



## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

May 7, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor  
**Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.**
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Larry Brooks.  
**Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks.**
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk  
Physically present: **Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris**  
Absent: **None**  
Also present: **Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: # 11 correct date to May 21, 2019, #6 b. Darren Bailey will not be coming  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to adopt the amended agenda.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Harris**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of April 16, 2019  
**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Reisner, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 regular meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris and Glumac**  
**Nays: None**
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:
  - a. Jennifer Hinterscher: **Mike Yager wants to bring the Corvette Funfest 2019-Fun Run Road Tour to Newton. She presented the itinerary, goal of the Fun Run, goals of the host community and how to prepare for the city, county and chamber. The two biggest challenges for the city will be parking and traffic. She will be speaking to the Chamber and the County Board soon.**
  - b. ~~Representative Darren Bailey~~ will honor Wade Fire District and Newton Police personnel.  
**The City of Newton honored Newton Police Department Sargent Jeremy Haycraft, Illinois State Police Trooper Will Fritchley, Wade Township Fire District's Chief Gary Lindemann, Captain Derek Fisher and Firefighter Seth Woods were each given A Life Saving Award for their decisive actions on March 5, 2019 at the house fire on 201 N. Maple St.**
  - c. Swear-in of newly elected officials: For Zoning Board of Appeals: W. Tom Clark, Tim Farley, Vita Kistner and David Dow and for City of Newton Alderman: Gayle Glumac, Marlene Harris, David Brown and Larry Brooks.  
**Vita Kistner and David Dow were not present.**  
**Tim Farley and W. Tom Clark were sworn in for a four term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Marlene Harris for Ward 1, David Brown for Ward 2 and Larry Brooks for Ward 3 were sworn in for a four year term. Gayle Glumac was sworn in for a two year term in Ward one.**
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Consider and act on hiring a part time employee for Newton Police Department.  
**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to authorize hiring a part time officer for Newton Police Department, Paden Yates.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac and Brown**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Reisner**
  - B. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 19-05 An Ordinance Approving Annexation Agreement with Seth and Brooke Woods to the City Of Newton, Jasper County, Illinois.  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Glumac, to pass Ordinance 19-05 An Ordinance Approving Annexation Agreement with Seth and Brooke Woods to the City Of Newton, Jasper County, Illinois.**  
**Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown and Brooks**  
**Nays: None**
  - C. Consider and act on the INRR permit cost of \$7,500 to bore under the railroad.  
**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Reisner, to authorize the INRR permit cost of \$7,500 to bore under the railroad.**  
**Ayes: Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks and Reisner**  
**Nays: None**
8. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Consider and act on 2 electric employees training for "Trenching/Shoring Competent Person," class with fees of \$25 per person and allowable expense.



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Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Blake

Nays: None

B. Consider and act on Newton Police Officers attending HITS K-9 training for \$375 fee plus allowable expenses.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Blake, to authorize Newton Police Officers attending HITS K-9 training for \$375 fee plus allowable expenses.

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Harris

Nays: None

C. Consider and act on 2019 Special Event Permit application for Newton High School Fellowship of Christian Athletic 5K Glow walk/run.

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brown, to authorize 2019 Special Event Permit application for Newton High School Fellowship of Christian Athletic 5K Glow walk/run.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris and Glumac

Nays: None

D. Consider and act on 2019 Special Event Permit application 2019 Strong Girl and Boy run.

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to authorize 2019 Special Event Permit application 2019 Strong Girls and B.O.Y.S run.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris and Brown

Nays: None

Abstain: Glumac

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Personnel: The committee met to discuss department updates. Jim Closson from IML Risk Management discussed safety and other insurance coverage issues, such as risk management, 3 hour training on public safety and city liability. Everything seems to be going well. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Water: Discuss the Seth and Brooke Woods ordinance and agreement to tap on to the Buck Grove road municipal water line. The ordinance template will be sent to law office. Liberty St. water main replacement cost will be \$500,000. South Central might be able to find a grant to help replace the main but a city wide survey would have to be done. South Water tower will be painted this summer. The purchase order for the 3 chlorinator cells and installation had a savings of 10%. The Water Department is waiting on their new truck. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Waste Water: Brad Tarr from Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District presented the Embarras River Watershed Management Plan. For part of the plan, the State is requiring a survey to be done with cost share to the 12 counties affected in the watershed. This is at the start of organizing the finances. Jasper's share is \$6,803.00. Brent Benefiel the new dewatering slug is work well and saving expenses. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

Finance/Riverwalk: Committee Sign up: Marketing – Audra Codfelter and Amber Wakefield, Fund Raising – Mark Bolander, Marlene Harris and Dawn Calvert, General Awareness – Gayle Glumac. Flyer: Title – new title, Eagle Trails Riverwalk. Mayor is going to check with TPS on graphic design and printing options for flyer. A discussion of how to handle the \$150 pledges for the monument design which was not chosen. No decision made. Adjourned 7:15 pm

Alcohol and Tobacco: Alcohol and Tobacco Committee to discuss Pizza Man's request for a beer liquor license to be consumed on premises only. They decision to meet with Pizza Man owner at a future date. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Electric: Discuss Mini Excavator and Blue Diamond Cutter/Mower quotes:

Mini Excavator and Blue Diamond Cutter/Mower Quotes		
John Dreere	35G Compact Excavator	\$51,112
Blue-Diamond	42 Brush Cutter	\$5,675
		\$56,787
New Holland	E37C Compact Excavator	\$49,960
Blue-Diamond	42 Brush Cutter	\$7,100
		\$57,060



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Case	CX37C Compact Excavator	\$53,400
Blue-Diamond	42 Brush Cutter	\$8,800
		\$62,200

John Deere was chosen for the council approval. Discuss competent person for excavation and trenching: Electric Department is sending two employees to competent person class for trenching, fee \$25/person. Discuss INRR's permit to bore: The cost of the permit is \$7,500. Discuss other related Electric Committee matters: The Electric Department will be purchasing replacement transformers and a "Tigger" pole puller. BKW will be boring on Hutton Dr., Dollar General and TSC. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

**JEDI:** Tour at Mid-Illinois Quick Care

TOUR AT MID-ILLINOIS QUICK CARE- By Ken Repking

Hours: Monday – Friday 12:00pm-7:00pm, Saturday – Sunday 10:00am-2:00pm

3 full time employees and used local contractors for the new building.

Save people from going to the Emergency Room for low level, non-life-threatening injuries.

Stitches, minor fractures, ear problems.

No appointments, in & out in 30 mins. Average 10 patients a day during weekdays, busier during weekends. 5 exam rooms.

A 3-suite building:

- First suite is the Quick Care.
- Middle is HSHS St. Anthony:
- X rays, Ultra Sounds, Labs.  
Effingham OBGYN will be there 2 days a month, the 2nd and 4th Monday starting May 13th.
- The end will be Springfield clinic

**10. STATEMENTS:**

Council Members

**Harris:** No comment

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

**Reisner:** No comment

**Brooks:** He is going to call a Building and Grounds Committee Meeting since Connor & Connor has sent the information to him about the City Hall renovation.

**Brown:** Park reports the pool is full of water. Cheryl Michl is having a training session on May 15 the Council is welcome to come. John Stone will be at the next Council meeting to speak on the Ives Mausoleum repairs.

**Glumac:** No comment

**City Attorney:** No comment

**City Treasurer:** The annual audit is the first week in June. There needs to be a Finance Committee Meeting 15 minutes before the next council meeting to discuss a TIF application. She is checking on what needs to be on the Web page.

**City Clerk:** City Clerk presented 5 Purchase Orders

**3 Electric Department POs- #223320, #223321 and #223322**

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Electric Department purchase order #223320 for \$58,243.00 to Alliance Tractor LLC (budgeted item from 5 year plan), #223321 for \$19,200.00 to Solomon Corporation (budgeted item from 5 year plan), and #223322 for \$6,105.83 to Anixter Inc.**

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

**Nays:** None

**1 Park Department PO # 6387**

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to authorize Park Department purchase order #6387 for \$18,953.00 to Courts and Cracks.**

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

**Nays:** None

**1 Water Department PO # 6508**

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to authorize Water Department purchase order #6508 for \$ 3,528.00 to R.E. Pedrotti Co., Inc.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Mayor:**

- John Stone has recommended that the City apply for a B.U.I.L.D. Grant to improve the state routes through the City.
- Water/Sewer grant survey process needs to be started. A proposed \$3.00 credit will be given to the utility customers who answer the survey.



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- **The Targeted Area for the Housing Grant citizens met with South Central's Luke Easton on April 25 to help them file their application.**
- **TPS is looking at for a new design for the Riverwalk flier. The pledges for the feature that was not selected are being discussed on how to handle them. No decisions yet.**

**11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM**

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Finance/Riverwalk May 22, 2019 at 5:30 PM**

**Finance Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 5:45 PM**

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

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Open session suspended at 7:16 PM.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Open session resumed at 7:29 PM.**

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

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Glumac, to adjourn the meeting.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta M. York**