



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

April 6, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor
Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Gayle Glumac.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Gayle Glumac.
3. ROLL CALL: Amy Tarr, Deputy City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris
Absent: Robert Reisner
Also present: Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Deputy Clerk Amy Tarr
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Add Kenneth & Elisabeth Belcher, 3B General Contracting to and delete Shannon Woodard from #6.
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to adopt the amended agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of March 16, 2021
Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: ~~Shannon Woodard~~, Kenneth & Elisabeth Belcher, 3B General Contracting
Kenneth & Elisabeth Belcher, 3B General Contracting: The Belchers are owners/operators of 3B General Contracting. They want to purchase dilapidated homes, refurbish them, and sell them at affordable prices.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on approving B&T Drainage, the lowest responsible bidder, as the contractor for the Liberty Street Water Upgrade Project at \$486,510.
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to approve B&T Drainage, the lowest responsible bidder, as the contractor for the Liberty Street Water Upgrade Project at \$486,510.
Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
 - B. Consider and act on approving the Grant agreement with USDA for Police Radios.
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to approve the \$25,000 Grant Agreement with USDA for Police Radios.
Ayes: Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks
Nays: None
 - C. Consider and act on Dues and Donation distribution of \$4700 funds, excluding Jasper County Association for Home & Community Education, Strong Girls and Strong Boys Newton Elementary School Program.
Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Harris, to distribute \$4700 of Dues and Donation funds, excluding Jasper County Association for Home & Community Education, Strong Girls and Strong Boys Newton Elementary School Program
Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Blake
Nays: None
 - D. Consider and act on Dues and Donation distribution of \$400 funds to Jasper County Association for Home & Community Education.
Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brooks, to distribute \$400 of Dues and Donation funds to Jasper County Association for Home and Community Education.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Blake
Nays: None
Abstain: Harris



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- E. Consider and act on Dues and Donation distribution of \$400 funds to Strong Girls and Strong Boys Newton Elementary School Program.

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brown, to distribute \$400 of Dues and Donation funds to Strong Girls and Strong Boys Newton Elementary School Program.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris

Nays: None

Abstain: Glumac

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on two Newton Police Department employees to attend the IJOA & IDOA 2021 Annual State Conference Continued Professional Training on June 15-18 with fees of \$325/2 officers plus allowable expenses. (IJOA is Illinois Juvenile Officer's Association. IDOA is Illinois D.A.R.E. Officer's Association.)

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to authorize two Newton Police Department employees to attend the IJOA & IDOA 2021 Annual State Conference Continued Professional Training on June 15-18 with fees of \$325/2 officers plus allowable expenses. (IJOA is Illinois Juvenile Officer's Association. IDOA is Illinois D.A.R.E. Officer's Association.)

Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on Consider and act on Jasper County Economic Development Coordinator to attend Illinois Tax Increment Association Spring Conference on April 6 – 8 with fees of \$300 plus allowable expense.

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to approve Jasper County Economic Development Coordinator to attend Illinois Tax Increment Association Spring Conference on April 6 – 8 with fees of \$300.

Ayes: Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Blake -- Dues and Donations Committee Meeting on March 29, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Dues and Donations Committee

March 29, 2021

6:10 PM – 7:45 PM

Present: Eric Blake, Marlene Harris, Gayle Glumac, David Brown and Melissa Brooks

Discussed the 2021 applications for Dues and Donations.
The total amount to be given is set at \$5,500.00. The proposed amounts are:

Jasper County Cancer Support	\$725.00
Jasper County Home Front	\$725.00
Jasper County Association for Home & Community Education	\$400.00
Jasper County Youth Soccer	\$250.00
St. Thomas Elementary School	\$600.00
Newton Elementary 5th Grade Language Arts	\$150.00
Jasper Co. Junior High Science Lab	\$150.00
Jasper Co. Boys' & Girls' Park	\$600.00
Newton Elementary Grade Science	\$150.00
Jasper Co. Junior High Student Council	\$100.00
Strong Girls and Strong Boys School Program - Newton Elementary	\$400.00
NCHS Chorus and Musical	\$200.00
Jasper County Junior High Band	\$ 100.00
Sunrise Youth Center Soccer Program	\$ 250.00
Jasper County Youth B-ball	\$ 200.00
Newton Junior Football League	\$ 500.00
	\$5,500.00

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Eric Blake, Chairman



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Harris – JEDI Meeting on April 6, 2021 at 10:30 AM

Jasper County JEDI

Zoom Meeting

Tuesday April 6th 2021 at 10:30

1. Meeting was called to order by Mark Bolander
2. Motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes by Sarah Kincade and seconded by Marlene Harris.

Amber Volk Executive Director

1. Chamber 360 Tour is complete. Peoples State Bank will be the next business to complete the 360 Tour.
2. Flo's Coffee Shop is applying for a TIF application.
3. Elite Fitness is working on the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant.

Mark Bolander, City of Newton

1. Today is election today. Results will be on Facebook at Jasper County Daily News.

Doug Weddell, Jasper County Board.

1. JC Board approved a bid for the jail project.
2. Road Material Tax for County roads is being voted on today. This is not a new tax. It has to be renewed and voted on every 5 years.

Beth Probst, spoke for Superintendent of Jasper County Schools

1. School is back.

Sarah Kincade, Jasper County Chamber

1. There have been 3 ribbon cuttings recently. The next one will be at Sky Saloon on April 18 at 3pm.
2. New members joined Chamber this month.
3. U of I is going to be moving into Chamber offices.

Amber Wakefield Marketing

1. 360 Tours
2. Glitch with the marquee will be fixed soon

Motion to close was proposed.

JEDI toured West End Reception & Event Hall.

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Glumac: No comment

Brown: City-Wide Cleanup will be May 21 & 22.

Brooks: It is good to be back.

Blake: No comment

Harris: I hope everyone voted today.

City Attorney: No comment

City Treasurer: No comment

Deputy City Clerk: No comment



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Mayor: The City of Newton's 1% portion of the 7.25% sales tax was \$46,300.55 higher in 2020 than 2019. If sales tax revenue continues to do well, the City needs to consider that when calculating the tax levy next year.

I want to encourage businesses and independent contractors to contact their bankers to see if they qualify for the next round of PPP loans. The interest rate is 1%, unless the loan gets forgiven. Then it would be considered a grant.

If you drive around town, you will see many positive things happening in our community. We are still looking for additional growth.

Welcome back Larry Brooks.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Water Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Police and Street Committees Meeting Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Finance Committee Meeting Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 5:30 PM

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, personnel, 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, personnel, 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: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Blake

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:30 PM

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

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:51 PM.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Submitted by Amy J. Tarr

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Tarr".