



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

May 19, 2020

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
Also present: Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York
Absent: Attorney William Heap
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Delete item #8b and 9a. Change item 9b to 20-05
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to adopt the amended agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of May 5, 2020:
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Blake, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2020 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Alderman Harris reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$140,166.26 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and made a motion to approve the pre-pays and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of \$68,336.20. Brooks seconded the motion.
Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **None**
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Consider and act on 20-07 City Ordinance - Republic Service Chapter 17. (This is the agreement contract for Republic Service's franchise.)
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to pass 20-07 City Ordinance Republic Service Chapter 17, Granting an Exclusive Franchises to Republic Services for Operation of a Sanitary Hauling Service within The City of Newton, Jasper County, Illinois
Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks
Nays: None
 - ~~b. Consider and act on 20-08 City Ordinance - Amend Chapter 21 - Liquor Entertainment & Event Venue and Licenses. (A new liquor license class)~~
 - c. Consider and act on a letter of resignation from the Jasper County animal control officer.
Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brown, to accept a letter of resignation from the Jasper County animal control officer, effective June 1, 2020.
Ayes: Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner
Nays: None
 - d. Consider and act on a letter of resignation from Zoning Board Member, David Dow.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to accept a letter of resignation from Zoning Board Member David Dow, effective June 1, 2020.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
9. NEW BUSINESS:
 - ~~a. Consider and act on 20-05 Resolution Regarding Support of the Southern Region back to Business Plan.~~



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- b. Consider and act on 20-05 Resolution of Support Community Development Block Grant Program grant.

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to pass 20-05 Resolution of Support Community Development Block Grant Program grant.

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

Nays: None

10.COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: None

11.STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Harris: The new mowing contractor is doing a great job at Riverside. Thanks to the City employees for the new sidewalk on N. Van Buren. It looks good. She presented the Payment and Billing Adjustment Report to the Council.

Brooks: No Comment

Reisner: Called a Street Committee Meeting Wednesday May 27, 2020 at 5:30 PM. Does the city have any information on the 5G and fiber optics within the City? J. Stone said just what is in the permit applications.

Blake: Thanked Ray Watkins for his years of service. I consider all businesses essential.

Brown: No comment

Glumac: I also consider businesses essential. My neighbors are concerned about the not mowed lot on Eaton St.

City Attorney: Not Present

City Treasurer: The City and County are selling the third tote of JJ Outlet hand sanitizer tomorrow, Wednesday May 20, 2020. They have lowered their cost from \$12/gallon to \$10/gallon to the City and County. The City has received the first payment from the Rebuild Illinois grants of \$31,293.39.

City Clerk: No comment

Mayor:

- **Mayor read the Jasper County COVID-19 Advisory Team Back to Business Plan.**

1. We know many of you have been following the progress of our Back to Business plan.
2. We have been advised that no alternate plans will be considered at this time.
3. We continue to work as a group of Southern and Central Illinois Health Departments to open our areas as quickly and safely as possible.
4. If you have a business or organization preparing to reopen, we encourage you to call Jasper County Health Department to discuss how to do so safely.
5. We STRONGLY advise you to check with your insurance carrier, licensing agency and private legal counsel as you make plans to reopen your business.

Jasper County COVID-19 Advisory Team

- **He agreed with Alderman Blake and Alderwoman Glumac that all businesses are essential.**
- **He thanked all the citizens for cooperating with the Advisory Team. At this time there are zero cases of Covid-19 in the County.**
- **The Advisory Team is waiting on the Governor to see the wisdom in allowing Southern Illinois to open in a safe way.**

12.NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **June 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Street Committee Meeting on May 27, 2020 at 5:30 PM and Finance Committee Meeting June 2, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

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



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

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:32 PM

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

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

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:55 PM.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York