carr stated that the proposed diamond would serve as a practice field for those 12 and under teams.

Mr. Mark Finn, whose property is adjacent to the proposed practice field, expressed safety concerns as his property is fenced in with horses. Mr. Finn asked if there would be outfield fencing on the diamond, to which Mr. Carr advised not at this time, though it could be at a later time.

Mr. Finn was concerned that the children could be free to wander onto his property, though fenced, Mr. Finn did acknowledged the fence was aged and in need of updating. It was noted that there would be a 2 foot setback between the end of the diamond and the Finn property line.

A motion by McCrillis and 2nd by Clark to approve a Special Use Permit to permit the use of land (street address 506 Wilson Street) as a private recreational area, operated Not-for-Profit, that is located in SR-1, Single Family Residence District was approved 6-0 with no abstentions.

Chairman Connor asked that the Board of Appeals review material that he had procured re: the size and potential code changes for accessory buildings.

Additionally, Chairman Connor asked that a review of land located in B-1 be reviewed for changes to replace a dwelling with a commercial structure, non-conforming use, and section 40-8-2.

Motion to dismiss by Volk, 2nd by Connor. With a 6-0-vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Tim K. Farley
Secretary Board of Appeal

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES

6-25-2012 6 PM City Hall

Attendance and speaking rolls taken. Chairman Connor called the meeting to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: McCrillis, Volk, Connor, Richards, Albrecht, Farley and Dhom. Quorum met.

Chairman Connor opened the meeting by a reading of the prior minutes. Following presentation of prior minutes by Secretary Farley, they were adopted by voice vote of 6-0-no abstentions with a motion by Volk, 2nd by McCrillis.

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

Chairman Connor then read the request by Gaspare Cucinella to consider a request for a Special Use Permit to permit Service activities to be conducted outside a completely enclosed building on the following described property: South Half of Sub-lot 5, Block 4 of the City of Newton, street address, 113-119 S. Jackson.

After discussion of use and plans for the lot by Mr. Cucinella, the board voted 6-0- with no abstentions to grant the Special Use Permit.

Motion to dismiss by Albrecht, 2nd by Farley. With a 6-0-vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Tim K. Farley
Secretary Board of Appeals

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES

5-29-2012 6 PM City Hall

Attendance and speaking rolls taken. Chairman Connor called the meeting to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Farley, Albrecht, Connor, Clark, Richards, and Dhom.. Quorum met.

Chairman Connor opened the meeting by requesting a reading of the prior minutes. Following presentation of prior minutes by Secretary Farley, they were adopted by voice vote of 5-0-no abstentions with a motion by Albrecht, 2nd by Clark.

Secretary Farley swore in attendees who were potential speakers, Ken Kemper, Gary Wines, Ed Webb, Walter Litchfield, and Scott Bierman.

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

Chairman Connor then read the request for a Special Use Permit to the Zoning Code to allow the placement of a service establishment which will involve service and/or storage activities conducted outside a completely enclosed building. The service establishment is located in B-2, Central Business district on the following property: 107 East Washington.

Board discussion centered on the necessity for a fence to secure the open lot. Referring to section 40-4-77B said fence must be 8 foot high. Mr. Wines and Kemper indicated the plan was for a chain link fence w/white strips through the slates and barbed-wire across the top.

Chairman Connor advised that the preference was for white vinyl fencing as that the strips can be removed easily and that since this location is fairly close to the downtown area, the white vinyl would be more appropriate.

Motion by Albrecht, 2nd by Farley to issue the requested Special Use Permit to the Zoning Code to allow the placement of a service establishment which will involve service and/or storage activities conducted outside a completely enclosed building. The service establishment is located in B-2, Central Business district on the following property: 107 East Washington. This motion passed vote of 5-0-no abstentions.

Motion to dismiss by Richards, 2nd by Clark 5-0-and the meeting was adjourned.

Tim K. Farley, Secretary, Board of Appeals

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES

4-18-2012 6 PM City Hall

Attendance and speaking rolls taken. Chairman Connor called the meeting to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Farley, Albrecht, Connor, Clark, and Richards. Quorum met.

Chairman Connor opened the meeting by requesting a reading of the prior minutes. Following presentation of prior minutes by Secretary Farley, they were adopted by voice vote of 5-0-no abstentions with a motion by Albrecht, 2nd by Clark.

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

Secretary Farley swore in the guests, Paul Johnson and Tony Griffith, applicants for the Variance.

Applicants are requesting a Variance of Article VI, Section 40-6-12(F) of the Zoning Code to permit the owners (Paul Johnson and Tony Griffith) the use of off-premises advertising signs on the South wall of the building located in the B-2 Zoning District, street address: 124 S. Van Buren Street, Newton, IL.

Mr. Griffith addressed the board concerning the request for a variance. They have contacted Judy McClure of McClure Signs and Graphics to offer billboard advertising to local businesses'. A print-out display was presented as an example of what to expect on the South wall of the building.

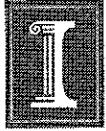
Size, spacing, and materials to be used were of discussion by the board. Uniformity is a must. There were no objections from neighbors.

Motion by Clark, 2nd by Richards to approve a Variance to Article VI, Section 40-6-12(F) of the Zoning Code to permit the owners (Paul Johnson and Tony Griffith) the use of off-premises advertising signs on the South wall of the building located in the B-2 Zoning District, street address: 124 S. Van Buren Street, Newton, Illinois with the following stipulation: That billboard advertising signs be uniform in size, material, and spacing.

Motion was passed by voice vote of 5-0-no abstentions.

With no other business, a motion to dismiss by Albrecht, 2nd by Richards, 5-0-and the meeting was adjourned.

Tim K. Farley, Secretary, Board of Appeals



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Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) **(First JEDI Meeting)**

Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room

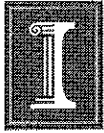
204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Ed Mitchell, Mark Bolander, Mark Hartrich, Larry Brooks, Joe Bierman, Ed Webb, Rhonda Kuenstler, Travis Farley, Brett Lessley, Dan Cox, Mareah Volk, Lucas Huston, Beth Probst, Sarah Weiler, Bill Weber, Jason Kuhl, Ray Diel, Vanette King, Tom Brown, Extension Director Rachelle Hollinshead, and Extension Educator Ken Larimore.

Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI)

1. Call to Order, Scott Bloomberg
 - A. No amendments to the agenda.
 - B. Adopt JEDI Bylaws. Motion made to adopt JEDI bylaws by Larry Brooks, second by Travis Farley, call for vote, motion passed unanimously.
 - C. Approval of JEDI Board of Directors. Motion made to appoint JEDI Board of Directors and officers as proposed by the nomination committee.
 - i. Scott Bierman: Chairman
 - ii. Scott Bloomberg: Co-Chairman
 - iii. Rhonda Kuenstler: Secretary
 - iv. Brett Lessley: Treasurer
 - v. Mark Bolander
 - vi. Larry Brooks
 - vii. Brian Leffler
 - viii. Ed Mitchell
 - ix. Joe Bierman

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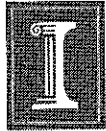
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- x. Travis Farley
- xi. Ed Webb
- xii. Mark Hartrich
- xiii. Dan Cox, School Superintendent
- xiv. Mareah Volk, NCHS Student Representative
- xv. Lucas Huston, NCHS Student Representative

Motion to approve Directors and Officers made by Ed Mitchell, second by Mark Bolander, call for vote, motion passed unanimously.

- D. Mareah Volk and Lucas Huston did an excellent job presenting a power point on the Effingham CEO class that they attended. Dan Cox and Beth Probst also spoke about the program. Everyone agreed that it would be a wonderful opportunity for the students at NCHS to have access to the entrepreneurship program in the future.
 - E. Ed Webb made a motion that to simplify our schedule the JEDI meetings will be held on the first Tuesdays of each month. Travis Farley seconded the motion and there was a unanimous approval.
 - F. There were many comments of praise for all the hard work that Bill Weber has done over the years as chairman of the ED committee. We all hope Bill will stay as involved with JEDI as he would like. There was a round of applause from everyone recognizing Bill's efforts.
2. Motion to close meeting made by Travis Farley, second by Joe Bierman, meeting closed.



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MINUTES

Economic Development Joint Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 1:15 P.M.

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Ed Mitchell, Mark Bolander, Mark Hartrich, Larry Brooks, Joe Bierman, Ed Webb, Rhonda Kuenstler, Travis Farley, Brett Lessley, Dan Cox, Mareah Volk, Lucas Huston, Beth Probst, Sarah Weiler, Bill Weber, Jason Kuhl, Ray Diel, Vanette King, Tom Brown, Extension Director Rachelle Hollinshead, and Extension Educator Ken Larimore.

Jasper Economic Development Committee Meeting

1. Call to order, Co-Chairman Scott Bloomberg.
2. Request amendments to agenda. None made.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Ed Webb, second by Mark Hartrich, motion passed.
4. Budget update. Balance will be low after the annual Extension payment is made. Ed Mitchell explained the county will approve the payment and the complete transfer of the Economic Development Committee funds to JEDI.
5. Monthly Updates-Ken Larimore, Extension. Ken updated the committee on the Connecting Generations and Broadband programs he is working on.
6. Motion to close committee meeting by Travis Farley, second by Ed Webb meeting closed.

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MINUTES

Economic Development Joint Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Bill Weber, Ed Mitchell, Mark Bolander, Brian Leffler, Jerry Kinder, Harold Bolander, Mark Hartrich, Larry Brooks, Jeff Ford, Tom Brown, Dan Cox, Mareah Volk, Lucas Huston, Vanette King, Extension Director Rachelle Hollinshead, and Extension Educator Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Bill Weber.
2. Request for amendments to agenda. Motion to add support letters to agenda by Brian Leffler, seconded by Mark Hartrich, passed unanimously.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Larry Brooks, second by Mark Hartrich, motion passed unanimously.
4. Mark Bolander reported on the Five Aprils Crossing subdivision. Progress is being made on the Custom Homes construction. The lottery for \$1 lots was October 24th. There should be 6 new homes built this year.
5. Mark Bolander reported on the TIF annual Joint Review Board meeting conducted November 5th. All taxing bodies were invited as well as a member at large. The Board reviewed the annual TIF report and the projects that were completed. The Newton TIF is very active and admired by other TIF programs. The Newton leverage is \$1 TIF for every \$9 in investment and the state average is \$1 TIF for every \$4 in investment. After only 4 years the TIF has supported 25 projects with more planned.
6. Ken Larimore, Extension CED Educator updated on the following:
 - A. Ken followed up with the JRB report and said that the City Treasurer Connie Tate works very hard and does an excellent job completing all the required forms as well as the annual report that is filed with the State Comptroller's office. He appreciates the aggressive use of the TIF program by the Newton City Council.
 - B. The "Quality of Labor Survey" is prepared and ready to send to local employers. This is in support from SAIL and Ameren. The results will provide community leaders and businesses valuable information on workforce development and educational needs in the area.
 - C. There will be major changes in Enterprise Zone Regulations in the near future. Ken will have an update next month.
 - D. The ReadyBusiness program is scheduled for November 13. Entities that don't have an up to date disaster plan should attend.
 - E. The Connecting Generations program with Lake Land College and ECIDC will connect high school students with senior citizens at libraries to teach computer technology.

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7. Brian Leffler discussed the Heath Grant application for Mound Cemetery. Motion to approve support letter for Mound Cemetery made by Jerry Kinder second by Brian Leffler, unanimous approval.
8. Motion to approve support letter for Brownfield Grant application through SCIRPDC made by Mark Hartrich and second by Jerry Kinder, passed unanimously.
9. Bill Weber discussed the Jasper County Economic Development Incorporated-JEDI concept. He reviewed the status of the bylaws and the steps needed to complete the 501 (C) 6. He reviewed who would serve on the original board and others would be added at the first meeting. He assured everyone that it would not change the relationship with Extension. It simply formalizes the local group. There was a motion to approve the JEDI Articles of Incorporation by Brian Leffler, seconded by Jerry Kinder, and motion passed unanimously.
10. Rachelle Hollinshead reported that the State of Illinois made another payment to Extension.
11. Vanette King stated that she was very proud of the school and how they handle some very difficult situations. She is proud to be part of such a great community.
12. Superintendent Dan Cox stated that the threat yesterday required moving 600 students to St. Thomas and luckily it was available. Dan mentioned the canine unit required to complete the bomb sweep had to come from St. Louis. He also said there are plans for strategic planning sessions early next year.
13. Bill Weber said that he will not be a county board member after the new board members are sworn in. He said he was very proud of the progress that the Jasper Economic Development Committee has made in the past 10 years.
14. Jerry Kinder is not running again for the county board but is honored to have been a part of the group over the last several years.
15. Motion to close meeting made by Brian Leffler, second by Jerry Kinder, motion passed.



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MINUTES

Economic Development Joint Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Bill Weber, Scott Bloomberg, Ed Mitchell, Mark Bolander, Brian Leffler, Jerry Kinder, Harold Bolander, Larry Brooks, Travis Farley, Ed Webb, Tom Brown, Dan Cox, Mareah Volk, Lucas Huston, Judy McClure, Randy Brooks, Sarah Weiler, Extension Director Rachelle Hollinshead, and Extension Educator Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Bill Weber.
2. Request for amendments to agenda. None
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Jerry Kinder, second by Travis Farley, motion passed.
4. Budget update: Monthly dues and a check to Tammy Ochs for \$240.00 for the Multijurisdictional Disaster Planning Grant administration.
5. Monthly updates: Ken Larimore, Extension Educator informed the committee that the Community Finance Series educational program has been completed. The Connecting Generations curriculum is being developed and an Innovation Grant application is being written. There is a READY Business program for business disaster planning scheduled for November 7.
6. Ken introduced Sarah Weiler M.S.CCC-SLP/P, owner of Integrated Therapy Services as a new member of the Jasper County ED Coop.
7. Mark Bolander reported on the Five Aprils Crossing subdivision ribbon cutting ceremony. There was a good crowd and some of Irene Hunt's relatives participated. There have already been 2 lots sold. The lottery for \$1 lots will be October 24th. Those interested need a financing letter so please contact Mark.

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8. Mark discussed the Newton Hotel project. The financing for the Cobblestone Inn and Suites facility is getting close to complete, please contact Mark if interested.
9. Bill Weber discussed the Jasper County Economic Development Incorporated-JEDI concept in great detail. He reviewed all the bylaws and the steps needed to complete. He assured everyone that it would not change the relationship with Extension. It simply formalizes the local group.
10. Tom Brown said the BNNT biodiesel plant is still making progress.
11. Ed Webb reported his Ice business is up and running well.
12. Sarah Weiler discussed her needs for broadband in her therapy practice.
13. Superintendent Dan Cox thanked the City of Newton Police for diligently handling their traffic issues at the school.
14. Mark Bolander reported the Eagle Trails project is still in the design and easement phase.
15. Mark also reported that the \$635,000. IKE grant is helping to fix flooding problems in Newton.
16. A check for the annual contribution was presented to County Director Rachelle Hollinshead.
17. Motion to close meeting made by Scott Bloomberg, second by Brian Leffler, motion passed.



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MINUTES

Economic Development Joint Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

Special Community Finance Meeting

Parkland – Newton, IL

Present: Bill Weber, Scott Bloomberg, Ed Mitchell, Mark Bolander, Jerry Kinder, Brian Leffler, Harold Bolander, Mark Hartrich, Larry Brooks, Travis Farley, Tom Brown, Dan Cox, Dr. Debbie Overoyen, Mareah Volk, Jordan Huston, Louis Ochs, David Blecha, Don Leventhal, Jim Robbins, Donna Keller, Louis Valbert, Jay Buhnerkempe, Barney Brumfiel, Rick Koester, Dan Jansen, Kim Watson, Ann Emken, James Patrick, Jonathon Hallberg, and Extension Educator Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Bill Weber.
2. Request for amendments to agenda. None
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Jerry Kinder, second by Scott Bloomberg, motion passed.
4. **Community Finance Program** The program was established to bring valuable program and contact information to community leaders. Each of the following speakers discussed the programs they administer. Education was provided on Foreign Trade Zones, loans, grants, TIF Code and an update on the new Enterprise Zone law.

A. Jonathon Hallberg, AICP
Executive Director, South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission
618-548-4234, Ext. 101 or jhallberg@scirpdc.com

B. Ann Emken
Community & Economic Development Educator
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There was great attendance and the program was very informative. There was good discussion as well. The evaluations indicated that everyone thought it was a worthwhile educational program.

5. Motion to close meeting made by Scott Bloomberg, second by Jerry Kinder, motion passed.

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MINUTES

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Tuesday, July 10th, 2012

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

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1. Call to order, Chairman Bill Weber.
2. Request for amendments to agenda. None
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Scott Bloomberg, second by Jerry Kinder, motion passed.
4. Budget update: Zero revenue, zero expenses.
5. **Camp e3:** Camp e3 is an entrepreneurship camp (energizing, emerging, entrepreneurship) hosted by the Business Solutions Center at EIU. The camp was held June 17-20 this year and the local students that attended were Mareah Volk and Daniel McCrillis. We were very impressed with the descriptions that they presented on the camp. There were expert guides and judges that worked with the students on their projects. Mareah's team formed a company called "Knock Out Clothing" and Daniel's team developed Tranton Technology. I believe the students were impressed with the camp and I know we were impressed with them. Scholarships for the students to attend were provided by the Jasper County Economic Development Coop, Newton Rotary Club, First National Bank of Dieterich, Dr. Bloomberg, Bill Weber and Ed Mitchell.
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10. Ed Mitchell presented information on HB 4445 regarding a nomination for someone from Jasper County to serve on the Southern Illinois Economic Development Board.
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Tuesday, October 9, 2012

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Bill Weber, Scott Bloomberg, Ed Mitchell, Mark Bolander, Brian Leffler, Jerry Kinder, Harold Bolander, Travis Farley, Mareah Volk, Lucas Huston, Sarah Weiler, Vanette King, Extension Director Rachelle Hollinshead, and Extension Educator Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Bill Weber.
2. Request for amendments to agenda. None
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Jerry Kinder, second by Scott Bloomberg, motion passed.
4. Budget update: Payments were made for Enterprise Zone Conference Registration and website hosting.
5. Mark Bolander reported on the Five Aprils Crossing subdivision. Progress is being made on the Custom Homes construction. The lottery for \$1 lots will be October 24th. Those interested need a financing letter so please contact Mark.
6. Mark Bolander discussed the Newton Hotel project. The equity for the Cobblestone Inn and Suites facility is completed. There should be construction started this year.
7. Bill Weber discussed the Jasper County Economic Development Incorporated-JEDI concept in great detail. He reviewed all the bylaws and the steps needed to complete. He assured everyone that it would not change the relationship with Extension. It simply formalizes the local group. There was a motion to move ahead with establishing JEDI by Scott Bloomberg, seconded by Brian Leffler, and a unanimous approval from all present.
8. Ken introduced Sarah Weiler M.S.CCC-SLP/P, owner of Integrated Therapy Services. Sarah was awarded a Broadband Illinois grant for her Tele-Practice program that will bring experts from around the world to Newton, by the internet, to provide needed therapy services to local residents
9. Monthly updates from Ken Larimore, Extension Educator
 - A. There are TIF applications being reviewed for the Newton Hotel Group, Dance Studio, Powers Building, and Pizza Man.
 - B. The Turn Green into Green program regarding energy programs is in Effingham October 12.
 - C. The ReadyBusiness (disaster planning) program is November 13.
 - D. The Connecting Generation program was awarded \$35,000.00 from Broadband Illinois. The program connects high school students with senior citizens to train the seniors on computer skills.
 - E. Enterprise Zones can charge an administration fee for each project. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea to assist in paying for costs.
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND
PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

June 26, 2012, 5 P.M.

Present: Larry Brooks
Harold Bolander
John Stone
Brad Benefiel
Robert Reisner
David Brown
Connie Tate

The Committee met to discuss an OSLAD grant to replace the restrooms and some playground equipment at the city park. This grant would be a matching grant with the city paying half of the cost. The committee decided to set back some money for this project and revisit the project next year when it will become available again.

John Stone has said that he would remind the committee at that time and we will discuss it again.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Larry Brooks
Chairman, Finance Comm.



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Economic Development Joint Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 12th, 2012

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Bill Weber, Scott Bloomberg, Ed Mitchell, Mark Bolander, Jerry Kinder, Harold Bolander, Mark Hartrich, Ed Webb, Larry Brooks, Travis Farley, Tom Brown, Dr. Debbie Overoyen, Rhonda Kuentler First Financial Bank, Louis Ochs, Sarah Weiler, Louis Valbert, Mareah Volk, Theresa Volk and Extension Educator Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Bill Weber.
2. Susan Lindley, manager of the Marathon One Stop Shoppe asked to address the committee. Susan explained that she pays more for her gas than what others are selling theirs for. She will not be able to continue losing money on each gallon. None of the committee had a solution to her predicament but will contact her if they have a solution.
3. Request for amendments to agenda. None
4. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Jerry Kinder, second by Ed Webb, motion passed.
5. Budget update: Paid ECIDC annual dues \$250.00 and \$125.00 for Enterprise Zone Conference Registration. Need to send annual support reminders soon.
6. Introduced the new student ambassador: Mareah Volk. Lucas Huston was unable to attend. The retiring students were unable to attend the meeting.
7. Monthly Updates-Ken Larimore, Extension
 - A. Camp e3 “energizing, emerging, entrepreneurs”-EIU-SBDC June 17th thru June 20th. The students attending are Mareah Volk and Daniel McCrillis. There was great local support from: Dr. Scott Bloomberg, Newton Rotary Club, First National Bank Dieterich, Ed Mitchell, Bill Weber and the Jasper County Economic Development Coop. There is an opening session June 17 with Jack Schultz and David Orr as well as a closing session on June 20. Contact Ken if you would like more information.
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- "Community Finance" meeting with speakers from SCIRPDC, DCEO, SBDC, RD and Extension.
- C. A new business is opening on the west side of the square. Sandy/Marion Layman and Paige Hart are repairing the building so it can be used for a dance studio and exercise facility.
8. Mark Bolander gave an update on:
- A. Cobblestone Inn and Suites Hotel project. There is some great momentum but there are still opportunities for investors to get in.
 - B. Phase 2 and 3 of the Eagle Trails. Phase 2 is in design and we are waiting on a grant for Phase 3.
 - C. The "Five Aprils Crossing" Subdivision is named after local author Irene Hunt. The infrastructure is going in now and lots may be available in July. The first 5 lots will be given away to those qualified if they build within one year.
9. Sarah Weiler with Integrated Therapy Services gave an update of the countywide Health Assessment committee reports. Committees are focusing on A) access to health care B) fitness, weight control, nutrition and C) mental health.
10. Bill Weber updated on the Jasper Economic Development Inc.-JEDI, similar to what Tuscola, or Coles Together are.
11. Mark Hartrich presented interesting data on how well Jasper County leads Illinois in livestock and processing production. Mark also gave information on the Ste. Marie Quartoseptcentennial (175) Anniversary Celebration.
12. Ed Webb announced they are opening "Twice The Ice," a modern ice machine that will located east of the "old NAPA" store on Washington.
13. Ed Mitchell presented information on recent activities with Ameren and IEPA regarding the rehab project.
14. Motion to close meeting made by Jerry Kinder, second by Larry Brooks, and motion passed.

*There is a lot of information at various websites about Irene Hunt, and her award winning books.

- <http://www.bookrags.com/notes/afa>
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Across_Five_Aprils
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irene_Hunt

I look forward to reading the book. -Ken



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Irene Hunt (May 18, 1907 – May 18, 2001) was born to Franklin P. and Sarah Land Hunt on May 18, 1907 in Pontiac, Illinois. The family soon moved to Newton, Illinois, but Franklin died when Hunt was only seven, and the family moved again to be close to Hunt's grandparents. Hunt's childhood was lonely, but she shared a special relationship with her grandfather who told her stories about his childhood during the Civil War. The stories she heard from her grandfather became the basis of the story of Jethro in her Newbery Honorbook *Across Five Aprils*.

Hunt graduated from the University of Illinois in Urbana to go onto University of Minnesota, Minneapolis where she earned her M.A. In Illinois public schools, she was a teacher of English and French. Later, she taught psychology at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, but eventually came back to elementary and junior high school to become a director of language arts in Illinois. After she retired in 1969, Hunt devoted her time to writing. It was at age fifty-seven that she published her first novel.

When *Across Five Aprils* was published in 1965, it received much acclaim. Chosen a Newbery Honor Book, the novel was also Hunt's personal favorite among the ones she wrote. A critic maintains: "Brilliant characterization, a telling sense of story, an uncanny ability to balance fact and fiction, and compassionate, graceful writing mark Hunt's small but distinguished body of work." With *Across Five Aprils*, Hunt established herself as one of the greatest historical novelists, proving that she can write for both adult and children audiences. With her faith in "courage, love, and mercy," Hunt wrote her books to emphasize this faith.

Her next novel, *Up a Road Slowly*, won the 1967 Newbery Medal.

She died on her 94th birthday on May 18, 2001.

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1. Call to order, Chairman Bill Weber.
2. Requested amendments to agenda. Added ITEP support and discussion of 501(c) 6. Motion Scott Bloomberg and second Travis Farley. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes. Motion by Scott Bloomberg, second by Travis Farley. Motion passed unanimously.
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Street and Alleys Committee Meeting May 7, 2012 at 5:10 PM

Present: David Brown, Larry Brooks, Harold Bolander, Mark Bolander, Rick Lindemann, Robert Reisner, Scott Bloomberg, Joe L. Stoops

The committee met to review applications for the Street Department full-time position. Applicants will be interviewed Monday, May 14 beginning at 5:30 PM.

Streets and Alleys Chairman, Robert Reisner



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Economic Development Joint Committee Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 12:00 NOON

Parklanes-Rotary Room

Newton, IL

Attending: Chairman Bill Weber, Co-Chairman Scott Bloomberg, Ed Mitchell, Mark Bolander, Ed Webb, Vanette King, Harold Bolander, Representative David Reis, Senator Dale Righter, Greg Ikemire, Brian Leffler, Thomas H. Brown, Dan Cox, Ray Diel, Terriann Tharp, Lisa Hoelscher, Clinton Bigard, Linda Huth, Nathan Klingler, Jordyn Huston, Steve Hardwich, Denise Wells, Bea Abernathy, Mark Hartrich, Janeth Hartrich, Hartrich's son, Sarah Weiler, Jonathon Hallberg, June Bierman, Kelly Willenborg, Judy McClure, Scott Bierman, Travis Farley, Susan Iffert Lindley, Larry Casey, and Ken Larimore

1. Call to order, Chairman Bill Weber.
2. Introductions from all attending.
3. School Superintendent Dan Cox presented an update of the Newton Community Schools.
4. Mayor Mark Bolander presented a power point presentation on fascinating sales revenue data that shows the importance of our local businesses. By supporting local business, everyone benefits.
5. County Chairman Ed Mitchell presented some background on the Jasper County Economic Development Cooperative and just a few of the many projects the county is working on. Some of the grants sponsored by the County of Jasper with help from the South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission were for the EJ Water lines and Energy Conservation. The University of Illinois Extension staff helped instruct how to

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complete the FEMA Disaster Mitigation Plan and the IDNR County Trails Plan.

6. Annual Update: Ken Larimore, Extension CED Educator
 - a. Coop Budget Report
 - b. Update on hotel project, the Woods residential project and the economic development tools programs that make them possible.
7. St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital- Health Assessment. This program was presented by Terriann Tharp. The main presentation will be February 24th.
8. Ken Larimore recognized the new members. These included, McClane Motors, Villas of Hollybrook, Marathon One Stop, plus Susan Iffert Lindley as an individual, Judy McClure Signs and Sarah Weiler with Integrated Therapy.
9. Annual Economic Development Person of the Year Award. Scott Bloomberg presented Mark Hartrich with the annual award. Mark has been deeply involved with many critical projects over the last several years and a true supporter of the Jasper County ED Coop. Mark's wife Judith and their Craig were also attending.
10. Roundtable Discussion. A great discussion from those attending including, State Representative David Reis, State Senator Dale Righter, Sarah Weiler with Integrated Therapy, Villas of Hollybrook and Kelly Willenborg with Blue Northern Biodiesel.
11. Chairman Bill Weber presented closing remarks and statement regarding the future of the Jasper County Economic Development Coop. There are now 57 strong Coop members.
12. Motion to close meeting.

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Thursday, January 5, 1:15 a.m., 2012. (Special Date)

County Board Meeting Room

204 W. Washington Street – Newton, IL

Present: Scott Bloomberg, Ed Mitchell, Brian Leffler, Mark Hartrich, Mark Bolander, Harold Bolander, Ed Webb, Tom Brown, Travis Farley, Scott Bierman, student representatives Jordan Huston and Peyton Wyatt, Rachelle Hollinshead, Ken Larimore and guest speaker Dr. Hoeft.

1. Call to order, Co-Chairman Scott Bloomberg.
2. Request amendments to agenda. Agenda Approved: Motion Ed Webb and second Mark Hartrich. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes. Motion by Ed Webb, second by Harold Bolander. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Three new ED Coop members were announced: Judy McClure Signs and Graphics, McClane Motors, and the Villas of Holly Brook. We certainly appreciate their support.
5. Ken Larimore, Extension CED Educator discussed the educational programs he has been working on:
 - A. Economic Development Tools (TIF, Enterprise Zone, RLF and grants)
 - B. Business Retention and Expansion programming.
 - C. Roundtable meetings with businesses and educational staff.
 - D. Candidate Academy. Local government training for those that have filed for elected office.
6. Special Guest Dr. Robert Hoeft: Dr. Hoeft is Interim Associate Dean of the University of Illinois Extension. He was visiting Jasper County and the new Extension Unit 21 and wanted to attend our Economic Development Coop meeting. Dr. Hoeft discussed the recent reorganization of Extension and future plans. He seemed pleased with the local programming and strong local support.
7. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton Update:
 - A. St. Anthony Hospital Health Assessment
 - B. Status of Newton Hotel project
 - C. The waivers have been completed by the state so that design can start on the trail project.
8. The annual meeting is being planned for February 15th.
9. Motion to close meeting made by Ed Webb, second by Mark Hartrich, motion passed unanimously.

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