



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

October 1, 2019

Finance Committee Meeting at 5:45 PM, before Council Meeting

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, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris

Absent: Robert Reisner

Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York

4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:

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

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris

Nays: None

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of September 17, 2019:

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac

Nays: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Consider and act on Meyer Funeral Home TIF application for \$2,500.00 reimbursement.

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Brown, to authorizing payment of Meyer Funeral Home TIF application for \$2,500.00 reimbursement.

Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown

Nays: None

- b. Consider and act on public hearings for Public Act 101-0027, the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act signed into law June 25, 2019 and effective January 1, 2020.

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Glumac, to approve having public hearing(s) for Public Act 101-0027, the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act signed into law June 25, 2019 and effective January 1, 2020.

Ayes: Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINESS: **None**

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Finance 10-1-19 and JEDI 10-1-19

Harris, Finance 10-1-19: Discuss TIF Application: The Committee said Meyer Funeral Home TIF applications is ok to approve at council meeting for \$2,500. Discuss the Purchasing Policy for the City of Newton and making updates. Adjourned at 5:57.

Brooks, JEDI 10-1-19: Gave a brief summary

The following are excerpts from Amber Volk's JEDI minutes.

- a. **Jennifer Hinterscher** to speak on behalf of the Corvette Road Tour.

Newton hit it out of the park. Mike's number one highlight and one of the best Funruns.

Pleased with parking and signage coming into Newton. Only issue was the itinerary ended up changing a little. Only 50 shirts left from the original 150. They are still being sold at Mid-America. Newton is definitely in the running if they decided to do future Funruns and if Newton is open to it.

Monthly Updates

- b. **Amber Volk, Executive Director**

The new Dollar General is open. We will possibly have a JEDI tour for our November meeting.

Doug: Possibly look into doing a ribbon cutting with Dollar General that day.

City of Olney Code Enforcer and Enterprise Zone Supervisor Mike Mitchell has retired.

Dallas Colwell has taken his position.

- c. **Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton**



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Currently working on getting a daycare. Unable to disclose details.

Corvette Funrun was well done & well attended. The Fall Festival also went well. Great job everyone!

d. Jason Warfel, Jasper County Board Member

2020 fiscal year budget on display next Thursday. Next meeting is next Thursday @ 7pm. U of I Extension Council has 4 vacant spots and looking to fill one from Jasper County. They meet 4 times a year. If interested, contact me or Carl Baker, the Extension office in Effingham. Mike Hall invited me to the recent Dieterich Mapping session. The majority of Dieterich's success can be attributed to this program. We are looking to possibly bring the mapping program to Jasper County but will need the commitment from the community to attend. The program is 5 weeks long, consisting of a one 3-hour night meeting per one night per week with no less than 25-30 people attending. The program is to learn as a community what we need or want and then talk about how to facilitate. The cost would be \$3,500.

e. Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Jasper County Unit #1

We have 30 days to fill the vacant school board seat due to the death of Rob Street. We have it advertised right now. If you know of someone who would be interested, send them our way. We had 5 including Rob apply previously. I'll be reaching out to them to see if they are still interested. Please reach out to anyone you think cares about the future of our kids and wants to play a role in it. We could use the prayers. Rob Street was very impactful and very important to us.

f. Beth Probst, High School / Jr. High Principle

High School fall sports are in full swing. Cross County is running very well. Volleyball is playing really well. Football is seeing success and Friday is a home game. Tennis is having a great season. Soccer has only lost one. Band placed 1st in pretty much everything at Robinson and Grand Champion last weekend. They go to EIU this weekend. Jr. High baseball went to the regional championship against T-town. It was a really good game but they ended up losing. Cross County has 3 more meets then they have their sectionals next Saturday. Softball placed 4th in state. We are very proud of the girls. Girls basketball starts Thursday with their opening home game at 6pm.

Next week is Homecoming. The parade will be on Friday at 2:30pm.

g. Lea Creadore, Chamber Vice President

We were under budget for the Corvette Funrun and invoices will probably be sent out Monday.

October 12th is Scare on the Square 3pm-5pm.

Comments from those attending the meeting

Jennifer Hinterscher: Thursday is pack the place night at the High School home Volleyball game. Thursday at St. Thomas, the Jasper County Cancer Support Bingo door open at 5pm and game starts at 6pm. (flyer with more information is attached to email).

Sara Kinkade: Queen of Hearts – Over \$500,000 in 39 weeks came through Jasper County \$5 at a time. They were also buying other things. Newton Animal Health Center sold a set of Amish patio furniture because the people came to buy Queen of Hearts tickets. We wanted to do something to not only bring money to the athletics but also bring money into the community and we accomplished that. The VFW is now rehabbing the building. They painted outside and redid their ceiling. Thank you for all the support. We are doing it again and we will see what happens this time.

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Glumac: Thanks to everyone who helped with Fall Festival and the Corvette Funfest, especially the High School Football players.

Brown: The Park Department is going to do an in-house repair on the Ives Mausoleum.

Brooks: No comment

Blake: Gave the Animal Control Report

Harris: The Snedeker Insurance conference had good information. She will be calling an Insurance Committee meeting soon.

City Attorney: No comment

City Treasurer: Thank you for letting her go to the Snedeker event.

City Clerk: Water Department PO # 6515

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Blake, to authorize Water Department purchase order #6515 for \$21,489.00 to Midwest Meter Inc.



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Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Blake

Nays: None

Mayor: The past year has been very busy for our community. Our community leaders have done a great job representing us. They deserve very big thank you. There are more events coming. Please check the Newton Press, Jasper County Daily News, WIKK radio and social media for future events.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: **Personnel Committee Meeting on October 8, 2019 at 5:30 PM**

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

Motion was made by Brown, 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, Blake, Harris

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:25 PM

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

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:49 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 Brown, seconded by Harris, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York