



# UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

February 5, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor  
**Mayor Mark Bolander 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: **David Brown, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris**  
Absent: **Larry Brooks**  
Also present: **Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Add John Cronin to # 6  
**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to adopt the amended agenda.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Harris**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of January 15, 2019  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Blake, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 regular meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Harris, Brown**  
**Nays: None**
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Earlene Rubsam and Marlene Benson  
**Earlene Rubsam and Marlene Benson were not present.**  
**John Cronin: presented a power point on the proposed independent senior living facility that his company, North Arrow, is applying for with Illinois Housing Authority. (Note: the Power Point is on City of Newton's Facebook and City of Newton WEB page.**
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Consider and act on advertising for Dues and Donations applications to distribute \$5500 budgeted fund with application deadline of March 15, 2019 at 5:00 PM.  
**Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Harris, to authorize the advertising for Dues and Donations applications to distribute \$5,500.00 budgeted, with a deadline of March 15, 2019 at 5:00 PM.**  
**Ayes: Blake, Harris, Brown, Reisner**  
**Nays: None**
8. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Consider and act on authorizing 2 Newton Police Department employees to attend ILEAS Annual Conference March 24-26, 2019, the training fees of \$100.00 each plus allowable expenses.  
**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Blake, to authorize two Newton Police Department employees to attend ILEAS Annual Conference March 24-26, 2019, the training fees of \$100.00 each plus allowable expenses.**  
**Ayes: Harris, Brown, Reisner, Blake**  
**Nays: None**
  - B. Consider and act on the retirement letter of Kathy Hayes.  
**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to accept the retirement letter of Kathy Hayes.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Harris**  
**Nays: None**
  - C. Consider and act on Ordinance 19-01 to Amend the Zoning Map.  
Mayor read a text to the Council from Alderman Larry Brooks: Concerning the Senior Living Facility, I feel this would be a good addition to the city. It seems to me to be a good location for the facility. We need to do everything we can for the growth of Newton. This is how I feel even though I am not there in person, thank you for everything you do while I am gone.  
**Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brown, to pass Ordinance 19-01 to Amend the Zoning Map.**  
**Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Harris, Brown**  
**Nays: None**
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:  
**Blake** – The Negotiation Committee met January 29, 2019 went into executive session. Adjourned at 7:00 PM.  
**Brown**– the Police Committee met Feb 4, 2019 discussed the Following:
  - Chief Swick proposed no smoking or vaping within 50 feet of Newton Aquatic Center, Batting Cages and Miniature Golf when these facilities are open to the public.
  - Also, prohibiting vaping or vaping products by individuals under the age of 18. Fine amounts were discussed.



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- City Wide Clean up dates are to be May 17 and 18, 2019.
- Chief discussed the liability of lending the city owned golf cart. Also, discussed burn out pit liability during Cruise Night.
- New phone system for City Hall.
- Chief would like to put money in the budget for new vehicle.
- Bid received for a new camera on the new vehicle for \$3,000.
- Sidewalk repair discussed.
- The truck parking in the city on the lot south of Cobblestone was discussed. Signs are being installed. Parking barriers, fees and the means to pay were also discussed.

### 10. STATEMENTS:

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**Harris:** Insurance Committee Meeting possibly on Feb 18, 2019 at 5:15. The details need to be determined.

**Blake:** Read the Jasper County Animal Report. He will be calling a Liquor and Tobacco Committee meeting to review Special Event Liquor License amendments to ordinance.

**Reisner:** Called an Electric and Street Committee meeting on Feb. 18, 2019 at 5:30 PM a Water and Wastewater Committee on same date at 6:00 PM. The transmission went out on the GMC truck in the Street Department.

**Brown:** No Comment

**City Attorney:** No Comment

**City Treasurer:** No Comment

**City Clerk:** No Comment

**Mayor:**

- Department Heads can contact Amber-A-Gogo to post planned and unplanned maintenance on Facebook.
- Carle Richland Clinic on Scott Ave. has extended hours, on Tuesday and Thursday until 6:00 PM and on Saturday 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon.
- The City Council needs to discuss City Hall the phases of renovation needed in a Building Committee meeting to include in next year's budget.
- Chief Swick is getting the Semi and larger vehicle parking lot signs, permits and rules organized.
- Marilyn's Liquor Cabinet is to be opened March 1, 2019.
- The Newton Medical Complex is trying to be opened around the end of February.

### 11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **February 19, 2019 at 6:00 PM**

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Annual JEDI Celebration on February 6, 2019 at 11:30 AM at the Sunrise Center. Several committee meeting initiated tonight with details to be determined.**

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

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

**Ayes: Blake, Harris, Brown, Reisner**

**Nays: None**

Open session suspended at **6:42 PM.**

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

**Ayes: Harris, Brown, Reisner, Blake**

**Nays: None**

Open session resumed at **7:13 PM.**

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

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Blake, to adjourn the meeting.**

**Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Harris**

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**