



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

June 16, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor
Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Marlene Harris.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Marlene Harris.
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner and Marlene Harris
Also present: Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York
Absent: David Brown, Eric Blake and William Heap
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to adopt the proposed agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Reisner, Harris
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of June 2, 2020:
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Alderman Harris reviewed the pre-paids in the amount of \$137,117.42 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and made a motion to approve the pre-paids and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of \$142,643.40. Glumac seconded the motion.
Ayes: Reisner, Harris, Glumac, Brooks
Nays: None
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **None**
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Consider and act on the Joint Defense and Common Interest Agreement with DWGP (Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke) to represent the City of Newton in negotiations with Ameren on new WDS (Wholesale Distribution Service) rate formula.
Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Reisner, to authorize the Joint Defense and Common Interest Agreement with DWGP (Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke) to represent the City of Newton in negotiations with Ameren on new WDS (Wholesale Distribution Service) rate formula.
Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brooks, Reisner
Nays: None
9. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Consider and act on Ordinance 20-09 Approving Annexation Agreement with Michael Birch and Sandy Birch.
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to pass Ordinance 20-09 Approving Annexation Agreement with Michael Birch and Sandy Birch.
Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Reisner, Harris
Nays: None
 - b. Consider and act on the TIF agreement GSI.
Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Reisner, to authorize the TIF agreement with GSI for \$40,000.00.
Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Animal Control on June 2, 2020, Police Committee on June 15, 2020 and Finance Committee June 16, 2020
City Clerk-Animal Control: Discussed the Animal Control Agreement with the County. Adjourned at 7:45 PM.
Reisner-Police:
 - Animal control costs and personnel were discussed.



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- Old Mill Bridge signage and trail usage was discussed.
- Chief informed us that a couple of Starcom radios have been received.
- A candidate was interviewed for an opening in the Newton Police Department. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

Harris-Finance: Discussed TIF agreement for GSI to improve stormwater drainage, to repair parking lot and for a possible expansion.

Discussed the funding needed and where to get funding to do Washington St. and Jackson St. around The Square. Adjourned at 5:55 PM

11. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Harris: Brad Benefiel thanked the Council for the pay raise. She has had complaints about unmowed ditches. She presented the Payment and Billing Adjustment Report to the Council.

Brooks: Called a Water Committee Meeting on June 23 at 5:30 PM to discuss water meters at the 3 apartment complexes.

Reisner: Called a Street Committee Meeting to follow the Water Meeting on June 23 to discuss resurfacing "The Square" and Ditch mowing. The Railroad is going to start on S. Van Buren St. crossing on July 20th. Tarring and chipping Street Department program is on July 28th with a rain date on July 29th.

Glumac: No Comment

City Attorney: Not Present

City Treasurer: No Comment

City Clerk: No comment

Mayor: There was a Black Lives Matter Rally on Saturday. Herb Meeker said there were about 130 people who rallied.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **July 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Water Committee Meeting June 23, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Street Committee Meeting June 23, 2020 after Water Committee Meeting

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

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

Ayes: Reisner, Harris, Glumac, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:19 PM

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

Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brooks, Glumac

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:50 PM.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Glumac, Harris

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York