



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

**February 19, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor  
**Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.**
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Eric Blake  
**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 (arrived at 6:02), and Marlene Harris**  
**Absent: Larry Brooks**  
**Also present: Attorney Bill Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: **Delete 8c & 8e and add Angie Kocher and Cindy Borgic #7 Public Comments**  
  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to adopt the amended agenda.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Harris**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of February 5, 2019  
**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2019 regular meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Harris, Brown**  
**Nays: None**
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:  
**Alderman Reisner reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$200,127.38 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 \$159,817.60.**  
**Harris seconded the motion.**  
**Ayes: Blake, Harris, Brown, Reisner**  
**Nays: None**
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Angie Kocher and Cindy Borgic  
**Cindy addressed the council: This is their second annual 5K Fun Run for "Prevent Child Abuse Superhero" sponsored by Newton Junior Women's Club on April 7, 2019. There are going to be two speakers. There will be a water station at the half way point. Junior Woman's Club will watch the side streets at this time they do not want any assistants from the City.**
8. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Consider and act on advertising for a utility and billing department employee, to replace Kathy Hayes.  
**Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Reisner, to authorize advertising for a utility and billing department employee, to replace Kathy Hayes.**  
**Ayes: Harris, Brown, Reisner, Blake**  
**Nays: None**
  - b. Consider and act on advertising for part-time summer employees in the Park Department.  
**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to advertise for part-time summer employees in the Park Department which includes pool, miniature golf, battling cage and park.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Harris**  
**Nays: None**
  - ~~c. Consider and act on accepting and authorizing the lowest responsible backhoe quote for the Street and Electric Departments.~~



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- d. Consider and act on authorizing Cobra/IMRF's continuation of rates effective March 1, 2019 to February 28, 2020.

**COBRA/IMRF CONTINUATION RATES 2019**

Please find attached the annual COBRA/IMRF Continuation Rates for March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020. The Council needs to adopt the rates yearly, the rates are based upon the Previous Years Claims, Administrative Fees, Excess Loss Premiums, & PPO Access Fees. These new rates will commence on March 1, 2019.

**REGULAR COVERAGE**

2017/2018 Rates		2019 Rates	
Single	\$799.08	Single	\$779.92
Family	\$1,797.93	Family	\$1,754.82

**MRP COVERAGE**

2017/2018 Rates		2019 Rates	
Single	\$439.75	Single	\$427.46
Family	\$989.43	Family	\$961.79

**Dental Coverage**

2017/2018 Rates		2019 Rates	
Single	\$23.36	Single	\$20.69
Family	\$52.55	Family	\$46.56

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Blake, to authorizing Cobra/IMRF's continuation of rates effective March 1, 2019 to February 28, 2020.**

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

**Nays: None**

- ~~e. Consider and act on passing 19-02 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 27, Offenses, Section 2-9 Smokeless Tobacco, of the Newton City Code, As Amended.~~

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Consider and act on Steve Rubsam's resignation effective February 5, 2019.

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Blake, to accept Steve Rubsam's resignation effective February 5, 2019.**

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

**Nays: None**

- b. Consider and act on appointment of Gayle Glumac to Alderwomen of Ward 1.

**Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Harris, to appoint Gayle Glumac to Alderwomen of Ward 1.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Swearing in of Gayle Glumac as Ward # 1 Alderwomen**



- c. Consider and act on Resolution 19-01 concerning Closed Session Minutes.

- d. Consider and act on Resolution 19-02 Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Meetings Sessions tapes between 2/7/2017 to 7/18/2017.

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to table (9c.) Resolution 19-01 and (9d.) Resolution 19-02 until after the executive session.**

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

**Nays: None**



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- e. Consider and act on authorizing 3 wastewater employees to attend IRWA 37th annual conference in Effingham, February 19-21, 2019 with fee \$175.00 each.

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, authorizing 3 wastewater employees to attend IRWA 37th annual conference in Effingham, February 19-21, 2019 with fee \$175.00 each plus allowable expenses.**

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

**Nays: None**

- f. Consider and act on Special Event Application for "Prevent Child Abuse Superhero 5K Fun Run" Sponsored by Newton Junior Women's Club on April 7, 2019.

**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Blake, authorizing Special Event Application for "Prevent Child Abuse Superhero 5K Fun Run" Sponsored by Newton Junior Women's Club on April 7, 2019.**

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

**Nays: None**

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

**Reisner:** The Street and Electric Committee met February 18, 2019. Discuss the quotes for backhoe for Street and Electric Departments. Discussed leasing or buying a backhoe. No decision made at this time. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

**Reisner:** The Water and Wastewater Committee met February 18, 2019. Discuss the billing concerns for multiple users, like apartment buildings, on water and sewer. More information is needed. Connor and Connor will be ask to consult on this issue. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

**Harris:** The Insurance Committee met February 18, 2019. Discuss the several insurance issues. Melissa, myself and insurance people are going to meet to discuss differences on coverage. Melissa gave the Cobra report and will be voted on at tomorrow council meeting Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

11. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

**Harris:** No Comment

**Blake:** No Comment

**Reisner:** Thanked Steve Rubsam, he did an excellent job. He met with Milano and Grunloh to discuss and walk over the path for Eagle Trail Phase IV-Riverwalk. They will be doing boring along path for soil analysis which be used to plan Riverwalk. They said the start date would probably be in 2020. Milano and Grunloh are waiting on IDOT to finish their preliminary studies and report. Kathy given him the billing leak and meter adjustment report. Copies of the report were handed out.

**Brown:** Welcomed Gayle to the Council. Chief Swick would like to make edits on 19-02 Ordinance To Amend Chapter 27, Offenses, Section 2-9 Smokeless Tobacco. All of the council agreed to let Chief make the changes he wants.

**Glumac:** Happy to be here!

**City Attorney:** No Comment

**City Treasurer:** Appropriation Change.

**Treasurer Brooks presented an appropriation change.**

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to make the following appropriation change in the Electric Department Appropriations-- move \$1,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to Equipment Repair.**

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

**Nays: None**

**City Clerk:** Water Department PO # 6506

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Harris, to authorize Water Department purchase order #6506 for \$4,356.00 to Midwest Metering Inc.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Mayor:** Thanked Steve Rubsam for his work. Congratulated and thanked Gayle joining the council.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **March 5, 2019 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

**Park, Cemetery and Pool February 28, 2019 at 5:45 PM**



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**Building and Grounds February 28, 2019 5:30 PM**

**Alcohol and Tobacco February 28, 2019 at 6:00 PM**

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate, personnel and closed session minutes

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

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

**Nays: None**

Open session suspended at **6:30 PM**.

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

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

**Nays: None**

Open session resumed at **6:57 PM**.

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

**(9c) Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Blake, to pass Resolution 19-01 Closed Session Minutes.**

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

**Nays: None**

**(9d) Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Glumac, to pass Resolution 19-02 Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Meetings Sessions Audio Recording between 2/7/2017 to 7/18/2017.**

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

**Nays: None**

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

**Nays: None**

Meeting adjourned at **6:59 PM**.

Submitted by Rosetta York