



## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

September 1, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor

**In the absence of Mayor Bolander, Clerk Rosetta York, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.**

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Eric Blake.

**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 Riesner, Eric Blake (arrived at 6:07 PM) and Marlene Harris**

**Also present: Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York**

**Absent: David Brown and Attorney William Heap**

Clerk Rosetta York called for a motion to appoint Robert Riesner as Mayor Pro Tem for tonight's meeting.

Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to appoint Robert Riesner Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting of the Newton City Council.

**Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Harris, Reisner**

**Nays: None**

4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Glumac, to adopt the proposed agenda.**

**Ayes: Brooks, Harris, Reisner, Glumac**

**Nays: None**

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of August 18, 2020.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting of the Newton City Council.**

**Ayes: Harris, Reisner, Glumac, Brooks**

**Nays: None**

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: None

**Shannon Woodard:** Discussed the reroute of the sewer main that runs west to east on 805 and 807 W. Jourdan St. that would be covered up by the new Sarah Bush Clinic.

**John Stone:** Told the council the bid letting for the street repair on the west and south blocks around "The Square" will be September 15, 2020 in City Hall at 10:00 AM.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on Connor & Connor to solicit bids for rerouting the wastewater mains for the new Sarah Bush Clinic on W. Jourdan St.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Connor & Connor to solicit bids for rerouting the wastewater mains for the new Sarah Bush Clinic on W. Jourdan St.**

**Ayes: Reisner, Glumac, Brooks, Harris**

**Nays: None**

- B. Consider and act on using TIF funds for the rerouting wastewater main project for the new Sarah Bush Clinic on W. Jourdan St.

**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to authorize using TIF funds for the rerouting wastewater main project for the new Sarah Bush Clinic on W. Jourdan St.**

**Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Harris, Reisner**

**Nays: None**

Eric Blake arrived at 6:07 PM

- C. Consider and act on a TIF application to demolish a trailer on W. Washington St.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Brooks, to authorize the reimbursement with TIF funds of \$2,375.00 which is half of the TIF eligible expenses to demolish a trailer on 606 W. Washington St. lot.**

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

**Nays: None**

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on a lease of a like new tractor from Midwest Tractor Sales and a trade-in of the city's current tractor with the costs shared by Street and Wastewater Departments.



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**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to authorize a 5 year lease of a 2019 New Holland T6 tractor and loader from Midwest Tractor Sales with a \$25,000 trade-in of the city's current tractor as the first year's payment and with an annual payment of \$10,956.78 for four (4) years following shared by Street and Wastewater Departments. (Total for the 5-year lease from the quote is \$68,827.16)**

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

**Nays: None**

- B. Consider and act on 20-11 An Ordinance Approving Annexation Agreement with Barbara D. Martin and Judith Zumbahlen.

**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to pass 20-11 An Ordinance Approving Annexation Agreement with Barbara D. Martin and Judith Zumbahlen.**

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

**Nays: None**

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Street Committee on August 24, 2020, Wastewater committee on August 24, 2020, Finance Committee Meeting on September 1, 2020 and JEDI on September 1, 2020.

**Riesner-Street:** Discussed leasing a 2019 New Holland T6 tractor from Midwest Tractor Sales Inc. with loader-AG for 5 years. The first year is covered by the trade-in of the City's current tractor and four annual payments of \$10,956.78. The committee decided to lease the tractor with shared cost with Street and Wastewater Departments.

**Riesner-Wastewater:** Discussed needing to reroute sewer mains for new Sarah Bush Clinic at a cost between \$35,000 and \$40,000 with TIF funds. Discussed the Newton Senior Living Complex which is being built. There is a sewer main that might need replaced or upgraded when it is exposed. The Wastewater Department will inspect. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

### **Harris-Finance:**

We discussed the TIF application for 606 W Washington St. to demolish a trailer, do dirt work, and put up a fence. It was decided to not pay for the fence, because if we agreed on paying for the fence, we would be setting a precedence to pay for any future fences with TIF money. It was agreed that the total amount that would be eligible would be \$4750. TIF amount is half of this amount which will be \$2375.

Melissa Brooks addressed other matters on the Trump Executive Decision to not charge social security taxes until January. Then they would have to be paid back double to get caught back up. It was suggested by auditors not to comply with the executive order. A vote will be taken at council meeting to follow. Adjourned at 5:50 PM

### **Harris-JEDI:** Excerpts from Amber Volk's minutes of JEDI

1. Byron Veech Newton Power Plant Manager drew the Vistra Energy Grant Winners:
  - The Mane Attraction, Rauch's Jewelry LLC, Knights of Columbus, Nail & Hair Cottage, J&R Freeze Inc, BIT Tri-Fitness, Rauch's Bait Shop, Parklanes, Shear Country Family Hair Care, Nancy's Daycare.
2. Motion to hire Carrie Goldstein to redevelop the JEDI website at the cost of \$900 made by Louis Ochs, second by Jack Thompson, motion passed.
3. Monthly Updates
  - a. Amber Volk, Executive Director
    - i. Working on getting quotes for cardboard virtual reality googles.
    - ii. Next Marketing Meeting will be Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:45am @ the Chamber Building. The current plan is to have a Jeep Run on October 3rd for the marketing fund. The marketing fund will be used towards our Jasper County wide video and other future needs. Amber Wakefield's original open house/meet and greet with area businesses is postponed.
  - b. Larry Brooks, City of Newton Alderman
    - i. The Senior Apartments, Sarah Bush Clinic, and West End Reception and Events are all moving forward.
    - ii. From Mark Bolander "I would like to congratulate Amber Wakefield on officially starting her position as Marketing Manager."
  - c. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chairman
    - i. Currently busy with upcoming election.
    - ii. The architects are 30 days behind with the jail project.
    - iii. Currently working on budget for next fiscal year.
  - d. Sarah Kinkade, Chamber of Commerce Director
    - i. No current events, will be meeting next week to determine Fall Festival. *(Since the meeting, the Fall Festival has been cancelled for 2020.)*



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- ii. We are looking for community volunteers willing to give 30 minutes of their time and \$20-\$30 to purchase groceries for isolated and quarantined citizens. Please contact the Chamber if interested: 618-783-3399 or [sdk.jccc@gmail.com](mailto:sdk.jccc@gmail.com).
- iii. Doug Weddell: "The Chamber has a new TV/Computer located in the front window of the Chamber building donated by the Cork 'n Pork Festival."

### 10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

**Glumac:** No comment

**Brooks:** No comment

**Blake:** No comment

**Harris:** No comment

**City Treasurer:** No comment

**City Clerk:** There is an interest from the family of Clara Miller to put a memorial within the city for her. Lot 21 in Five Aprils Crossing is for sale by the Tony Griffith estate.

**Mayor Pro Tem Reisner:** No comment

### 11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: **None**

### 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: **No Executive Session**

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta M. York**