



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

September 3, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor
In the absence of Mayor Bolander, Attorney William Heap called the meeting to order.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Robert Reisner.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Robert Reisner.
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk
Physically present: **Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner and Marlene Harris**
Absent: **Eric Blake**
Also present: **Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York**
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to appoint Robert Reisner as Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Harris
Nays: None
Abstain: Reisner
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to adopt the amended/proposed agenda.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Harris, Reisner, Glumac
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of August 20, 2019
Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019 regular meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brooks, Harris, Reisner, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **None**
7. OLD BUSINESS: **None**
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on Martin St. street repair of the south lane in the 100 block west of Casey's entrance for \$6000.00.
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Martin St. street repair of the south lane in the 100 block west of Casey's entrance for \$6000.00.
Ayes: Harris, Reisner, Glumac, Brown, Brooks
Nays: None
 - B. Consider and act on phone security system for City Hall from Nelson Systems for \$11,800.00.
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to authorize phone security system for City Hall from Nelson Systems for \$11,800.00.
Ayes: Reisner, Glumac, Brooks, Harris
Nays: Brown
 - C. Consider and act on 2019 Special Event permit application for Homecoming Parade on October 11.
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to authorize the 2019 Special Event permit application for Homecoming Parade on October 11.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Harris, Reisner
Nays: None
 - D. Consider and act on 2019 Special Event permit application for Newton Elementary PTO Color Fun Run on October 12.
Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to authorize the Newton Elementary PTO Color Fun Run on October 12.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Harris, Reisner, Glumac
Nays: None
 - E. Consider and act on one Newton Policeman going to Taser CEW Instructor Certification Training on October 17 in Clarksville, TN with a fee of \$495 plus allowable expenses.
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to authorize one Newton Policeman going to Taser CEW Instructor Certification Training on October 17 in Clarksville, TN with a fee of \$495 plus allowable expenses.
Ayes: Brooks, Harris, Reisner, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
Brown Reported on Police Committee Meeting August 26:
Discussed the Following:
 - Chief Swick presented an estimate for recording equipment for Newton PD. One estimate from Nelson Systems for \$11,800. The same system but financed through Nelson would be several thousand dollars more.
 - Price includes one year warranty on new hardware and software.



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- The Committee agreed to move forward with the purchase. Chief will contact Nelson to determine when they can install.
- Chief talked about the new parameters of the new marijuana law(s) taking effect Jan 1, 2020.
- County and Municipal governments can vote to prohibit.
- Chief discussed some of NPD pre-planning for this weekend Queen of Hearts drawing at the VFW. Adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Harris Reported on JEDI Meeting September 3, 2019

JEDI Minutes by Amber Volk

Monthly Updates

1. Amber Volk, Executive Director: The new Dollar General is getting closer to finishing. I have had multiple people coming for help/concern about our lack of children's daycare availability. We are working on trying to find someone.
2. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton: Work is being done to the bridge located near Panama Express. It shouldn't affect traffic. A new house is started in Five Aprils Crossing and a new one is completed. Queen of Hearts is going fantastic and is bringing money into the community. The Marketing Comprehensive plan is updated and should be revised more often.
3. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chairman: The County Board voted to use the current jail site for the new jail building. Conner & Conner will be doing an evaluation on the site and will be meeting with our design community. Next Jasper County Board meeting will be Thursday, September 12 at 7pm.
4. Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Jasper County Unit #1: We are up and running to a great start. We did acquire property by the grade school to create a space for a bus line east of the school. Work to the property will be in the summer. The house on the property will be demolished unless someone shows interest in wanting and moving it off of property. The new school lunch is amazing and we are hearing from multiple parents that their children are happy to eat at the school. Participation is up 20-30%, maybe more. OPAA will be hiring additional staff: 1 fulltime cook at the high school, 1 fulltime cook as the grade school, and one part time at both locations.
5. Scott Bierman: As the majority knows, our power plant survived the Vistra shutdown of 4 of their plants in IL. This is huge for Jasper County. There will be a meeting next week with a few selected people with Vistra.

Comments from those attending the meeting.

6. Doug Weddell: The Fall Festival is next Saturday the 14th. (Fall Festival flyer can be found attached to email.) The Corvette Funrun is Thursday September 19th.

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members

Glumac: Reported complaints on parking in a no parking zone on Decatur St. and a possible zoning issue in her neighborhood.

Brown: The Pool is closed. Discuss switching or trading pool features with other pools. Nothing to report on Mausoleum. Thanks to the Newton Athletic Boosters Club for economic boost to the county.

Brooks: No comment

Harris: No comment

Reisner: The Streetscape brick sidewalk needs coated this year. Street Department is going to contact Milano & Grunloh about a better sealant. He gave the Jasper County Animal report.

City Attorney: No comment

City Treasurer: No comment

City Clerk: Electric Department PO # 223273

Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Brown, to authorize Electric Department purchase order # 223273 for \$7,760.00 to Imperial Trailer MFG.

Ayes: Harris, Reisner, Glumac, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **September 17, 2019 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Street Committee/Corvette Funfest 9-9-2019 at 2:00 PM.

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

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

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:30 PM.

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

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Harris, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session resumed at **6:51 PM.**

Mayor Pro Tem Reisner announced that during closed session the council discussed Litigation, potential litigation and sale of real estate.



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13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Harris, Reisner, Glumac

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York