



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

July 21, 2020

NOTICE: 5:45 PM, public hearing re: Appropriations

Hearing called to order by Mayor Mark Bolander.

Physically present: Mark Bolander, Gayle Glumac, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Marleen Harris, Melissa Brooks, and Rosetta York

Treasurer Brooks explained the appropriations are for each line item and for each department's anticipated projects. Two (2) line items for grants being applied for now were added to tonight's 20-10 Appropriation Ordinance 2020-21 and will be amended to this Fiscal Year's budget at the next City Council Meeting.

No comments or objections were voiced to the Appropriations Ordinance No. 20-10.

Hearing was closed at 5:45 PM by Mayor Bolander.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman David Brown.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman David Brown.

3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk

Physically present: Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner and Marlene Harris

Also present: Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York

Absent: Eric Blake and City Attorney William Heap

4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: #8b. Spelling Correction to Honomichl and # 6 add Angie Martin, delete Suzy Thornton

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to adopt the amended agenda.

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Harris

Nays: None

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of July 7, 2020:

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Harris, Glumac

Nays: None

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Alderman Harris reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$185,711.38 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 \$170,387.34.

Brooks seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Harris, Glumac, Brown

Nays: None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Angie Martin (Note: deleted Suzy Thornton)

Angie Martin:

I am happy to report the TNR project has now completed 240 spay and neuters (Female 149 – Male 91) since our first date of September 20, 2019. We have made 16 trips to the following low cost spay and neuter clinics. Animal Protective League in Springfield, University of Illinois in Urbana and SPOT - Stop Pet Over Population Today, Terre Haute, IN. We continue to monitor hotspot neighborhoods in Newton that have a known large feral community as well as tend to calls that may just have a couple of stray cats. People seem to understand the need for healthy community cats as they cut down on rodent control as Newton has a grain elevator within its city limits and is surrounded by fields.

We would love for every animal to have a home. We are always looking for fosters, especially for kittens. So, if you are interested or know anyone who is interested please let us know!

Our Goals:

- 1) For all our community cats to be spay and neutered
- 2) To educate community on the benefits of spay and neutering
- 3) To provide a low cost spay and neuter opportunities for the community
- 4) To find homes for cats that can be rehomed

Thank you to Mayor Mark Bolander and the rest of the council for giving us their support.



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8. OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer Brooks explained the two (2) line items for grants being applied for now were added to tonight's 20-10 Appropriation Ordinance 2020-21 in Economic Development:

5631-16 Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant Expenses

5632-16 Rebuild Illinois Regional Economic Development Grant Expenses

- a. Consider and act on Ordinance 20-10 Annual Appropriations for 2020-21.

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Reisner, to pass Ordinance 20-10 Annual Appropriations for 2020-21.

Ayes: Reisner, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

- b. Consider and act on hiring Trevor Honomichl as a full time Newton Police officer.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to authorize the hiring of Trevor Honomichl as a full time Newton Police officer.

Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consider and act on authorizing the City Attorney to file a claim in the Purdue bankruptcy case.

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Brown, to authorize the City Attorney to file a claim in the Purdue bankruptcy case.

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Harris

Nays: None

- b. Consider and act on the TIF agreement application from Warehouse Antiques.

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to authorize the TIF Reimbursement Agreement application from Warehouse Antiques for \$2,500.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Harris, Glumac

Nays: None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: EMA 7-9 and Finance July 21 at 5:15 PM.

Brown-Jasper EMA, July 9 in County Annex Building:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comments-None
3. Old Business-None
4. New Business
5. EMA Update
 - Ed spoke of how Covid-19 has impacted EMA.
 - Discussed some of the PPE they ordered and received.
 - Discussed that EMA will have their first group meeting since the Covid-19 situation started.
 - Mentioned that they are still trying to find a new home for EMA.
6. Adjourn at 6:25 PM

Harris-Finance:

Amber Volk discussed the TIF Reimbursement Application for Clark's Warehouse Antiques and mentioned changes in the Remedies completion time line. Amber Volk is going to email Tony Arndt a TIF application for adding a door to his building for Secondhand Dan.

Brenda Phillips discussed penalties and disconnection for the utilities. Asked to be able to shut off effective on 7/27/20.

Melissa Brooks gave us the year to date sales tax numbers compared to last years. The amounts are only down slightly.

Melissa also spoke on adding two line items to the appropriation ordinance and this year's budget for the grants that have been applied for so we can accept them and distribute them. The Appropriation Ordinance will be passed tonight and the budget will be amended at the next Council Meeting.

Adjourned at 5:50 pm

11. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Glumac: The Electric Department has their railroad crossing prep work finished for the crossing which will be repaired and improved this summer. They have other poles in city which need replaced also. They will be going to the event center to work soon.



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Brown: No comment

Brooks: No Comment

Reisner: Marion and Morgan Streets will be reground on Thursday, July 23, 2020. The dates for the railroad crossing improvements may need updated for the media. Street Department will give the office the dates for crossing repairs. The Street Maintenance chip and tar is still scheduled for July 28th.

Harris: She presented the Payment and Billing Adjustment Report to the Council. Also, the street grinding on Marion St. has helped.

City Treasurer: No Comment

City Clerk: Water Department PO # 6519, for \$20,100.00

Water Department PO # 6519, for \$20,100.00 to clean wells 5 & 6.

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Reisner, to authorize payment of PO # 6519 for \$20,100.00 to Hacker Well & Pump.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Harris, Glumac, Brown

Nays: None

Mayor:

- a. There is a Joint Marketing Committee Meeting August 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Chamber Building. The committee members are from Jasper County, The City of Newton, Jasper County Community Unit #1, Jasper County Chamber of Commerce, Jasper County Economic Development and Embarras River Tourism Council. This is to have a central informational hub to keep everyone informed on activities in our community,
- b. A resident was concerned that the semitrucks going through town at night are loud and keeping citizen awake.
- c. Everyone is following the Governor’s Executive Orders.
- d. Mayor read Lee Beckman’s, Milano & Grunloh Engineers LLC email:

FROM: Lee R. Beckman, P.E., P.L.S.

RE: Newton Bike Trail

COMMENTS: Per our conversation, the Newton project is currently going through the environmental process while completing the ITA (incidental take authority). The ITA is preliminarily approved. The ITA is currently under public notice until August 15th. If no comments are returned, IDNR will then be able to approve the ITA and we will then be able to move forward with design.

Coordination with IDNR regarding a permit has also been started. Design will be able to begin once final approval has been given from IDNR. I will plan attending the city council meeting on August 4th to review the project.

- e. The half tote of hand sanitizer will be sold tomorrow, July 23, 2020 at the Fire house annex building. St. Thomas Civics Club will work the sale.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: August 4, 2020 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: None

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, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:40 PM

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

Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:04 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 Brown, seconded by Harris, to adjourn the meeting.



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Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Harris

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York