

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**January 5, 2016**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman David Brown.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake

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

Absent: Scott Bloomberg

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the amended (add to Scheduled Committee Meeting, JEDI 1-12-16 at 1:15) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2015 special meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Blake, to authorize K-9 Officer kennel time pay in the amount of \$320.00 monthly, effective January 21, 2016.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubsam, to accept the resignation of Brian Cox as a full-time police officer effective January 18, 2016.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to hire Brian Cox as a part-time police officer effective January 19, 2016.

Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: Brown

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to hire Riley Britton as a full-time police officer effective January 19, 2016.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize two Electric Department employees to attend Basic Regulator School at \$200 per person and motel room cost of \$89 per night for 3 nights plus expenses for each person.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Rubsam reported on a Police Committee meeting held December 16. Items discussed: drone application in community development and property maintenance, contract negotiations for the Police union, kennel time compensation for officer in charge of Dano, shooting range phase 1 and phase 2, security at city hall, new signs for truck routing at the corner of Washington and Jackson, personnel and squad car repairs.

**STATEMENTS:**

Blake presented the monthly animal control report. Rubsam commented there was no damage to the trail with the flood.

Mayor Bolander received an email regarding the soccer program. Someone from the program will apply for funds from the Dues and Donations. Mayor Bolander congratulated Clerk York on being a certified municipal clerk. A young man approached the Mayor with a project to earn the youth's Eagle Scout badge by providing a bench, etc. along the Eagle Trail. A reminder is issued for the walking public, please wear light colored clothing and make yourself visible to traffic for obvious safety reasons. A gentleman will be preparing a proposal to provide marketing for our community.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be January 19, 2016. There is a JEDI meeting scheduled for January 12, 2016 at 1:15 in the Jasper County board room.

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Rubsam, 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: Brooks, Reisner, Blake Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:30 PM. Council Brown left the meeting

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

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:40 PM.

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

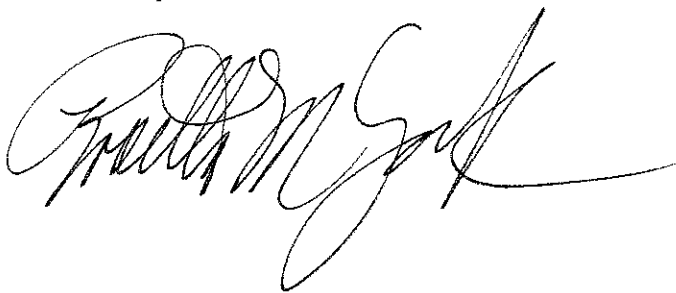
Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

January 19, 2016

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks

Physically present: David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: Steve Rubsam

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adopt the amended (add Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, to Public Comments) agenda.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2016 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown

Nays: None

Alderman Brooks reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$244,211.11 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 \$105,265.04.

Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Lee Beckman, Milano and Grunloh Engineers, addressed the council concerning the ITEP (Eagle Trails Phase III) project. The bid opening was January 15 with the low bidder being A J Walker Construction. Construction will begin in early to mid-April with completion in three to four months.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to authorize three Police Department employees attending SICJS training at \$75.00 per person plus expenses in Effingham on February 24-25, 2016. (SICJS- Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit)

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to authorize three Waste Water Department employees attending IRWA 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Technical Conference in Effingham on February 16-18, 2016 at \$175 per person. (IRWA--Illinois Rural Water Association)

Ayes: Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to authorize two Electric Department employees attending Commercial Pesticide Safety Education Program Training Clinics at \$50 per person plus food expenses in Collinsville on February 24-25, 2016.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to accept the resignation of Jarad Schackmann as a part-time officer of Newton Police Department effective January 19, 2016.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown

Nays: None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Brooks: JEDI met 1-12-16 and held the annual election of JEDI officers and board members. The 2016 budget was approved as presented by Ken Larimore. Updates - CEO students (Small Town Spotlight January 30); Alan Bogardus, Plant Manager of Dynegy; Mark Hartrich, will meet with the

Director for the Dept. of Agriculture; Newton biodiesel report by Tom Brown; 4-H Extension program leader Anthony Pritchard; Ken Larimore, TIF update; Mayor Mark Bolander, streetscape, business incubator, 2 new boutiques; Joe Bierman, Jasper Co. Board, new EMA Director is Ed Francis, new ambulance manager is Daniel Alzate; Travis Wyatt, Jasper Unit I, superintendent search deadline January 20 and state budget impact. Annual JEDI Celebration will be in the Sunrise Community Center Feb. 3, 2016.

**STATEMENTS:**

Bloomberg: CEO class annual banquet is January 30 with local talent providing the entertainment.

Blake: scheduled a Dues and Donations meeting January 26 at 6:30 followed by a Negotiations Committee meeting the same evening.

Reisner: Scheduled a Street Committee meeting January 26 at 6:00 PM. Two wastewater employees will be attending a meeting in Champaign at a cost of \$30 each.

City Clerk York presented a purchase order for the Water Department:

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Blake, to authorize purchase order 006490: Midwest Meter, for meter bases, ITron connectors, Encoders, meter box lids and brackets at a cost of \$13,842.00.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

York complimented the council on the purchase of a computer server in the Clerk/Billing office last year.

The old server crashed recently so the new server is vital to the office.

Mayor Bolander received a letter from Indiana Railroad thanking the city for the support of the Santa Train. At 12 stops the Santa Train had 9,370 guests. In addition to the treats for the children, 450 coats were distributed.

A letter was also received from OCC requesting internship opportunities.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be February 2, 2016. There will be a JEDI annual celebration Feb. 3 at 11:30 AM; Street Committee meeting January 26 at 6:00 PM; Dues and Donations Committee meeting the same evening at 6:30; Negotiations Committee meeting immediately following the previous meetings on January 26.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, 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: Blake, Blomberg, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:36 PM.

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

Ayes: Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:51 PM.

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

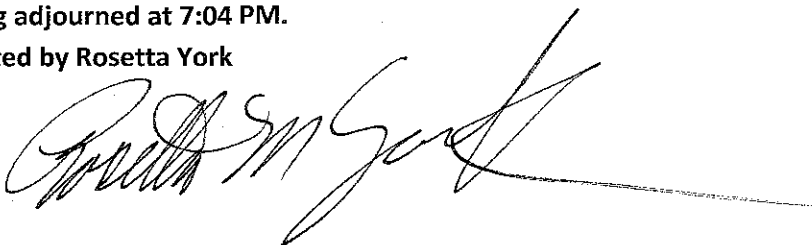
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**February 2, 2016**

In the absence of Mayor Bolander, Attorney Tedford called the meeting to order.  
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Robert Reisner.  
Physically present: David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg  
Absent: Steve Rubsam  
Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York  
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to appoint Scott Bloomberg Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting of the Newton City Council.  
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg  
Nays: None  
Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brooks, to adopt the amended (delete "special" meeting from #5) agenda.  
Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown  
Nays: None  
Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting of the Newton City Council.  
Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks  
Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to authorize Dumpster Reimbursement for 806 Fairground St. in the amount of \$400.00.  
Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks, Reisner  
Nays: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Reisner – The Street Committee met January 26 to discuss the sidewalk program for the upcoming year and will have \$12,000 in the budget, purchase of a backhoe for Street/Electric/Park and curbing on N. Van Buren Street.  
Blake – The Dues and Donations Committee met January 26 to discuss the budget (\$5,500) for dues and donations and advertising for applications. The applications are due March 4, 2016.  
Blake – The Negotiations Committee met January 26 in executive session.

**STATEMENTS:**

Brown – getting bids for a new roof for the large pavilion at Peterson Park. The new restroom will be connected in the spring.  
Reisner – reminded the council of the Wastewater meeting to be held Feb. 9. The Street Department has plenty of salt for this winter.  
Blake – gave the monthly animal control report.  
Mayor Pro Tem Bloomberg, on behalf of Mayor Bolander, thanked everyone for their prayers on his behalf.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be February 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM.  
Scheduled committee meeting: Wastewater Committee Meeting February 9, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, 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: Bloomberg, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake  
Nays: None

Regular session suspended at 6:09 PM.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Blake, to go out of executive session and back into open session.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:31 PM.

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

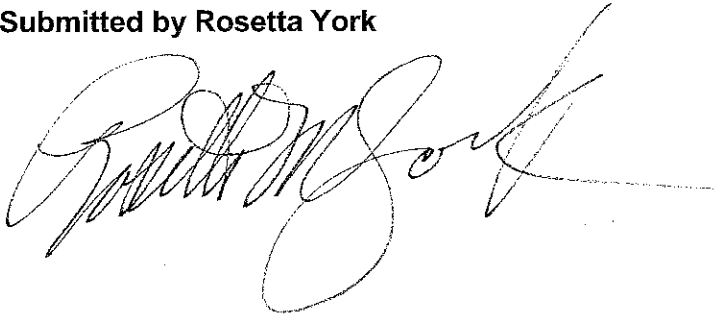
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Brown

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**February 16, 2016**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Robert Reisner

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Robert Reisner

Absent: Larry Brooks, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Deputy Clerk Alice Addis

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the amended (date of meeting is February 16, 2016 and report on JEDI meeting held Feb. 3, 2016) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner Mayor Bolander

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Bolander, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$218,120.18 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 \$101,719.45. Reisner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Reisner, Bolander, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

David Robert was present to voice his concerns on mosquitos and the Zika virus. The City does not have the equipment to spray for mosquitos but will distribute briquettes in standing water to help control the mosquito population.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Resolution 16-01 concerning Closed Session Minutes.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Bolander

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Resolution 16-02 Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recording of Closed Meetings Sessions.

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Bolander, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, to authorize a \$1.00 per hour raise for the current pool manager.

Ayes: Reisner, Bolander, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Reisner, to authorize a Newton Police employee attending Reid Technique Training for \$250.00 plus expenses on April 5-8, 2016.

Ayes: Bolander, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to authorize two Electric Department employees attending Transformer School at \$600 per person plus expenses on March 14-18, 2016.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Bolander

Nays: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Reisner – The Wastewater Committee met February 9, 2016 to discuss the City's wastewater plant handling of waste from the biodiesel plant.

Bolander – JEDI met Feb. 3 for the annual celebration. Louis Ochs was recognized as the Annual Economic Development Person of the Year for his many years and efforts in supporting community development. Extension County Director Carl Baker introduced Anthony Pritchard, the new 4-H Program Coordinator. The Jasper Co. Data Sheet was distributed and a needs assessment survey was handed out to identify future programs. A SCIRP&DC GIS program was

presented by Luke Eastin showing the benefits of GIS. The State of JEDI was given by Ken Larimore; of Jasper Co. by Joe Bierman; of the City of Newton by Scott Bloomberg; of Jasper Unit I Schools by Marilyn Holt; and of Jasper Co. Chamber of Commerce by Kaila Kistner, Jasper Chamber President. Thank you to Hartrich Catering for the meal.

**STATEMENTS:**

Reisner – Welcome back to Mayor Bolander.

Deputy Clerk Addis – The State of Illinois has not made utility bill payments for several months. The past-due amount on four accounts is \$1,918.71. The CDAP grant work is continuing with bids being opened tomorrow for work on two homes.

Mayor Bolander – Casey Tibbs has prepared a proposal for advertising and will be asked to make a presentation to the council. The Illinois Rural Water Association has presented the Water System of the Year Award to Newton's Water Department. Thank you and congratulations to Carl Baker and the water department and Shannon Woodard.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be March 1, 2016. There will be a Dues and Donations Committee meeting March 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

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

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Bolander, Rubsam

Nays: None

**Open session suspended at 6:34 PM.**

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

Ayes: Bolander, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:51 PM.

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

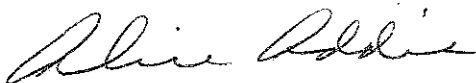
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Bolander, Rubsam

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.**

**Submitted by Alice Addis**





**General Fund**

Pitney Bowes	\$9.99
Verizon Wireless	\$198.37
NewWave Communications	\$517.75
So IL Criminal Justice Summit	\$225.00
Ameren Illinois	\$1,248.04
L.I.U.N.A. Pension Fund	\$1,881.54
Max Tedford	\$150.00
Jasper Co. Sheriff's Office	\$168.80
City of Newton	\$598.55
Purchase Power	\$251.25
Wex Bank	\$1,225.87
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replaces voided ck#7916 from previous month

**Payroll**

NGL Ins. Group	\$53.36
State Disbursement Unit	\$870.00
Sec Treasurer Local 1197	\$703.00
AFLAC	\$2,111.26
Standard Insurance Co.	\$249.00
Brian Cox	\$28.34
American Heritage Life Insurance	\$81.42
NCPERS Group Life Ins.	\$112.00
Standard Insurance Co. - Vision	\$275.20
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	\$4,483.58

**INS A**

Med Trak Services	\$4,411.96
Standard Insurance Co.	\$189.28
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	\$4,601.24

**Specials**

Healthlink	\$103.50
First Baptist Church - dumpster reimb	\$2,500.00
Nelda Balding - dumpster reimb.	\$756.00
Dave Swick - dumpster reimb.	\$2,218.80
Jerry Earnest - dumpster reimb.	\$1,802.95
Mutual Medical	\$750.00
Moran Economic Development	\$10,465.38
Ben Hicks - dumpster reimb.	\$400.00
Symetra Life Ins. Co.	\$12,323.00
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	\$31,319.63

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LaDonna Poehler, The Medicine Shoppe	\$10,588.50
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**Electric**

Pitney Bowes Inc.	\$10.00
Verizon Wireless	\$35.56
NewWave Communications	\$92.24
Norris Electric	\$42.00
Matt Tarr	\$55.26
Mike Schackmann	\$66.85
Ameren Illinois	\$330.31
Newton Post Office	\$143.67
City of Newton	\$278.79
Ameren Services	\$20,535.53
Purchase Power	\$251.25
Symetra Life Ins. Co.	\$4,603.00
Illinois Power Marketing	\$118,428.78
Wex Bank	\$405.10
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	\$145,278.34

**Water**

NewWave Communications	\$76.97
Verizon Wireless	\$33.42
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$10.00
Alliance Tractor	\$53.75
Sarah Bush Lincoln	\$142.60
Ameren Illinois	\$382.71
Newton Post Office	\$143.67
City of Newton	\$1,305.66
Purchase Power	\$251.25
Symetra Life Ins.	\$5,208.00
Wex Bank	\$188.42
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	\$7,796.45

**WWT**

Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$10.00
Verizon Wireless	\$37.30
NewWave Communications	\$76.97
IL Rural Water Association	\$525.00
CIPWO	\$60.00
Ameren Illinois	\$223.60
Newton Post Office	\$143.66
City of Newton	\$2,570.54
Purchase Power	\$251.25
Symentra Life Insurance Co.	\$3,406.50
Wex Bank	\$272.46
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	\$7,577.28

# ACCOUNTS PAYABLES February 17, 2016

## STREET

A-J Welding and Steel Inc.	208.7
Birch Auto Service & Towing	\$298.00
Jasper Clothiers	\$94.75
Jasper County Health Dept.	\$90.00
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$5.69
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$16.09
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$60.86
Overhead Door of Bloomington	\$133.32
Stello Products, Inc.	\$219.50
Terminix International	\$25.00
Total Street	<u>\$1,151.91</u>

## POLICE

Gwen Baker	219.22
Buds N' Blossoms	\$118.00
Cintas Corp.	\$94.23
CMI, Inc.	\$349.00
Communication Revolving Fund	\$139.56
Paul Conlin	\$1,400.00
County of Jasper	\$9,714.21
Cox, Phillips, Weber, Tedford, Heap, Ayres, LLC.	\$925.00
Cummins Crosspoint	\$233.23
Digital-Ally	\$430.00
Dirtbuster Carwash	\$150.00
Drivers License Guide Co.	\$138.65
ESS Clean, Inc.	\$500.00
Illinois Prosecutor Services, LLC.	\$125.00
Interstate Batteries of So. Central IL	\$57.86
Jasper Clothiers	\$16.00
Jasper Co. Health Dept.	\$30.00
Jasper Co. Sheriff's Office	\$168.80
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$536.34
Kirchner Building Centers	\$28.94
Midwest Office	\$108.30
Mooring Tech	\$9,895.00
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$82.68
Louis Ochs Chev.	\$2,850.44
Ray O'Herron	\$97.94
P.F. Pettibone & Co.	\$169.60
System Development Services, Inc.	\$46.00
Terminix International	\$25.00
Telecommunications & Elect. Of So. IL T.E.S.I.	\$97.50
Total Police	<u>\$28,746.50</u>

## PARK

A-J Welding and Steel Inc.	\$15.00
Kirchner Building Centers	\$54.63
Midwest Office	\$27.78
Martin's IGA	\$10.06
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$8.00
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$62.43
Rubsam Paint Store	\$36.00
Total Park	<u>213.90</u>

## POUND

County of Jasper	<u>\$1,102.12</u>
Total Pound	<u>\$1,102.12</u>

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Arndt's	1.99
Gwen Baker	219.22
Cummins Crosspoint	\$233.23
ESS Clean, Inc.	\$150.00
Jasper Co Chamber of Commerce	\$200.00
Jasper Co. Credit Bureau	\$50.00
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$160.75
Kemper CPA Group	\$115.50

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION -Cont.

Lorenz Supply Co.	\$187.90
Midwest Office	\$686.07
Miller Office Equipment	\$182.00
The Print Shop II	\$145.26
Terminix International	\$25.00
Total General Adm.	<u>\$2,356.92</u>

## CEMETARY

Yager's Backhoe Service	\$700.00
Total Cemetary	<u>\$700.00</u>

## POOL

Kirchner Building Centers	\$23.99
Martin's IGA	\$4.23
Total Pool	<u>\$28.22</u>

TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS \$34,299.57

## EMA

County of Jasper	347.02
Total EMA	<u>\$347.02</u>

## MFT

Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC.	\$521.14
Total MFT	<u>\$521.14</u>

## TORT

Total TORT	<u></u>
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## CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Tom Brown	\$75.60
Cox, Phillips, Weber, Tedford, Heap & Ayres, P.C.	\$393.75
Total Capital Development	<u>\$469.35</u>

## TIF

Greenup Press	\$189.00
Total TIF	<u>\$189.00</u>

## EAGLE TRAIL

Total Trail	<u>\$0.00</u>
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## BRIDGE

Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC	\$2,084.56
Total Bridge	<u>\$2,084.56</u>

## ELECTRIC

Anixter, Inc.	248.50
Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives	\$400.00
BHMG Engineers	\$4,681.56
Big D Electric, LLC.	\$10,549.48
Brownstown Electric Supply Co.	\$18,220.01
Choice Mobile Tire Service	\$381.06
Drake-Scruggs Equipment, Inc.	\$549.00
Fastenal	\$1,384.07
Grainger	\$491.80
Hi-Line Utility Supply	\$1,939.45
Huddleston Supply	\$2.56
Julie, Inc.	\$240.46
Kirchner Building Centers	\$551.06
Midwest Office	\$331.49
Mobotrex	\$1,000.00
J.R. Madison Maintenance Supplies	\$58.00
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$71.49
Online Information Services	\$70.50
Louis Ochs Chev.	\$338.20

ELECTRIC Cont.	
Republic Services	\$344.50
Terminix International	\$25.00
Terex Services	\$1,860.21
Valley Electric Supply Corp.	\$460.33
Total Electric	<u>\$44,198.73</u>

WATER	
Bradford Supply Co.	\$386.04
Cummins Crosspoint	\$264.00
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$75.87
Julie, Inc.	\$240.46
Kirchner Building Centers	\$17.19
City of Mattoon	\$15.00
Midwest Office	\$139.00
Midwest Meter, Inc.	\$14,918.89
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$131.00
USA Blue Book	\$149.97
Brent Wilson Trucking	\$1,431.92
Total Water	<u>\$17,769.34</u>

SEWER	
Bradford Supply Co.	\$331.50
Cummins Crosspoint	\$264.00
Jasper Co. Health Dept.	\$60.00
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$63.84
Julie, Inc.	\$240.45
Kirchner Building Centers	\$147.69
Lorenz Supply Co.	\$84.97
McCoy & McCoy Laboratories, Inc.	\$144.00
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$66.16
Terminix International	\$25.00
Tarr Chiropractic Clinic	\$85.00
USA Blue Book	\$328.13
Total Sewer	<u>\$1,840.74</u>

<b>TOTAL PAYABLES=</b>	<u><u>\$101,719.45</u></u>
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## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

March 1, 2016

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Eric Blake.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: Larry Brooks

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to adopt the amended (delete item 8.A., add Kenny Keach under Public Comments, add an Insurance Committee meeting for March 7 at 5:45, add EMA meeting at 6 PM March 7 at the county building) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Kenny Keach was present to explain his issues as a landlord.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, approving opening the yard waste facility to be open the first and third Saturdays from 8:00 AM to noon beginning April 2, 2016 under the landscape waste collection site rules.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve a license for ingress and egress in favor of Steve Walden, his heirs, successors and assigns.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner

Nays: None

### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, authorizing two Newton Police Department employees attending IJOA & IDOA training June 15-17, 2016 at a cost of \$150 for first and \$125 for additional officers, plus expenses.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve a Special Event Permit for NCHS Yearbook "Zombie Chase Run/Walk" on April 2, 2016.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize Ken Larimore attending Illinois Tax Increment's Spring Conference, \$300 for the conference, \$109 a night for room plus expenses.

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

### COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Bloomberg - JEDI met March 1, earlier today. Amanda Lessley was present and talked about the Jasper County Foundation and One-hundred Plus Women Who Care. The taxing bodies talked about their latest projects. Jasper Unit I is actively pursuing applicants for Superintendent of Jasper Unit I.

### STATEMENTS:

Brown – The large pavilion in Peterson Park needs a new roof at a cost of approximately \$9,000 to \$9,500.

The new restrooms will be open, weather permitting, by the end of the month. The pool will be drained and filled at about the same time. The park is taking applications for summer help at the pool and batting cage.

The new toddler swing will be installed when weather permits.

Blake – presented the animal control report. He cancelled the Dues and Donations meeting for March 7 and rescheduled it for March 8 at 6 PM. A finance meeting will be held the same night at approximately 6:30, following the Dues and Donations meeting.

Bloomberg – The Police Department is in need of a new car, budget permitting. There is a leak in the roof of the old electric department portion of city hall. A commercial roofing specialist needs to check for the leak. Chief Swick is considering an electronic manual which would facilitate police training. Chief Swick is looking at camera positions on the square. The next city-wide, city sponsored, clean-up will be May 20 – 21 for electronics and tires, dumpsters will also be available. There have been requests for medicine disposal. Bloomberg will research possibilities.

City Treasurer Brooks – Savings on the Aquatic Center refinanced bonds is approximately \$62,000.

Mayor Bolander – A thank you note was received from the First Baptist Church for the dumpster reimbursement program. The Strawberryfest has been cancelled for this year by the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce. The Streetscape project will begin on the square and will be completed by the Fall Festival.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be March 15, 2016. There will be a Dues and Donations Committee meeting March 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM followed by a Finance Committee meeting at approximately 6:30 PM. An Insurance Committee meeting is scheduled for March 7 at 5:45. An EMA meeting is scheduled for March 7 at 6 PM at the county building.

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

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:40 PM.

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

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner

Nays: None

**Open session resumed at 7:15 PM.**

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

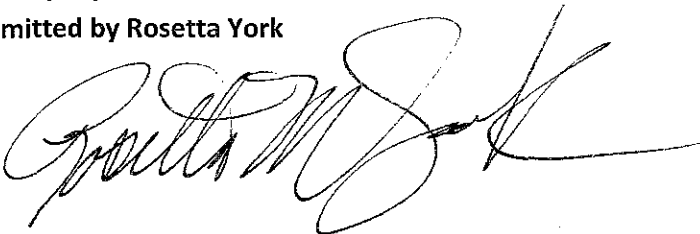
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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**LICENSE FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS  
BETWEEN CITY OF NEWTON, ILLINOIS AND  
STEVEN L. WALDEN**

WHEREAS, STEVEN L. WALDEN, of 1427 East 300<sup>th</sup> North, Cowden, Illinois  
62422 owns the following described real estate, to-wit:

All of that part of the following described Tract: A part of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter, commencing on the South bank of the Embarras River near the mouth of a small branch just above the wagon bridge, thence South to the line between Townships Six (6) and Seven (7), thence East to the Southeast corner of the said Southwest Quarter, thence North to the center of said Section, thence West to the West or South bank of the Embarras River, thence down said river with the meanderings of said West or South bank to the place of beginning; except that part of the last above described tract that is described in Deed Record 97, page 182; all in Section Thirty-six (36), Township Seven (7) North, Range Nine (9) East of the Third Principal Meridian, Jasper County, Illinois, which lies West of the Newton-Greenup Wagon Road, containing 10 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, the only access to said real estate is over the CITY OF NEWTON'S  
EAGLE TRAILS Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway (hereinafter "Pathway"), and,

WHEREAS, the CITY OF NEWTON has erected barriers to prevent motorized  
vehicles from using said EAGLE TRAILS, and,

WHEREAS, the CITY OF NEWTON has issued to STEVEN L. WALDEN a key to enable him to temporarily remove one of the CITY'S barrier so as to allow him temporary ingress and egress over the Pathway to said real estate.

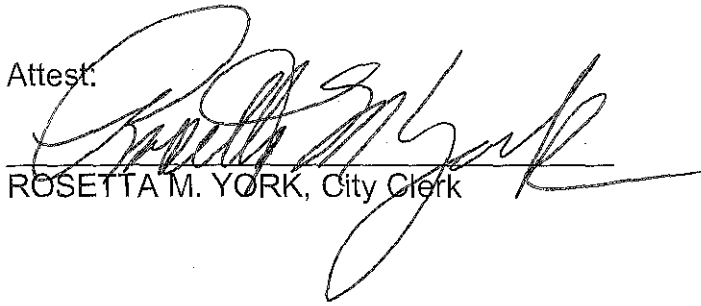
NOW, THEREFORE, the CITY OF NEWTON, ILLINOIS, does hereby grant to STEVEN L. WALDEN a license to operate a motor vehicle on the CITY OF NEWTON'S EAGLE TRAIL Pathway for the sole purpose and only to the extent necessary to enable STEVEN L. WALDEN and his heirs, successors and assigns to have ingress and egress access to his real estate above described, subject to the condition that STEVEN L. WALDEN and/or his heirs, successors and assigns shall pay to the CITY OF NEWTON the full amount of any and all damages caused to the CITY'S EAGLE TRAILS Pathway by his/their activity under this license and further subject to the condition that this license is revocable by the CITY OF NEWTON if STEVEN L. WALDEN or his heirs, successors or assigns fails to pay such damages or otherwise abuses the license privilege granted hereby.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016.

CITY OF NEWTON

  
MARK A. BOLANDER, Mayor

Attest:

  
ROSETTA M. YORK, City Clerk



# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

March 15, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Attorney Max Tedford

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adopt the amended (Public Comments: add Lee Beckman and John Stone) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting of the Newton City Council

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$149,072.17 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 \$35,409.95.

Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Lee Beckman addressed the council with updates on the streetscape project. Merchants will be given updates as the project progresses. John Stone is studying storm water issues in the southern area of the city and will make recommendations in the future.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Rubsam to authorize the distribution of dues and donations: Jasper Co. Boys and Girls Park \$1,400; Jasper Co. Jr. High science lab \$100; Jasper Co. Jr. High student council \$100; Sunrise Youth Center soccer program \$200; St. Thomas School library \$100; Jasper Co. youth soccer \$1,000; Jasper Co. Jr. High PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentive Systems) \$100; Newton junior football league/cheerleading \$1,000; Jasper Co. Cancer Support, Inc. \$300; Newton Community High School post prom \$100; ERBA (Embarras River Basin Agency) \$1,000; St. Thomas 8<sup>th</sup> grade civics club \$100; for a total distribution of \$5,500.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner to approve the Ameren Pole Use Agreement for data collection and meter reading systems.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to authorize the new COBRA/IMRF continuation rates.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to authorize "City-Wide Clean-Up" days on May 20 and 21, 2016.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to authorize two Newton PD officers to attend Regional Office of Education #12 at a cost of \$55 each

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to authorize two wastewater employees attending the Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators conference April 18 – 20, 2016 at \$190.00 per person plus expenses (1 person 3 days and 1 person 2 days)

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Rubsam - Insurance Committee met March 7 to review Cobra/IMRF continuation rates for 2016.

Bloomberg - EMA met March 7 and updates were given.

Blake - Dues and Donations Committee met March 8 to review 12 applications for dues and donation funds. The recommendation was voted on by the Council as outlined in the minutes above.

Rubsam - Finance Committee met March 8 to review City Code 38-1-8 in response to an inquiry by Kenny Keach. The Committee recommends the code remain in effect. Mr. Keach has the opportunity for a hearing outlined in Code 38-1-8 if he so desires to present evidence in his behalf as to why he shouldn't be held accountable. The committee also reviewed a request by Jasper Co. EMA to use the old electric department office and building and discussed an in-kind gesture for a portion of the city's share for the EMA program. Any request by the Police Department to use the building would be put on hold to accommodate EMA. BHMG electrical consultants are working on plans/costs for a possible substation on the south end of town. BHMG will be consulted concerning a slight rate increase for electric customers. Casey Tibbs with Image Squared Marketing will be asked to attend a future Finance Committee meeting to present marketing options for the City. Security renovations at City Hall are being considered. The CDAP housing project is on-going.

## **STATEMENTS:**

Reisner – repairs will be made to sidewalks in the Five Aprils Crossing Subdivision at a cost of approximately \$1500. The State has signs at Sam Parr State Park and will begin work on the Eagle Trail project.

Brown – Water rescue was discussed at the fire department meeting and the city may be contacted in the future concerning access to the river.

Rubsam – the new Chinese restaurant is a welcome addition to the City.

City Treasurer Brooks requested an appropriation change.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to make the following appropriation change in the General Fund Accounts Police Department – move \$6,000.00 from the contingency fund to DUI Enforcement.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Mayor Bolander read a letter from Ameren concerning enhancements to the transmission system.

The electric grid work to be done between Newton and Olney will improve reliability of power.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be April 5, 2016. There will be a Negotiations Committee meeting March 16 at 6:30 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, 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: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:45 PM.

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

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:30 PM.

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

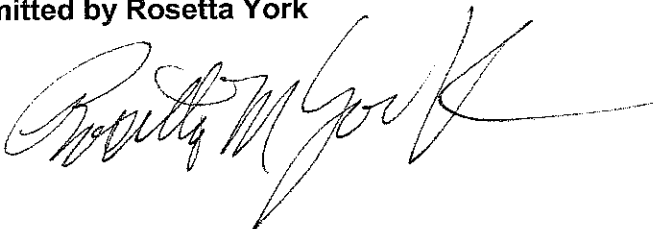
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**



## OFFICIAL MINTUES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

April 5, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Attorney Max Tedford called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Scott Bloomberg.

Mayor Bolander joined the meeting at 6:01 PM.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adopt the amended (add Lee Beckman and Shannon Woodard to speak under Public Comments; change Cindy Waters to June Weiscope under Public Comments) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2016 meeting of the Newton City Council

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

June Weiscope from Casey's General Store – Casey's would like to sell hard liquor requiring a different liquor license. A committee meeting will be held to discuss the issue.

Lee Beckman from Milano and Grunloh – The council consensus was to have black light poles for the streetscape project. He provided a copy of a pay estimate and discussed ADA compliance for the entry to the new building to be the future site of the Eagles Lodge. There will be handicap parking in front of the building. A 2" conduit will be installed for future cameras around the square. Curb and gutter has been added to the project.

Shannon Woodard from Connor & Connor Engineers – An estimate has been calculated for a replacement water main on South Church Street for 350 feet of main. Eight services would be replaced and upgraded with new meters. There was a consensus of the council to advertise the project with issue to become official at the next council meeting. The lift station upgrade will be done soon.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, authorizing the remaining Hwy 33/130 project funds for a sidewalk replacement program in the amount of \$12,078.24.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to approve the special event application for "Step Up for Down Syndrome" to be held May 7, 2016 at 8 AM.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to authorize a Newton Police Department employee attending ILEAS training on June 12 – 14 for \$246.80 per person plus expenses.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to accept the notice of retirement from a full-time street department employee. Thank you to P.J. Bergbower for his years of service.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize advertising for a full-time street department employee.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize advertising for a part-time street department employee for under 1000 hours' work.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve the TIF application for Pegtown building. The City agrees to reimburse 100% of the real estate tax increment increase based on the PIN

each year for five years starting with the 2017 tax year that is paid in 2018 up to a maximum of \$45,000.00. TIF applicant agrees not to protest the real estate tax assessment on the TIF property while receiving the TIF benefits.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the TIF application for Panama Express (revised). A. The City agrees to reimburse "eligible TIF expenses" (land acquisition, surveying, studies etc.) up to \$13,000.00 after building is framed, furnishing proof as stated within. B. The City agrees to reimburse 100% of the real estate tax increment increase based on the PIN each year for five years starting with the 2017 tax year that is paid in 2018 up to a maximum of \$112,000.00. TIF applicant agrees not to protest the real estate tax assessment on the TIF property while receiving the TIF benefits.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the committee appointments and their respective chairmen.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the department head appointments.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to pass 16-03 Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$88,000.00.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Negotiation Committee meetings 3-16-16 and 3-23-16. Blake: met in closed session to discuss the Laborers' International Union Local 1197 proposed contract.

Zoning Board of Appeals met 3-21-16 to consider a request for a special use permit to allow a manufactured (modular) home to be placed in an SR-2 (single family district) at the location of 807 Foster for B & B Homes with funds from the CDAP grant. The special use permit was granted. Election of officers will be held at a future meeting.

Finance Committee met 3-24-16. Rubsam: reviewed TIF requests from Pegtown Investors, Inc. and Panama Express. The Committee recommended the requests be approved.

Street Committee met 3-29-16. Reisner: Paul Johnson discussed having a handicap ramp at his new building. The sidewalk program was discussed with the recommendation to put \$12,000.00 in the program with the homeowner paying for the material, city paying the labor, on the first come/first served basis. Discussed a tractor lease. Discussed advertising for a new full-time street department employee and a part-time street department employee. Discussed handicap parking on the east side of the square, maybe one on Van Buren and one on E. Washington.

Finance Committee met 3-31-16. Rubsam: Casey Tibbs with Image Squared Marketing advised the committee how the city could benefit from marketing. Discussed cost for replacing a street curb.

Discussed costs for electrical conduit for the streetscape project. Reviewed water and sewer rates.

Brooks: JEDI met today, 4-5-16, with a tour of Alliance Tractor given by Jim Miller. JEDI update was given by Ken Larimore, City of Newton update by Larry Brooks, Jasper County update by Joe Bierman, and Unit I school update introducing Mr. Andy Johnson as the new Unit I school Superintendent starting July 1.

#### **STATEMENTS:**

Rubsam – Discussed part-time employment in the Electric Department to be discussed at a joint Finance/Electric Committee meeting. The sidewalk is attractive around the square.

Brooks – The streetscape program is going well with traffic moving without interruption.

Reisner – the city-wide cleanup is scheduled for May 20 and 21. The Police Department is coordinating the cleanup. Republic Service commercial customers have had concerns about pricing.

Blake – A Negotiations Committee meeting will be held Monday, April 11 at 6:30 PM.

Treasurer Brooks asked for an appropriation change:

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to make the following appropriation changes in the General Fund Accounts Pool: move \$200.00 from Contingency to Legal Services.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Clerk York presented a purchase order:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to authorize purchase order #6491 for the Water Department: IMCO Utility Supply Co. for a locator and a line transmitter at a cost of \$4,174.00.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be April 19, 2016. There will be a joint meeting of the Finance and Electric Committees April 7.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, and 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: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 7:04 PM

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to go out of closed session and back into open session

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:19 PM.

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

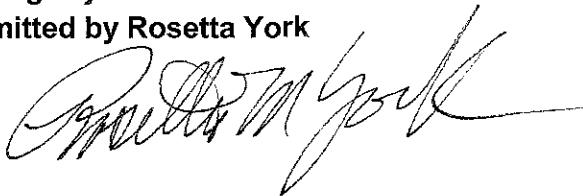
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**April 19, 2016 at 6:00 PM**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Steve Rubsam.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adopt the amended (add Lee Beckman from Milano & Grunloh under Public Comments, Old Business 8a should be 10 services not eight, Committee Reports add April 7 joint Finance/Electric Committee meeting) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2016 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$172,343.48 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 \$54,896.45.

Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Lee Beckman from Milano and Grunloh was present to provide an update on the streetscape project. ITEP applications are accepted from May 2 to June 17 for a future project.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to authorize the Church Street water line project to upgrade and replace 350 feet of water main and ten services.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to authorize renewing the City's pledge to the Jasper CEO Program, which is \$1,000.00 per year for three years.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize the agreement with Image Squared Marketing at a cost of \$150.00 per month.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the establishment of an Advertising/Marketing Committee and to appoint committee chairman Bloomberg and members of the committee, Rubsam and Brooks.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize not raising the water rates on May 1, 2016.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Reisner, to approve and accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Newton Police Department and the Laborers' International Union of North America, Southern & Central Illinois Laborer's District Council Laborer's Local Union 1197.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize an electric rate study and accept the proposal by BHMG at a cost of \$18,850.00.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve the 2016-2017 balanced budget.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Rubsam - There was a joint meeting of the Finance and Electric Committees April 7, 2016. The committees discussed electric rates and substation with Verbal Blakey, BHMG Electrical Consultants. The committees also discussed the status of electric poles, circuits and streetscape electrical improvements and the need for 1000 hour summer help for the Electric Department.

Blake - The Negotiation Committee met April 11 to go into closed session to discuss Laborers' International Union Local 1197 proposed contract.

Rubsam - The Finance Committee met April 18 and discussed the 2016-2017 balanced budget, a loan payment to the Electric Department from TIF funds (loan to be revisited in August for an additional payment to the Electric Department) and TIF income.

**STATEMENTS:**

Rubsam - A water issue west on Menke Ave. was brought to his attention.. A couple culverts needs to be cleaned out. He commented the streetscape project is looking good.

Brown - A suggestion was made to add benches behind Burl Ives and create a small park instead of parking spaces to encourage tourism.

Blake - An agreement was reached with the Police Department union. The Policemen and their work are very much appreciated.

Bloomberg - The sidewalk in front of the VFW is in need of repair. An application should be submitted for the sidewalk program funds.

Mayor Bolander - Thursday, November 3, is the Jasper County Community Foundation annual event. Saturday, August 6, is a celebration for Rex Vault's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be May 3, 2016. There will be a meeting of the Police Committee on 4-25-16 at 5:30 PM followed by an Alcohol and Tobacco Committee Meeting about 6:15 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, 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: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

**Open session suspended at 6:52 PM.**

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:06 PM.

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

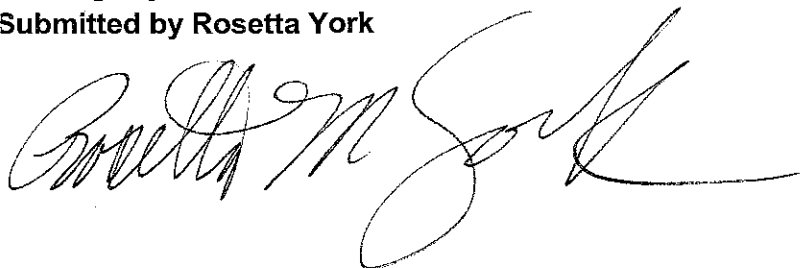
Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Blake, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 3, 2016**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance of the flag was led by Alderman David Brown

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to adopt the amended (add Lee Beckman, Vanette King and Doug Long under Public Comments) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2016 minutes of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam

Nays: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Lee Beckman, Milano and Grunloh, gave an update on the Streetscape project.

Doug Long, City of Newton EMA representative, has set up an office and will keep the council updated on the activities of EMA in the area.

Vanette King has walked the Eagle Trail and talked with others walking the trail. There were requests for distance markers, trash receptacles and mosquito pellets in standing water.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, authorizing the Newton Police Department to advertise for part-time officers.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brown

Nays: None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Bloomberg - JEDI met 5-3-16 and heard updates from the Jasper Co. Board, Jasper Unit I Schools, Ken Lerimore CED Extension Educator and Mayor Bolander from the City of Newton. The DCEO Southeast Regional Manager, Patrick Pape, was introduced and will be working on economic development for this region.

The Police Committee met 4-25-16 to discuss details for the city-wide cleanup May 20 and 21, advertising for a part-time police officer, directing impound fees to fund the firing range, discussed traffic issues and went into executive session.

Blake -The Alcohol and Tobacco Committee met 4-25-16 to discuss liquor license issues. There are no licenses available.

### **STATEMENTS:**

#### **Council Members**

Rubsam – Welcome to Doug Long, the City's EMA representative. A minor foundation issue was addressed with the Streetscape project.

Brown – The new restrooms are open at Peterson Park. May 26 the pool will be opened. The light poles for the Streetscape project will be delivered in July.

Reisner – There will be a Street and Alley Committee tomorrow evening.

Blake – There is a need for some gravel at the west end of Central Drive where a water line was installed.

Bloomberg – The CEO trade show is tomorrow night at the K of C Hall from 5 – 7 PM.

City Treasurer –Reservations can be made for the Mutual Medical annual conference in Washington, Illinois.

Mayor Bolander – Read a letter from Chris Parr thanking the City for all the help this school year contributing to a successful year.



The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be May 17, 2016.

**Scheduled committee meetings:** Street and Alley Committee May 4 at 6:00 PM, Ad Hoc (Future Eagle Trail phases) Committee May 4, 2016 at 10:00 AM and Finance Committee meeting May 9 at 6 PM.

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

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:36 PM.

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

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

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

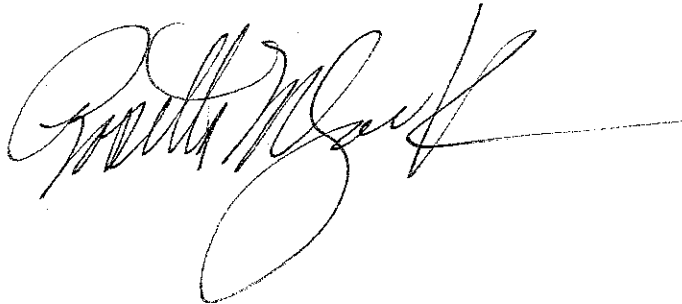
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

May 17, 2016

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake

Absent: Scott Bloomberg

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

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Blake, to adopt the amended (add Larry Short and Lee Beckman under Public Comments and add part-time to the GIS tech referral) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2016 meeting of the Newton City Council

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$198,870.30 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 \$159,172.02.

Reisner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Larry Short addressed the council concerning an electric connection issue. An Electric Committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the issue. Lee Beckman presented an update on the streetscape program. Good progress has been made despite the weather. May 2 through June 17 applications will be accepted for the ITEP program. Phase IV was discussed at a recent meeting. A resolution and support letters will be needed for the application.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize payment of Partial Pay Estimate #6 due B & T Drainage Inc., in the amount of \$ 149,800, for work on Brookside/Xander's Addition/ City Square (Change Order #2 Lift Station/ Digesters) project.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize payment of invoices due Connor & Connor Inc., totaling \$34,722.97, for work on the Brookside/Xander's Addition/ City Square project.

Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to authorize the hiring of Harley Gray for the full-time Street Department opening effective May 18, 2016.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Blake, to authorize acceptance and approval of the 2016 material bid proposals for MFT funds for the annual street maintenance program: Lee Kintner & Sons, Inc. for seal coat AC-5 for \$49,497.50; Heuerman Bros. for CA-16 for \$8,909.60 and CA-6 for \$1,957.50; Compass Minerals America, Inc. for salt at a cost of \$6,692.25; for a total cost of \$67,056.85.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to approve department head (in the amount of 50 cents per hour) and part-time GIS tech (in the amount of 40 cents per hour) wage increases effective May 1, 2016.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize City Hall security renovations in the amount of \$3,155.00 for Raymond Kocher's bid, bullet-resistant acrylic purchased by the city for \$1,955.00, and Security measures by Barlow Security in the amount of \$5,885.00 for a total of \$10,995.00.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize a Newton police officer to attend training at a cost of \$60.00 plus expenses for three nights and four days.

Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Reisner - The Street & Alley Committee met May 4 and went into executive session to interview applicants for the street department opening.

Reisner - An Ad Hoc (Eagle Trail) Committee met May 4 to discuss possible routes for a future ITEP application. After much discussion, the choice was a trail along the south side of the Embarras River.

Rubsam - The Finance Committee met May 9 to discuss department head and part-time GIS tech wage increases, non-union part-time officer salary, acceptance of credit/debit card payments at city hall, city hall security renovation, and a building permit for the sidewalk program to ensure ADA compliance.

#### **STATEMENTS:**

Reisner – Future sidewalk programs need to have more specific guidelines.

Brooks – A customer approached him about a water leak. A joint Water and Wastewater Committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the issue.

Brown – The Parks Department truck has been repaired. The new restrooms are operational. EMA and the city departments, especially the Electric Department, did good work during and after the recent storm.

City Treasurer Brooks reminded the council of the Mutual Medical conference June 15. Auditors will be here June 6 through the June 10.

Bolander – The sidewalk program has \$12,000 for the year. Projects in the TIF area will be processed with TIF funds instead of sidewalk program funds. Any surplus materials in the departments should be advertised and sold. A new home has replaced a demolished home in the CDAP target area and improved the neighborhood. The city-wide cleanup is this weekend for all city residents.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be June 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Blake, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, 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: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:56 PM.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to go out of closed session and back into open session

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:12 PM.

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

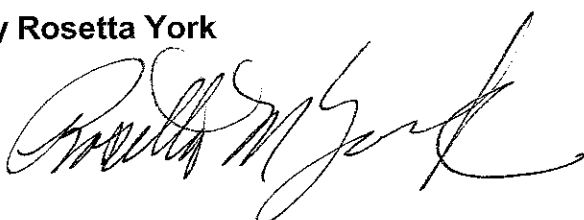
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**



## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

**June 7, 2016, 6:00 PM**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Robert Reisner

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adopt the amended (add Lee Beckman, Public Comments; JEDI, Committee Reports; joint Water and Wastewater meeting 6-9-16, scheduled committee meeting) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the May 17, 2016 minutes of the regular meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Lee Beckman, Milano and Grunloh, provided an update on the Eagle Trail Streetscape project.

Chad Miller explained a Together We Play area for Peterson Park his Lincoln Smiles charity would like to pursue. It would be an all-inclusive play area for children, especially those with special needs. The charity would build it and maintain it. He requested permission to locate it in Peterson Park. The council encouraged him to get more information, it seems it would be a good addition to the park.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to approve the First Baptist Church application for sidewalk replacement.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve the bid received from B & T Drainage for the South Church Street water main replacement in the amount of \$38,071.00.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Resolution 16-04 Funding Support for 2016 ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) Grant Project.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to pass Resolution 16-05 Amendment to Agreement between IDOT and the City of Newton for additional curb and gutter going north on Van Buren St. which is not part of the originally proposed Streetscape project.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the Right of Way easement agreement for the City with Ronald Bierman, Scott Bierman and John Miller.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brown, to approve the Right of Way easement agreement for the City with Kevin A. McKee and Pamela J. McKee.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, to accept the letter of resignation from a Zoning Board of Appeals Member, Shawn McCrillis, effective June 30, 2016. Thank you to McCrillis for his service on the board.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubasm, Brown

Nays: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Bloomberg – JEDI met earlier today at the Steve Jones Plumbing new facility. An informational tour was provided. The Dream Weaver Boutique was also toured. Both stores are a welcome addition to downtown Newton. Updates on area projects were given at the meeting.

**STATEMENTS:**

Rubsam – The American Legion has some renovations taking place in the front of their building.

Brown – The aquatic center has had a successful beginning to the swim season with 1800 patrons attending the first 11 days. Everything is going well in the park. The Electric Department personnel are staying busy with city projects.

Reisner – There is a problem with the storm sewer line on South Van Buren that will be checked into. The Street Department is working on cleaning the ditches in various areas.

Bloomberg – A Community Facility grant is being pursued for the firing range. A small shed has been moved to the range for equipment storage. The city-wide cleanup went well. Take a Bite Out of Crime golf outing will be July 15. Bloomberg would like to have a social media meeting with Casey Tibbs Monday, June 13, at 5:30 if Mr. Tibbs is available at that time. When employee insurance is being considered, the shingles shot would be a good addition as well as wellness checkups.

Brown – Thank you to Chief Swick for escorting the Special Olympics torch when it came through Newton.

John Stone – MCC is requesting a permit to install a fiber optic line to the Springfield Clinic, from Goble St. to Maple St then south down Maple. A building permit is required along with a street deposit for boring under the street.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be June 21, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Scheduled committee meetings: Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing June 13, 2016 at 6:00 PM, Street & Alley June 9, joint Water and Wastewater June 9 and a Social Media meeting June 13 at 5:30 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, 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: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:55 PM.

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

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:23 PM.

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

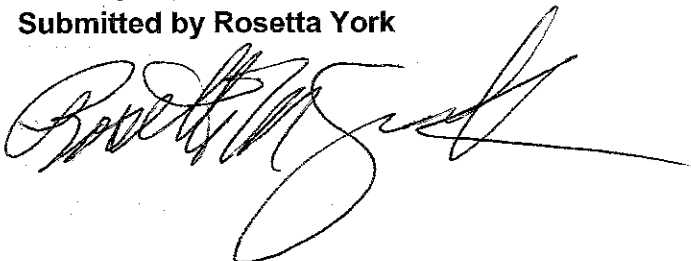
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**



# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

June 21, 2016

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Eric Blake.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the amended (Scheduled meetings: JEDI will meet July 5 at 1:15 PM, Water Committee will meet June 23, Advertising and Marketing Committee will meet June 27) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the June 7, 2016 minutes of the regular meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$185,882.77 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 \$90,343.55.

Reisner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

## OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve Ordinance 16-01 the state mandated annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

## NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to approve TIF agreement with JCCU # 1 for \$9,500 reimbursement for sidewalk and curbing on Maxwell Street and South Van Buren Street.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to approve TIF agreement with Adams Memorial for \$6,000 reimbursement for sidewalk and curbing on South Van Buren Street.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve the agreement with "CourtMoney.com" services for credit card payment system.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize Huddleston Supply's proposal for work on the firing range for \$1,766.64.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Reisner - The Street & Alley Committee met June 9 and June 15 to discuss drainage issues at and near GSI. After a discussion with GSI, an agreement was reached to cost-share the expense of improving the drainage with a maximum from the city of \$40,000.

Brooks - There was a joint meeting of the Water & Wastewater Committees June 9 to discuss water leak adjustments. Attorney Tedford will provide an ordinance for the next council meeting.

Rubsam - The Finance Committee met June 14 to review a TIF application, discuss changes in handling city accounts with Theresa Zuber from the Peoples State Bank, review Ordinance 38-1-25 for water leak adjustments, using credit cards to pay utility bills, and an update on City Hall security renovations.

Rubsam – The Alcohol and Tobacco Committee June 15 to consider an additional beer and wine license, Class C, and review a request for a Class B liquor license. Another meeting will be called to discuss the issue.

**STATEMENTS:**

Reisner – the ditch has been cleaned behind the IGA to improve drainage. The Street Department will purchase more sand for the roads due to the high temperatures. The digesters are installed at the sewer plant and are working well. The Water Street lift station will be worked on soon.

Blake – a meeting will be held June 30 for the Alcohol and Tobacco Committee to discuss liquor license issues.

Mayor Bolander – The Eagle Trail benches and waste containers project has fallen through so if another group would provide them, it would be appreciated. The Tourism Council will be contacted to see if they are interested. Mayor Bolander was approached by a concerned citizen about feral cats. Perhaps a club or organization would like to pursue this since the city does not have funds for it. The State's Attorney will be having the annual golf outing with proceeds going to the Sheriff's Department and the Newton City Police Department. The Southeastern Illinois Council on Aging has a local representative, Rene Hartigan. For information about their services, call her at the Senior Citizen's Center. The housing grant is winding down. Six homes are almost finished being rehabilitated with a seventh house being considered to use the remaining funds from the CDAP grant. Mayor Bolander read a letter from a citizen thanking the Electric Department for their efficient and professional work.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be July 5, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Scheduled committee meetings - JEDI will meet July 5 at 1:15 PM, Water Committee will meet June 23, Advertising and Marketing Committee will meet June 27, Alcohol and Tobacco Committee will meet June 30.

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

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**Open session suspended at 6:25 PM.**

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

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

**Open session resumed at 6:48 PM.**

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

Bloomberg reminded the council the Honey Do Ministry will be working July 11 – July 15.

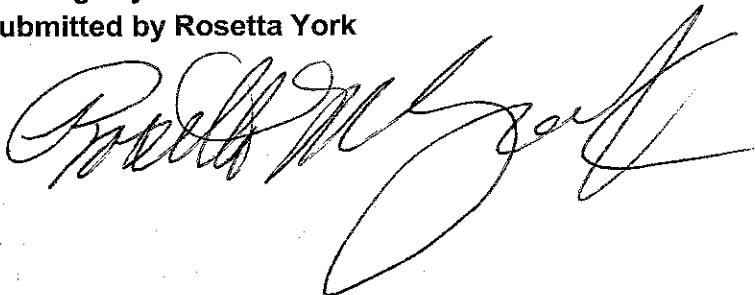
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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# ACCOUNTS PAYABLES June 22, 2016

## STREET

A - J Welding & Steel, Inc.	8.92
Bloomberg Chiropractic Center	70.00
CCI Redi Mix	620.00
Ernst-Layton Fire Control	\$83.50
Jasper Clothiers	\$76.00
Jasper County Health Dept.	\$98.00
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$37.03
Midwest Office	\$381.41
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$1,269.49
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$81.53
Newton Press	\$76.40
Roepke Overhead Doors	\$250.00
Sarah Bush Lincoln	\$62.00
Schulte Supply, Inc.	\$52.12
Tarr Chiropractic Clinic	\$85.00
Terminix International	\$25.00
Brent Wilson Trucking	\$1,074.57

Total Street	\$4,350.97
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## POLICE

Amsterdam	\$310.33
A - J Welding & Steel	\$26.04
Gwen Baker	\$274.03
Birch Auto Service & Towing	\$100.00
Card Service Center	\$172.37
Cox, Phillips, Weber, Tedford, Heap & Ayres	\$2,050.00
County of Jasper	\$5,905.26
Cintas	\$71.53
CJ's Performance & Accessories	\$538.39
Central IL. Construction	\$936.00
Communication Revolving Fund	\$139.56
Conlin Home Inspection	\$1,750.00
Cintas	\$73.42
Dollar General Corp.	\$23.40
Daily News, Inc.	\$38.35
Dirtbuster Carwash, LLC.	\$135.00
Digital - Ally	\$70.00
Ernst-Layton Fire Control	\$48.00
Effingham Daily News	\$108.40
Fleet Safety Equipment, Inc.	\$344.00
Gall's	\$172.72
Ron Heltsley	\$95.00
Hostettler Nuisance Control	\$62.80
Jasper Clothiers	\$341.00
Jasper County Sheriff's Office	\$168.80
Kirchner Building Centers	\$0.14
Lexis Nexis	\$388.76
Lawson Products	\$68.81
Lorenz Products Co.	\$33.81
Martin's IGA	\$39.47
McClane Motor Sales, Inc.	\$329.12
Judy McClure's Signs & Graphics	\$132.00
Miller Office Equipment	\$24.00
Midwest Office	\$68.63
N.C.C. Truck Gear	\$85.00
Olney Daily Mail/Newton Press Mentor	\$74.42
Ray O'Herron	\$453.92
The Print Shop II	\$108.98
So. Central FS, Inc.	\$135.13
SuperCircuits	\$467.52
Terminix International	\$25.00
Taser International	\$68.12

Total Police	\$16,457.23
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## PARK

Huddleston Supply, Inc.	\$50.35
Kirchner Building Centers	\$9.58
Martin's IGA	\$4.98
McClane Motor Sales	\$490.00



PARK Cont.	
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$17.94
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$9.48
Total Park	\$582.33
 <u>POUND</u>	
County of Jasper	\$976.57
Total Pound	\$976.57
 <u>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</u>	
Gwen Baker	274.02
Card Service Center	2,094.54
Ernst-Layton Fire Control	\$4.00
International Council of Shopping Centers	\$100.00
Kemper Technology Consulting	\$200.00
Lawson Products	\$68.82
Lorenz Supply Co.	\$33.81
Miller Office Equipment	\$408.58
Midwest Office	\$713.40
Newton Press	\$129.18
The Print Shop II	\$90.50
Terminix International	\$25.00
Total General Adm.	\$4,141.85
 <u>CEMETARY</u>	
Ernst-Layton Fire Control	\$13.88
Yager's Backhoe Service	\$350.00
Total Cemetary	\$363.88
 <u>ZONING</u>	
Newton Press	\$114.60
Total Zoning	\$114.60
 <u>BAT</u>	
Dieterich FFA	\$8.00
Ernst-Layton Fire Control	\$13.87
Jasper County Health Dept.	\$133.33
Total Bat	\$155.20
 <u>GOLF</u>	
Dieterich FFA	\$8.00
Ernst-Layton Fire Control	\$13.87
Jasper County Health Dept.	\$133.33
Master Pitching Machine, Inc.	\$56.00
So. Central FS, Inc.	\$20.00
Total Golf	\$231.20
 <u>POOL</u>	
Card Service Center	\$665.96
Central Cigar - Candy Co.	\$2,274.90
Dieterich FFA	\$8.00
Eagle Country Water Works, Inc.	\$112.80
Ernst-Layton Fire Control	\$13.88
Hawkins, Inc.	\$153.00
Jasper County Health Dept.	\$573.34
Kim's IceCream, LLC.	\$1,392.00
Kirchner Building Centers	\$23.74
Cheryl Michl	\$156.00
Midwest Office	\$33.80
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$16.18
Pepsi MidAmerica	\$953.60
Recreation Supply Co.	\$188.51
Royal Crown Beverage Co.	\$98.00
Terminix International	\$45.00
Wabash Food Service	\$1,208.92
Total Pool	\$7,917.63
 TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS	
	\$35,291.46
(Due to Water - Card Service Credit )	\$16.00
	\$35,275.46

EMA

County of Jasper	385.00
Total EMA	<u>\$385.00</u>

MFT

Milano & Grunloh Engineers	\$3,061.84
Total MFT	<u>\$3,061.84</u>

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Thomas Brown	\$41.04
Cox, Phillips, Weber, Tedford, Heap & Ayres	\$568.75
Com 2 Recycling Solutions, LLC.	\$500.00
R & R Services of IL, Inc.	\$1,758.00
Total Capital Development	<u>\$2,867.79</u>

EAGLE TRAIL -Phase II

Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC	\$12,247.38
Total Eagle Trail	<u>\$12,247.38</u>

ELECTRIC

A - J Welding & Steel, Inc.	\$85.50
Alliance Tractor LLC.	\$2,807.18
Anixter	\$7,492.47
Brownstown Electric Supply Co.	\$4,876.20
BHMG Engineers	\$476.40
Clarke Mosquito Control Products	\$1,882.42
Drake-Scruggs Equipment, Inc.	\$212.00
Ernst-Layton Fire Control	\$273.75
Huddleston Supply, Inc.	\$82.11
Invizions, Inc.	\$3,545.00
Kirchner Building Centers	\$42.47
Midwest Office	\$324.65
Mobotrex	\$3,430.00
Online Information Services	\$67.80
Louis Ochs Chevrolet	\$452.87
Progressive Chemical Lighting, Inc.	\$514.42
Tarr Chiropractic Clinic	\$85.00
Terminix International	\$25.00
Valley Electric Supply Corp.	\$1,601.44
Wayne's Tree Service	\$1,900.00
Total Electric	<u>\$30,176.68</u>

WATER

Bradford Supply Co.	\$314.02
Ernst-Layton Fire Control	\$105.25
Illinois Rural Water Association	\$234.70
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$7.96
Kirchner Building Centers	\$23.57
City of Mattoon	\$30.00
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$81.00
So. Central FS, Inc.	\$2.20
Tarr Chiropractic Clinic	\$85.00
Total Water	<u>\$883.70</u>

SEWER

A & J Welding	22.00
Connor & Connor	\$4,050.00
Ernst-Layton Fire Control	\$37.75
Illinois Rural Water Association	\$234.70
Lorenz Supply Co.	\$76.83
McCoy & McCoy Lab.	\$144.00
McClane Motor Sales	\$36.45
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$24.99
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$1.06
Terminix International	\$25.00
USA BlueBook	\$792.92
Total Sewer	<u>\$5,445.70</u>

**TOTAL PAYABLES=** \$90,343.55

Prepaid June 22, 2016	
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	
Verizon Wireless	\$214.86
Newwave Communications	\$517.53
Cheryl Michl - Petty Cash	\$500.00
Jasper Services, Inc.	\$6,723.00
Ameren Illinois	\$338.08
The L.I.U. of NA National Industrial Pension Fu	\$1,711.19
United States Treasury	\$80.29
Max Tedford	\$150.00
Wex Bank	\$1,382.39
City of Newton	\$1,558.79
Treasurer, Petty Cash	\$313.74
Rosetta York	\$78.12
ET & T Distributors	\$75.47
Larry Brooks	\$191.70
	<u>\$13,835.16</u>
<b><u>Payroll</u></b>	
NGL Insurance	\$53.36
The Standard	\$258.00
State Disbursement Unit	\$870.00
Sec Treasurer Local 1197	\$629.00
NCPERS Group Life Insurance	\$112.00
American Heritage Life Insurance	\$81.42
P.J. Bergbower - reimb	\$8.24
Standard Insurance - vision	\$290.80
AFLAC	\$907.54
	<u>\$3,210.36</u>
<b><u>INS A</u></b>	
MedTrak Services	\$3,426.52
The Standard	\$182.00
	<u>\$3,608.52</u>
<b><u>Specials</u></b>	
Mutual Medical	\$750.00
HealthLink, Inc.	\$115.00
Jasper Services	\$425.00
	<u>\$1,290.00</u>
<b><u>TIF</u></b>	
Jasper County Chamber of Commerce	\$21,394.81
	<u>\$21,394.81</u>
<b><u>Electric</u></b>	
Verizon Wireless	\$52.84
Illinois National Bank	\$10.48
Newwave Communications	\$92.22
Charlie Schackmann	\$74.52
Jasper Services, Inc.	\$112.50
Ameren Illinois	\$98.88
Norris Electric	\$42.00
Newton Post Office	\$131.65
United States Treasury	\$36.89
City of Newton	\$182.62
WexBank	\$374.30
Ameren Services	\$20,375.15
Illinois Power Marketing	\$103,909.46
	<u>\$125,493.51</u>
<b><u>Water</u></b>	
Tyler Weber	\$104.76
Verizon Wireless	\$32.55
Newwave Communication	\$76.95
Connor & Connor, Inc.	\$7,722.97
Jasper Services	\$187.50
Ameren Illinois	\$109.74
Newton Post Office	\$131.64
United States Treasury	\$19.53
City of Newton	\$1,666.62
WexBank	\$195.08
Bierman - Scott Investments	\$500.00
St. Thomas Church	\$3,000.00
Treasurer Petty Cash	\$17.32
Michael Jones	\$67.55
	<u>\$13,832.21</u>
<b><u>WWT</u></b>	
Verizon Wireless	\$57.32
Newwave Communications	\$76.95
Ameren Illinois	\$87.61
Newton Post Office	\$131.64
United States Treasury	\$19.53
City of Newton	\$2,449.26
WexBank	\$351.82
Michael Jones	\$44.07
	<u>\$3,218.20</u>
Total PrePays	\$185,882.77

# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

July 5, 2016

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Scott Bloomberg.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the amended (Public Comments add Katie & Adam Kuhl, Tim Dasenbrock, and Nick Burris; scheduled committee meeting add Police meeting July 11) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the Newton City Council meeting of June 21, 2016.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

## PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:

Nick Burris, Milano & Grunloh, updated the council on the Eagle Trail project around the square and on North Van Buren Street. Tim Dasenbrock addressed the council about a put-put golf fundraiser for the ball park in October or November. Adam Kuhl inquired about a liquor license.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve Ordinance 16-02 An Ordinance to Amend Section 38-1-25 Water Leak Adjustment of the Newton City Code.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

## NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to approve the appointment of Maxine Calvert to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, authorizing to bore for water main contingent upon the agreement with Valerie Burnell to annex when contiguous with the City.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Bloomberg – the Advertising and Marketing Committee met June 27 with Casey Tibbs and Amber Wakefield to discuss social media posting.

Rubsam – The Finance Committee met June 30 to discuss eliminating appropriations for budget line items that are no longer needed.

Blake – The Alcohol and Tobacco Committee met June 30 to discuss liquor license availability and a potential buyer for a local business.

Bloomberg - JEDI met July 5 to receive updates on the Dynegy Illinois generating plant; Ken Larimore's update on economic development opportunities; Mayor Bolander's update on city projects; and Co. Board Chairman Bierman's update on county activities.

## STATEMENTS:

Reisner – Brent Benefiel passed the operator license test for the Wastewater Department.

Bloomberg – requested a Police Committee meeting be held July 11 to discuss the opening for a part-time police officer and the hazards of scooter chairs on city streets.

Clerk York – Discussed the upcoming election of 2017.

Mayor Bolander – The Governor's stop-gap measure was successful so work is continuing on the Streetscape project and schools will be able to open. Cellular One will be closing Aug. 5 because AT&T bought Cellular One and is closing all their stores in southern Illinois. DCEO

reported the application for the Enterprise Zone has passed the first phase of the application review. The final scoring will be complete by Sept. 30. A concerned citizen called the Mayor concerning semi-trucks using Scott Ave. and not taking the proper route to the highway when going from north to south. Additional signage will be installed to try to eliminate the problem. The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be July 19, 2016.

Scheduled committee meetings: Insurance Committee July 6, 2016 at 5:30 PM; Police Committee July 11 at 5:30 PM

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, 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: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:27 PM.

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

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 and purchase of real estate.

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

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York



**NOTICE: 5:45 PM, Public hearing re: 2016 Appropriations**

Hearing called to order by Mayor Mark Bolander.

Physically present: Mark Bolander, Rosetta York, Melissa Brooks, Steve Rubsam, Vanette King, Larry Brooks, Carl Baker

Treasurer Brooks explained the appropriations are for each line item and for each department's anticipated projects.

No comments or objections were voiced to the Appropriations Ordinance No. 16-03

Hearing was closed at 5:51 PM by Mayor Bolander.

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL  
July 19, 2016**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Steve Rubsam.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the amended (add Lee Beckman and Vanette King under Public Comments) agenda for the July 19, 2016 Newton City Council meeting.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the July 5, 2016 minutes of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$205,395.29 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 \$289,133.91.

Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Lee Beckman gave an update on the Streetscape project. The concrete is wrapping up, light poles are here, railings will be here in two weeks. It is recommended to clean and seal the concrete every year.

Vanette King – She is researching the Pokemon app and asked if a Pokemon could be on the trail to attract people to the trail. Safety must be considered. Vanette will present her findings to the council.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Ordinance 16-03 Annual Appropriations.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to pass 16-06 Resolution Regarding Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, Irrevocable Letter of Credit.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Reisner, to approve the annexation agreement with Valerie B. Burnell with the corrections on page 1 "OWNER'S property line" should be "OWNER'S meter box" and on page 2, Item 2 "OWNER'S property line" should be "OWNER'S meter box" (two corrections) and Item 3, of "pay the standard tap-on fee of \$600.00 per tap when connected" instead of \$350.00. (Total of 4 corrections.)

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to pass 16-05 Ordinance Approving Valerie B. Burnell Annexation Agreement.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize hiring two part-time Newton Police Department officers, A.J. Hyatt and Alec Westrich.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to accept the resignation of part-time Newton Police Department Officer Marty Hustad.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to accept Mike Fischer's bid of \$350.00 for the air compressor.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to pass Ordinance No. 16-04 An Ordinance to Add Section 1-1-25 "Payment of City Fines, Utilities and Other Charges of the City".

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Rubsam - the Insurance Committee met July 6 to discuss changes to the Health Insurance Plan for city employees. Discussed adding shingles vaccine, wellness checks and immunizations, and network health care coverage. Will meet with Jason Boothe at Snedeker Insurance at a future meeting for recommendations to the city health care plan.

Bloomberg – The Police Committee met July 11 to discuss hiring and tuition conditions for part-time police officers. Received an update on the shooting range. Police Department is considering updating the record keeping computer system that will have no maintenance fee. Went into executive session to conduct interviews for two part-time police officers. Will recommend to the council to hire A. J. Hyatt and Alec Westrich. Awarded the bid to Mike Fischer for the air compressor for \$350.00.

#### **STATEMENTS:**

Brooks – The square project looks better every day.

Reisner – Benefiel has another class to complete before he is a certified operator for the Wastewater Department. A sidewalk will be installed and rock for the driveway will be installed at the new home provided by the CDAP grant.

Bloomberg – A Police Committee meeting was held to discuss the tuition for police officers. Chief Swick provided a contract for part-time officers. The contract will be on the next city council agenda.

Rubsam – The Chamber has discussed the Fall Festival.

Mayor Bolander - A gentleman has donated sunscreen to the aquatic center. A citizen has donated equipment for disc golf. Other options to consider for the park are soccer golf and pickle ball.

Bolander received a letter from NewWave TV. Brooks will call a meeting to discuss their contract.

Rex Vault will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary August 6 and the public is invited to celebrate with them.

The state of Illinois owes the city \$4,438.70 in unpaid utility bills for street lights and the maintenance yard.

St. Anthony Hospital in Effingham is interested in making a donation towards our Eagle Trails. Options were discussed. Bloomberg will pursue ideas.

Bolander met former alderman Jeff Ford at the Cardinal game. Ford was wearing a Cardinal hat and cheered for the Cardinal team!

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be August 2, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

JEDI will meet Aug. 2.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, 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: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:44 PM.

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

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:06 PM.

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

Part-time police officers A. J. Hyatt and Alec Westrich were sworn in by Clerk York and welcomed to the force.

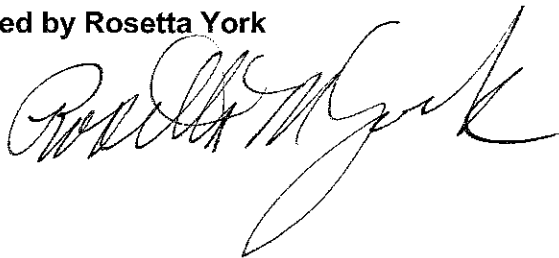
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosetta York", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.



# ACCOUNTS PAYABLES July 20, 2016

## STREET

B & T Drainage	\$5,787.10
Cash Concrete Products, Inc.	\$90.04
Courts & Cracks	\$1,500.00
Jasper County Hwy Dept.	\$428.23
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$41.77
Kirchner Building Center	\$142.38
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$152.95
Newton Part Supply	\$134.36
Olney Daily Mail -Newton Press	\$72.98
Terminix International	\$25.00
Wabash Valley Service	\$41.43
Brent Wilson Trucking	\$809.98
Total Street	\$9,226.22

## POLICE

Gwen Baker	\$219.22
Beryl Brothers	\$150.00
Card Service Center	\$864.39
Cintas	\$79.52
Cox, Phillips, Weber, Tedford, Heap & Ayres	\$350.00
County of Jasper	\$6,041.77
CJ's Performance & Accessories	\$120.00
Communication Revolving Fund	\$139.56
Conlin Home Inspection	\$1,750.00
DASH Medical Gloves	\$76.90
Dirtbuster Carwash, LLC.	\$150.00
Effingham Daily News	\$57.20
4imprint	\$495.83
Gene's Landscaping	\$240.00
Heartland Classics Towing	\$60.00
Huddleston Supply Inc.	\$1,766.64
Jasper Co Sheriff's Office	\$168.80
Jasper Clothiers	\$27.00
Kirchner Building Centers	\$10.99
Marcy Lowrance	\$20.00
McClane Motor Sales, Inc.	\$223.35
Judy McClure's Signs & Graphics	\$372.50
McClure Masonry Inc.	\$250.00
Midwest Office	\$59.77
N.C.C. Truck Gear	\$135.00
Newton Part Supply	\$69.46
Louis Ochs	\$280.47
Olney Daily Mail/Newton Press Mentor	\$41.14
Linda S. Pieczynski, Attorney at Law, P.C.	\$82.00
South Central FS, Inc.	\$37.70
Mike Swick	\$32.25
Terminix International	\$25.00
Verizon Wireless	\$100.00
The Vest Man	\$150.00
Webster Ford, Inc.	\$35.39
Total Police	\$14,681.85

## BAT

Card Service Center	\$179.36
Total Bat	\$179.36

## PARK

Choice Mobile Tire Service	\$20.00
Jensen Equipment Co.	\$69.43
Kirchner Building Centers	\$147.65
Martin's IGA	\$38.63
Progressive Chemical & Lighting, Inc.	\$113.42
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$91.34
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$35.00
Total Park	\$515.47

## POUND

County of Jasper	\$929.00
Total Pound	\$929.00

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Gwen Baker	\$219.22
Cox, Phillips, Weber, Tedford, Heap & Ayres	\$131.25
Civic Systems, LLC	\$312.50
Installations, Inc.	\$1,955.00
Kemper Technology Consulting	\$115.50
Kemper CPA	\$1,462.50
Midwest Office	\$530.68
Miller Office Equipment	\$230.00
Newton Press	\$30.56
Terminix International	\$25.00
U.S. Postal Service	\$84.00
Total General Adm.	\$5,096.21

POOL

Brad Benefiel	\$92.65
Card Service Center	\$539.52
Eagle Country Water Works, Inc.	\$67.68
Hawkins, Inc.	\$2,361.30
Jasper Co Health Department	\$40.00
Kim's IceCream, LLC.	\$912.00
Kirchner Building Centers	\$86.35
Lorenz Supply Co.	\$458.92
Cheryl Michl	\$35.00
Midwest Office	\$13.89
Pepsi MidAmerica	\$546.80
Progressive Chemical & Lighting, Inc.	\$113.41
Terminix International	\$45.00
Tri-M Plumbing	\$525.00
Wabash Food Service	\$3,145.05
Total Pool	\$8,982.57

TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS \$39,610.68

EMA

County of Jasper	\$346.69
Total EMA	\$346.69

MFT

Larry Heuerman	\$1,393.20
Illinois Department of Revenue	\$32,390.35
Milano & Grunloh Engineers	\$3,012.16
Total MFT	\$36,795.71

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Thomas Brown	\$127.98
Cox, Phillips, Weber, Tedford, Heap & Ayres, P.C.	\$218.75
Card Service Center	\$82.16
Image Squared Marketing	\$150.00
Jasper County Treasurer	\$379.50
Total Capital Development	\$958.39

TIF

Connor & Connor	\$4,500.00
Illinois Dept of Transportation	\$77,213.62
Illinois Tax Increment Association	\$550.00
Jasper Co Chamber of Commerce	\$10,454.68
Kirchner Building Centers	\$1,678.06
	\$94,396.36

EAGLE TRAIL -Phase II

Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC	\$12,048.61
Total Eagle Trail	\$12,048.61

TOTAL SPECIALS \$144,545.76

**ELECTRIC**

Anixter	\$1,259.08
Barbeck Communications	\$225.00
BHMG Engineers	\$1,092.60
BKW Services, Inc.	\$60,689.50
Brownstown Electric Supply Co.	\$8,660.40
Buds N Blossoms	\$51.99
Civic Systems, LLC	\$312.50
CCI Redi Mix	\$141.00
Evapco, Inc.	\$53.50
Grainger	\$1,190.50
Huddleston Supply, Inc.	\$63.06
Steve Jones Plumbing	\$11.39
Kemper CPA	\$1,462.50
Kirby Risk Corp	\$547.95
Kirchner Building Centers	\$1,392.25
Martin's IGA	\$20.94
Midwest Office	\$46.49
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$341.95
Newton Part Supply	\$155.47
Online Information Services	\$51.60
Progressive Chemical Lighting, Inc.	\$384.86
Republic Services	\$267.08
Terminix International	\$25.00
Valley Electric Supply Corp.	\$3,401.12
Webster Ford, Inc.	\$46.08
Total Electric	\$81,893.81

**WATER**

Birch Auto	\$599.53
Bradford Supply Co.	\$596.33
Card Service Center	\$106.24
Civic Systems, LLC	\$312.50
Connor & Connor	\$700.00
Cox, Phillips, Weber, Tedford, Heap & Ayres	\$87.50
IMCO Utility Supply	\$206.98
Jasper Clothiers	\$94.75
Kemper CPA	\$1,462.50
Kirchner Building Centers	\$33.73
City of Mattoon	\$15.00
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$87.28
Midwest Office	\$221.05
Midwest Meter	\$2,774.42
Newton Part Supply	\$157.38
Republic Services	\$797.20
Tri-M Plumbing	\$200.00
Total Water	\$8,452.39

**SEWER**

Alliance Tractor LLC	\$1,999.00
Civic Systems, LLC	\$312.50
Hinckley Springs	\$74.08
IL Environmental Protection Agency	\$10,000.00
Steve Jones Plumbing	\$28.74
Kemper CPA	\$1,462.50
Kirchners Building Center	\$23.88
Martin's IGA	\$21.00
McCoy & McCoy Laboratories, Inc.	\$48.00
Midwest Office	\$11.25
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$300.92
Newton Part Supply	\$90.29
Louis Ochs Chevrolet	\$24.00
Rob Schafer Repair	\$210.11
Terminix International	\$25.00
Total Sewer	\$14,631.27

**TOTAL PAYABLES=** \$289,133.91

<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	
Brad Benefiel	\$32.10
Newwave Communications	\$518.78
Verizon Wireless	\$216.85
Doug Bierman	\$125.79
Jasper Services	\$6,471.00
Jim Riddle	\$90.34
Greg Coker	\$61.72
The LIU of NA National Industrial Pension Fund	\$1,825.03
Adam Deckard	\$17.28
Ameren Illinois	\$1,954.56
Max Tedford	\$150.00
Pitney Bowes	\$45.00
City of Newton	\$2,993.75
Wex Bank	\$1,902.01
Jasper County Health Dept.	\$50.00
Big Creek Custom	\$249.00
Jasper County Clerk	\$45.00
Newton Library	\$1,025.78
Dept. of Financial & Professional Regulation	\$150.00
Rosetta York	\$2.00
Cheatham County Sheriff's Dept.	\$16.60
	<u>\$17,942.59</u>

<b><u>Payroll</u></b>	
Standard Insurance Company	\$263.20
State Disbursement Unit	\$870.00
Sec. Treasurer Local 1197 Union	\$629.00
American Heritage Life Insurance Co.	\$81.42
NCPERS Group Life Insurance	\$144.00
	<u>\$1,987.62</u>

<b><u>INS A</u></b>	
MedTrak Services	\$2,660.29
The Standard Insurance Co.	\$196.56
	<u>\$2,856.85</u>

<b><u>Specials</u></b>	
Symetra	\$9,994.50
Mutual Medical	\$750.00
HealthLink, Inc.	\$120.00
Jasper Services	\$405.00
	<u>\$11,269.50</u>

<b><u>Electric</u></b>	
Newwave Communications	\$92.22
Verizon Wireless	\$46.80
Symetra Life Insurance	\$3,937.00
Jasper Services	\$90.00
Charlie Schackmann	\$1.20
Illinois National Bank	\$12.07
Norris Electric Coop.	\$42.00
Newton Post Office	\$138.58
Ameren IL	\$62.78
City of Newton	\$182.62
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$45.00
Jasper Services	\$67.50
Wex Bank	\$370.41
Illinois National Bank	\$12.17
Illinois Power Marketing	\$152,975.81
	<u>\$158,076.16</u>

<b><u>Water</u></b>	
Verizon Wireless	\$32.91
Newwave Communications	\$76.95
Symetra Life Insurance	\$3,876.00
Tyler Weber	\$116.64
Jasper Services	\$125.00
IPWSOA	\$225.00
Newton Post Office	\$138.58
Ameren IL	\$103.11
City of Newton	\$1,670.59
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$45.00
Jasper Services	\$102.50
WexBank	\$239.11
	<u>\$6,751.39</u>

<b><u>WWT</u></b>	
Sean Inyart	\$60.00
Newwave Communication	\$76.95
Verizon Wireless	\$46.80
Symetra Life Insurance	\$3,406.50
Newton Post Office	\$138.57
Ameren IL	\$80.50
Wex Bank	\$646.73
City of Newton	\$2,010.13
Pitney Bowes	\$45.00
	<u>\$6,511.18</u>

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

August 2, 2016

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman David Brown.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Scott Bloomberg, Eric Blake arrived at 6:04.

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the amended (Correct Item 7 B To Amend Section 21-2-7 ©, not 8 and add Lee Beckman under Public Comments) agenda for the August 2, 2016 Newton City Council meeting.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the July 19, 2016 minutes of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Eric Blake arrived at 6:04 PM.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Lee Beckman gave an update on the streetscape project. Lightposts and handrails will be here next week and will be installed prior to the Fall Festival. No news has been received on the most recent ITEP application.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve the Patrol Officer Training Agreement with a few minor corrections of the wording.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Bloomberg, to pass Ordinance 16-06 to Amend Section 21-2-7 (C) of the City of Newton's codes.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the Fall Festival Special Event permit.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to pass Resolution 16-07 Fall Festival parade.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the NCHS Homecoming Parade Special Event permit.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Resolution 16-08 Homecoming Parade.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:** None

### **STATEMENTS:**

Rubsam – The concrete work is done in front of the Legion and is a nice improvement.

Brown – The Pepsi pool party was a great success. EMA has been very active with the manhunt since yesterday.

Brooks – Tomorrow night there will be a cable TV meeting with NewWave representatives. Department heads met with the construction coordinator from NewWave last week.

Reisner – The new sidewalk is looking good at the grade school.

Blake – June and July animal control reports were given.

Bloomberg – Security measures at city hall are being completed.

Treasurer Brooks – the Snedeker insurance meeting will be September 28 and 29.

City Clerk York presented Purchase Order No. 223267 from the Electric Department:

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to authorize purchase order No. 223267 for the Electric Department: Solomon Corp., two 300 KVA padmount transformers and one 50 KVA single phase padmount transformer at a total cost of \$22,710.00.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Mayor Bolander congratulated the 12 and under baseball team for winning the state championship. The county board will be discussing the animal control wage and asked for the city's input. A consensus of the council was reached and will be voted on at the next council meeting. A letter was received from Jasper Services. The lawn care service is being sold to the Weston Lawn Service effective August 15. Tony Weston also sent a letter asking the City to approve the assignment of the contract for the remainder of this year. Illinois Power Generating sent a letter dated July 29 concerning the cessation of Unit II at the Newton Power Station. Employment of forty percent of the full-time employees will be laid off. The City received a substantial payment of a utility bill from the State of Illinois for the IDOT maintenance yard. A history of charity assistance and delinquent fees was distributed to the council.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be August 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Scheduled committee meeting: Cable TV Committee will meet August 3, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, 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: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:47 PM.

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

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:06 PM.

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

Reisner – The Street Department will begin the road maintenance program August 10. A map will be published in the Newton Press Mentor.

An Insurance Committee meeting will be called August 17.

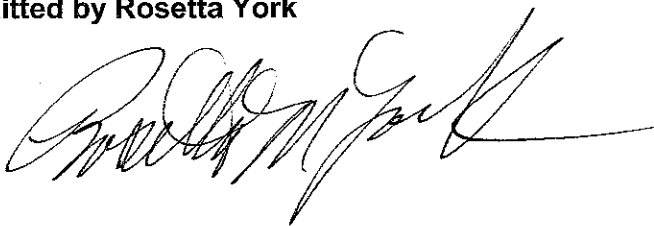
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

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

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

August 16, 2016

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg.

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to adopt the amended (add Doug Long in Public Comments) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the August 2, 2016 minutes of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$227,918.02 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 \$104,894.92.

Bloomberg seconded the motion

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Bolander presented an Award of Excellence to Montana N. Ochs for her outstanding performance and exceptional commitment to teamwork while on the SheCats Softball team and winning the 2016 Illinois South State Champion National Softball Association tournament.

Lee Beckman gave an update on the streetscape project. Weather permitting, the project will be completed by August 26.

Ryan Millsap and Maxine Calvert informed the council of a project to accentuate the town square with additional flowers in pots on each corner. Preliminary plans are to work with service organizations for sponsorship to cover the expenses and provide plaques acknowledging the donors. Volunteers are operating under the Chamber of Commerce and revenue would channel through the Chamber organization. There will be a booth at the Fall Festival to inform the public.

Doug Long reported on the activities of EMA. There have been five fatalities in Jasper County in the past few weeks and the EMA has assisted the emergency crews. They have also assisted with a recent man-hunt and with moving equipment and furniture for the Chamber of Commerce. A semi-trailer will soon be utilized for the storage of sand bags.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve NewWave's franchising extension.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve and authorize the dog catcher's salary increase of \$1,000.00, with the city responsible for half the increase.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Consider and act on Resolution 16-09 Closed Session Minutes. Tabled until after the executive session.

Consider and act on Resolution 16-10 Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Meetings Sessions audio recording. Tabled until after the executive session.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, approving amendments to two (2) Indiana Railroad Permits issued in June 2015, # IRR-CN-03 and # IRR-CN-04.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize Ken Larimore attending ITIA conference, Sept 14-15 for fee of \$350 plus expenses.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to authorize Ken Larimore attending IML conference, Sept 22-24 for fee of \$310 plus expenses.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize the dog catcher attending a two-day training in Effingham (City pays half).

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Bloomberg, authorizing the dog catcher to switch from AT&T to Verizon cell phone (City pays half).

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Brooks – The Cable TV Committee met August 3 at 5:30 PM to discuss problems with phone and internet. The committee also discussed moving of cable lines because of streetscape and the contract with NewWave Communications.

**STATEMENTS:**

Brown – An update on security measures in city hall was given. The pool will be open weekends until Labor Day.

Brooks – He had a call from someone on the north side of Fairground St. that the ditches were not draining well.

Bloomberg – He met with Chief Swick about updating the dispatch system. No figures were available so a Police Committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the issue. The PD's golf cart will be used by the group maintaining the flower pots on the square. If there are property maintenance issues, building permits will not be issued until the issues are addressed. If properties need to be mowed and no response is given when the owner is notified, the City will mow the property and bill the owner. Mayor Bolander emphasized the need for citizens to maintain their property to control the mosquito population. Please mow, trim and eliminate standing water. Brown will contact the Electric Department about treating standing water.

Congressman Shimkus will be at City Hall August 25 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Appointments are requested but not required. Bolander appreciates Shimkus' willingness to come to our community to discuss issues. The New York Times reported on a study that showed Jasper County, Illinois is among the best counties in the United States to raise a family. The county ranked #2,090 of 2,478 counties in the United States.

There is a section of city property on Hickory Drive that will need to be maintained by the City after this summer. Bloomberg will talk with Ryan Millsap and Maxine Calvert concerning this. In this same area is a bridge railing where there are weeds to be trimmed.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be September 6, 2016 at 6:00 PM. The Insurance Committee will meet August 17 at 6:00 PM.

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

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 7:09 PM.

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



Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:25 PM.

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to pass Resolution 16-09 Closed Session Minutes.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to pass Resolution 16-10 Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Meetings Sessions Audio Recording.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

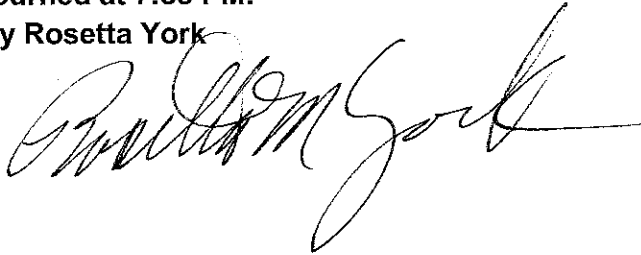
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**September 6, 2016**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Robert Reisner.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake

Absent: Scott Bloomberg

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

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the amended (add Lee Beckman under Public Comments) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to approve the August 16, 2016 minutes of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, reported the streetscape project is 99.5% completed. A walk-through will be scheduled for Monday at 9:00 AM.

Casey Tibbs, Image Squared Marketing, informed the council of the work done by his company for the City using social media. They are posting local events and community happenings and encourage the public to send information to them by emailing [experiencejaspercounty@gmail.com](mailto:experiencejaspercounty@gmail.com).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Blake, to authorize paying expenses for the K-9 officer attending the 2016 National Patrol Dog Trials.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Reisner, to authorize Pay Estimate #1 and Final due B & T Drainage for work on South Church Street water in the amount of \$40,732.00

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, authorizing Change Order #3 – City Square/Brookside Xander's Addition project, with B & T Drainage for work on exposed clay tile sewer line in James Addition in the amount of \$17,646.00.

Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, authorizing "Shared Agency Computer Software End User License Agreement".

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Blake, authorizing City Clerk attending the 2016 MCI Academy with fees \$450.00 plus expenses.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brooks, authorizing the 2017 increase in rates of health insurance for employees' dependents and employer contribution of 5%.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, authorizing 2017 Health Care plan changes.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

All members and coaches of the twelve and under boys baseball team were presented with an Award of Excellence in recognition of their outstanding performance and exceptional commitment to teamwork in winning the 2016 Cal Ripken state baseball championship.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Rubsam – The Insurance Committee met August 17 with Jason Booth and Ray Diel representing Snedeker Insurance. The committee discussed the “grandfather status” under the PPACA, incentives for employees to use the County Health Department, health insurance rate increase for city employee dependents and the City rate. A general consensus was reached among the committee to switch to a different claims administrator as recommended by Snedeker Insurance. The committee agreed to change the national network employees use when seeking care outside the HealthLink service area.

Rubsam – The Insurance Committee met August 25. Items discussed: City’s health insurance reserve fund, health care dependent rates and city rate, the “grandfather clause” to allow the city to add coverage as needed, raising rates 5% for employees and the City’s contribution to increase the reserve fund.

Reisner – The Police Committee met August 24, 2016 and heard a report from Gary Johnson on the 911 and integrated public safety software which includes computer aided dispatch, records management system, Spillman mobile and other modules. The committee discussed street signs for semi trucks’ directions on Jackson St. and Wilson St. to get to highway 130 south. The City’s canine officer and Dano qualified for the 2016 National Patrol Dog Trials. Various drainage issues were also discussed.

**STATEMENTS:**

It was the consensus of the council – the streetscape has made the square beautiful.

Blake gave the August animal control report.

Clerk York presented a purchase order:

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubasm, to authorize Purchase Order #006492 for the Water Department: Hacker Plumbing and Drilling, Inc. to clean well #7 and air scrub raw water line at a total cost of \$9,450.00.

Ayes: Blake, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Mayor Bolander – The Economic Impact of Domestic Travel Report comparison for 2014 and 2015 shows an increase in money spent in Jasper County. Increases are shown in employment and local tax receipts.

Bill and Marilyn Riggs will be opening Marilyn’s Liquor Cabinet in the former Newton Bottle Junction building.

The Five Aprils Crossing Subdivision will be mowed by Weston’s Lawn Service when arrangements can be made.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be September 20, 2016 at 6:00 PM. The Finance Committee will meet Sept. 8 at 5:30 PM, the Water Committee will meet Sept. 8 at 6:00 PM.

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, 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: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:53 PM.

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

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:20 PM.

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

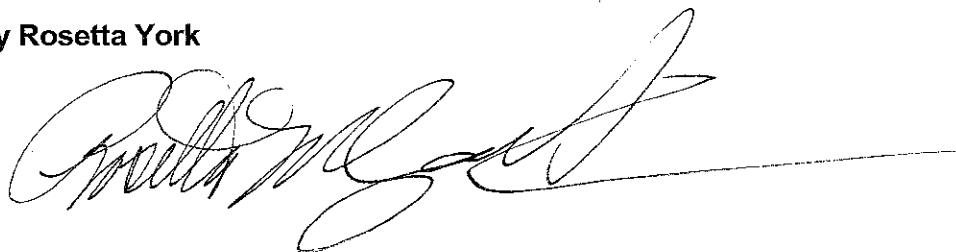
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**



# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

September 20, 2016

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman David Brown

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Robert Reisner, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: Larry Brooks, Eric Blake

Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the amended (add JEDI meeting to scheduled meetings and add Sept. 8 Finance Committee meeting and Sept. 8 Water Committee meeting to the Committee Reports) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the September 6, 2016 minutes of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$253,540.11 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 \$320,745.58.

Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Lee Beckman, Milano and Grunloh, sent a text stating the streetscape project has been completed except for the punch-list, which should be finished this week.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Reisner, to approve and accept Kemper's 2015-16 audit.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve and accept Kemper's 2015-16 TIF audit.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve Halloween-Trick-or-Treat Night for October 30, 2016 between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM, with a bad weather date of October 31, 2016. (questions call 783-8478)

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to authorize providing flu shots for all part-time and full-time city employees.

Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to approve TIF application for Newton Elite Fitness \$6,179.00 plus tax increment over 5 years up to \$2,500.00.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve TIF application for Integrated Therapy Services for \$1,500.00.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to approve TIF application for Rauch's Jewelry for \$2,500.00.

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg and Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve TIF application for Ishmo, Inc. for \$2,500.00.

Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

**Rubsam** – The Finance Committee met September 8 and reviewed four TIF applications and recommended TIF monies be approved. The Finance Committee met again September 15. Brian Bradbury, Kemper CPA, presented the recent Financial and TIF Audits as of and for the year ending April 30, 2016. Revenues and expenditures of the city's utility departments and tax levied non-major funds were noted and are operating in the positive. The City received a "Clean Compliance Opinion" from Kemper CPA Group. Rubsam thanked the office staff for their professionalism and their work with the auditors.

**Bloomberg** – The Water Committee met September 8 and discussed the painting of the south water tower and a water main project to the south tower. The projects were put on hold until a future time. A fence being installed near a water line was also addressed.

#### **STATEMENTS:**

**Rubsam** – The walk-through of the streetscape project was informative and the work beautified the city. The Chamber office is very nice. He encourages everyone to stop and see the office. It is very impressive.

**Brown** – The downtown looks great. The Fall Festival was very successful.

**Reisner** – A few improvements were made after the walk-through of streetscape. The Mayor and councilmen complimented the office staff for their work, especially with the auditors.

**Clerk York** presented a purchase order for the water department.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to authorize purchase order #006493 for the Water Department: Midwest Meter for meter bases, M-25 Gal. HRE-LCD, encoders, brackets, and meter box lids and rings at a total cost of \$18,139.00.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner

Nays: None

**Mayor Bolander** appreciates the work by those who moved office furniture and equipment to the new Chamber office. Thank you to all those participating. Dynegy sent a letter stating Unit II will be shut down. Unit I will still be operating. Keith Moran sent a letter informing the council of the successful Enterprise Zone application. Pending the signature of the Governor, the Enterprise Zone will be effective January 1, 2017.

**The next regular meeting** of the Newton City Council will be October 4, 2016 at 6:00 PM. The Personnel Committee will meet Sept. 27, 2016 at 6:00 PM and JEDI will meet October 4, 2016 at 1:15 PM.

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:30 PM.

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

Ayes: Brown, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

**Open session resumed at 7:12 PM.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

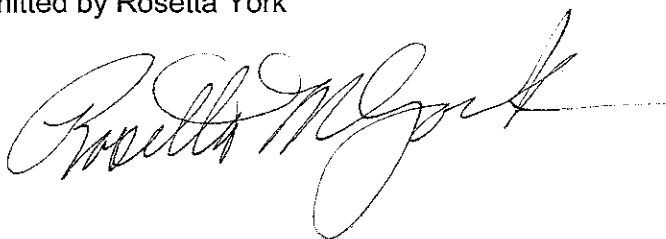
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, October 4, 2016 at 6:00 PM**

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Eric Blake.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adopt the amended (add two scheduled committee meetings, Personnel Committee meeting 10-10-16 at 5:30, Police Committee meeting 10-19-16 at 5:30) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the September 20, 2016 minutes of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the opening of the City yard waste facility every Saturday in November 2016.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Brooks – the Personnel Committee met September 27 and heard updates from each department by the department heads. Everyone seems to be very busy with different projects.

Bloomberg - JEDI met this afternoon, October 4. The guest speaker was James Patrick, Executive Director of South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission. He provided information about loans and job development in Jasper County. Updates were given by Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator; Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton; Joe Bierman, Jasper Co Board Chairman; and Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Schools for Jasper Unit I.

**STATEMENTS:**

Rubsam – several upcoming events in Jasper County...St. Thomas annual picnic this weekend on Saturday and Sunday, Chamber of Commerce event October 28, Indoor Trunk or Treat Night at the Grove Township Community Center October 30, Country Rhodes Turkey Supper at the Grove Township Community Center Nov. 5 with a meat bundle raffle.

Brooks – He attended the Snedeker conference last week. Much information was given concerning liability issues for the City.

Treasurer Brooks – Also attended the Snedeker conference and it was very informative.

Reisner – Oct. 17 a portion of Decatur Street will be closed for a couple of days for railroad work of removing switches. Also, replacement of street signs is almost complete.

Blake - gave the animal control report.

Bloomberg – Doug Bierman and Dano went to a national competition and Dano placed 16<sup>th</sup> out of 80+ dogs. Several trees have fallen on the right-of-way and Chief Swick is seeing about having them removed.

Treasurer Brooks asked for an appropriation change:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to make the following appropriation changes in the Water Department - move \$1,500.00 from the Contingency fund to Engineering.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

EEC055

Mayor Bolander received a letter from IDOT. They will be working on the bridge south of town (Brush Creek Bridge) next year. He also received a letter from Indiana Railroad. The Santa train will be here Sunday, December 4. A consensus of the council was to make a monitory donation. At the Rotary meeting today Rebecca Holkinbrink, Newton Elementary Guidance Counselor, asked for volunteers to be mentors for children. It requires spending time with a child 30 minutes, one day a week. More mentors are needed.

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be October 18, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Scheduled committee meetings: Personnel Committee October 10 at 5:30, Police Committee October 19 at 5:30.

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

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner  
Nays: None

**Open session suspended at 6:25 PM.**

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

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake  
Nays: None

**Open session resumed at 6:43 PM.**

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

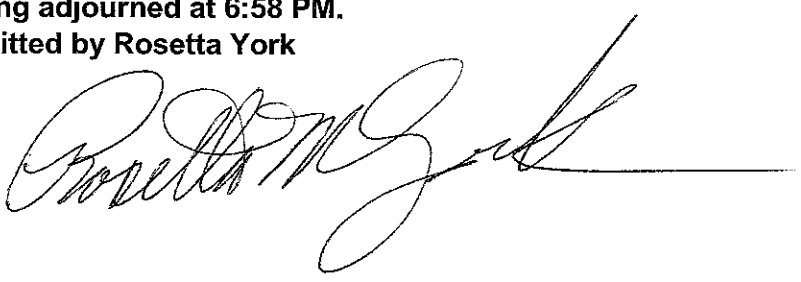
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg  
Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

October 18, 2016

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Scott Bloomberg.

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the amended (add: Lee Beckman to Public Comments; description of TIF application on 9.d.; add Consider and act on TIF application for William and Marilyn Riggs on 9.e.; add dollar amounts on 9.f., 9.g., 9.h., approving the agreement on 9.i.; add a scheduled Police Committee meeting and Electric Committee meeting under Scheduled Committee meetings) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to approve the October 4, 2016 minutes of the Newton City Council

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$401,242.80 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 \$75,075.56.

Bloomberg seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Lee Beckman reported a couple of small issues on the Eagle Trail project will be addressed. He distributed a list of new ITEP grants that were approved around the state. A map was distributed showing Phase 4 of the Eagle Trail Multi-use Path. A "friends of the trail" group will be organized.

Vanette King invited the council to a "cheers for the chamber" event to be held October 28. Tickets are available for the event at several locations in Newton and at the door the night of the event.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to approve the Special Event Permit for Chad Miller.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize the City Treasurer attending "Institute and Advanced Seminar for Treasurers" with fees of \$410.00 plus expenses.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Ordinance 16-07 to Amend Section 7-10-1 through 7-10-9 of Article X – Fireworks Code.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Reisner, approving a TIF request from Jolyn Bigard of \$2,250.00 for TIF eligible expenses.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, approving a TIF request from William and Marilyn Riggs of \$2,500.00 for TIF eligible expenses and reimbursement of tax increment increases for 10 years with a maximum of \$22,500.00.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to authorize the Zoning Board of Appeals Administrator's annual salary of \$2,500.00 effective May 1, 2017.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman's annual salary of \$2,500.00 effective May 1, 2017.

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to authorize Zoning Board of Appeals Members' salary of \$35.00 per meeting effective May 1, 2017.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, to approve the City Treasurer's Agreement effective May 1, 2017.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Reisner, Blake

Nays: None

Abstain: Brooks

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Brown, to pass Ordinance 16-08 to Amend Article III – Salaries of Elected Officials effective May 1, 2017.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to pass Ordinance 16-09 Amend Section 1-2-56 of Division VI – City Clerk effective May 1, 2017.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Brooks – the Personnel Committee met 10-10-16 and discussed personnel in executive session. They also discussed the 2017 election in open session.

#### **STATEMENTS:**

Reisner – The leaf collection will begin in November. The yard waste facility will be open every Saturday in November from 8 AM to noon.

Bloomberg – The Police Committee meeting is tomorrow evening at 5:30 PM.

Treasurer Brooks thanked the council for approving her agreement.

Clerk York attended sessions in Springfield for City Clerks. Operations procedures will be required by the state and federal government within a few years. A Continuous Operation Plan will be required. Election procedures were explained. An active shooter presentation was given by the Illinois State Police.

Mayor Bolander received information from Ancel Glink concerning liability on the Eagle Trail. Amber Wakefield from Image Squared Marketing had contacted Bloomberg to inform the public of the email address of [experiencejaspercounty@gmail.com](mailto:experiencejaspercounty@gmail.com)

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be November 1, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Scheduled committee meetings: Police Committee 10-19-16 at 5:30 PM; Electric Committee meeting Nov. 14 at 5:30.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, 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: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

#### **Open session suspended at 6:40 PM.**

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

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

#### **Open session resumed at 6:59 PM.**

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

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

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner

Nays: None

#### **Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.**

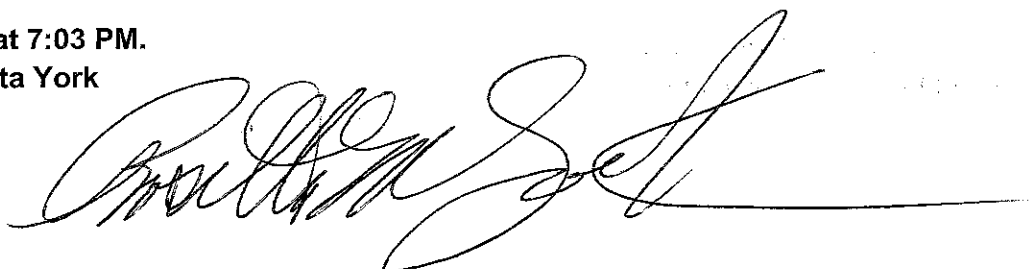
**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

November 1, 2016 at 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor

Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Steve Rubsam

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Steve Rubsam.

3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk

Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake (arrived at 6:03 PM), and Scott Bloomberg

Absent: None

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

4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to adopt the proposed/amended (amendments: November 15, 2016) agenda.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Bloomberg

Nays: None

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of October 18, 2016

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the regular minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg and Rubsam

Nays: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on approving payment of Pay Estimate #8 and Final Xander's Addition/City Square Project due B & T Drainage in the amount of \$110,446.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to authorize payment of Pay Estimate #8 and Final Xander's (Brookside) Addition/City Square Project due B & T Drainage in the amount of \$110,446.00.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brown

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on approving payment of Connor & Connor invoice for work on Digesters/Lift Station in the amount of \$6,800.

Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to authorize payment of the Connor & Connor, Inc. invoice for work on Digesters/Lift Station in the amount of \$6,800.00

Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on a donation of \$200 toward the INRR 2016 Santa Train event.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to authorize a donation of \$200.00 toward the INRR 2016 Santa Train event.

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on accepting Doug Beirman's resignation.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve and accept Officer Doug Bierman's resignation.

Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Blake

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing Newton Police Officer to attend training for fees of \$3,000 plus expenses.

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to authorize a Newton Police Officer to attend training for fees of \$3,000.00 plus expenses.

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on approving Christmas bonuses for all present full-time and part-time employees.

Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Brown, to authorize a Christmas bonus of an extra day's pay or a day off with pay (to be taken by April 30, 2017) be given to full-time employees and to part-time employees who have worked at least 3 months and are currently working.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam

Nays: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Bloomberg – the Police Committee met October 19 to go into executive session to discuss personnel. 5:30-5:50 PM. Committee accepted letter of resignation from Corporal Doug Bierman.

Will send Officer Riley Britton to attend K-9 training with Dano. Discussed property maintenance issues. Adjourned 6:30PM

Rubsam – the Finance Committee met October 31 to discuss the 2016 tax levy. Melissa stated the treasurer's office has determined that the city would need to levy \$582,000 for the tax year 2016. The amount to be levied will not exceed 5% of the 2015 tax year levy extended, per the treasurer. Meeting adjourned 5:55 PM

Bloomberg – JEDI met this afternoon, November 1, and toured the new Jasper Chamber of Commerce building including the new chamber office, Peoples State Bank room and the new business incubator. The main program was to update the strategic plan to establish future goals. Updates were given by Ken Larimore for JEDI, Mayor Mark Bolander for the City of Newton, Joe Bierman for the Jasper County Board and Andy Johnson for Jasper Unit I schools.

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members

Rubsam: Chamber event last Friday was a success. He enjoyed all the younger people attending, great food, good entertainment and many local merchants.

Brown: Park Department prepare for winter. Electric Department head reported the contractor and city are working on Scott St. and at the Boys and Girls Park. Osmose, electric pole inspectors, will be coming to discuss job.

Brooks: Water department reported water well cleaning is done. JEDI meeting today was interesting and people had some good ideas.

Reisner: Street Department is vacuuming leaves.

Blake: Animal Control Report

City Treasurer tax levy statement:

"City Treasurer Brooks' office has determined the City will need to levy \$582,000 for the tax year 2016. The amount to be levied will not exceed 5% of the 2015 tax year levy extended."

Clerk York presented a purchase order:

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to authorize purchase order #6494 for the Water Department: Midwest Meter for meter bases, Itron conn, Encoders, brackets with screws and meter box lids at a cost of \$8,294.00.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brown

Nays: None

Mayor: There are several outstanding groups, teams and individuals in our community right now that all of us should be very proud of them. Such as: Football team, NHS Band, Grade school band, soccer teams, tennis, volley ball, CEO class, etc. There are many positive thing happening now.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 15, 2016 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Electric Committee Meeting 11-14-16 @ 5:30 PM

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, 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: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:24 PM.

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

Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:45PM.

Bloomberg left at 6:46 PM

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Blake

Nays:

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York



# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

December 6, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor  
Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Larry Brooks  
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks.
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk  
Physically present: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Scott Bloomberg  
Absent: Eric Blake  
Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA  
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to adopt the amended (add Diane Hickox and Officers Riley Britton and Dano in Public Comments) agenda.  
Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg  
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of November 15, 2016  
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 Newton City Council meeting.  
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam  
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:  
Diane Hickox – there is an on-going conflict with their neighbors about a construction project and location of an accessory building. Bloomberg will contact the City Inspector to assess the situation and be sure all codes are being met.  
Officers Riley Britton and Dano have bonded quickly and completed training. At the United States Police Canine Association training, Dano had the top score for patrol dog. They have been called out three times since completing training and have found drugs and bath salts. The council voiced their appreciation to Britton and Dano for their work and Britton's willingness to accept the responsibilities of the canine officer.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Consider and act on Ordinance 16-10 Annual Tax Levy.  
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brooks, to pass Ordinance 16-10 Annual Tax Levy.  
Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown  
Nays: None
  - B. Consider and act on Abatement Certificate for Aquatic Facility.  
Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to abate the taxes for the aquatic center for the tax levy year 2016 and approve the Abatement Certificate for the Aquatic Facility.  
Ayes: Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks  
Nays: None
8. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Consider and act on approving City of Newton Electric Utility Capital Improvement Plan 2017-2021.  
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bloomberg, to approve the City of Newton Electric Utility Capital Improvement Plan 2017-2021.  
Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner  
Nays: None
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:  
Bloomberg - JEDI met today, December 6. Casey Tibbs was present to discuss a coordinated effort to represent the City, Jasper County, Chamber of Commerce and Jasper County Unit schools. Tibbs will present a proposal in February for a shared cost, community marketing plan. A shared website was discussed.
10. STATEMENTS:  
Rubsam – Attended the walk-through of the seven CDAP rehabilitated homes earlier today. The homeowners are very appreciative and the neighborhoods have been improved. Homeowners realize a utility savings in addition to having safer, code compliant homes. The improvements are very impressive.

Brown – Proposals for Welcome to Newton signs have been distributed to the council. The tourism council and chamber members will be invited to a committee meeting to discuss options. Brown emphasized the importance of shopping locally. Newton has much to offer including children's clothing, men's clothing, jewelry, hardware, vehicles, groceries, candy, cards, decorative items, restaurants, resale shops, antique shops, boutiques, etc. and it is very important to support our local businesses.

Brooks – A resident has voiced concern about the traffic after school. Reisner will contact the Street Department and Police Department to discuss options for improvements.

Bloomberg – Gave the monthly animal control report. Reminded the council of the Holly Jolly Christmas each Friday night. Fun for the entire family and an opportunity to shop in the local stores.

City Treasurer Brooks thanked the council for the opportunity to attend the Treasurer's Institute in Bloomington. There was much information, many good speakers and good networking opportunities.

City Clerk York enjoyed the excellent speakers at the Clerk's Institute.

Mayor Bolander – The Jasper CEO banquet will be January 15 at 5:30 at NCHS. Upstage Productions will provide entertainment and there will be a silent auction. January 14 is the City office Christmas dinner. Brad Cole from IML informed the Mayor of ordinances that need to be passed...the Tax Levy ordinance at this evening's meeting and possibly a travel expense ordinance. Attorney Tedford will research the need for the travel expense ordinance and make a recommendation to the council. SCIRP&DC have been working hard at grants. After discussion, the council will conduct a survey of the City in the spring for a possible CDAP grant application in August of 2017.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 20, 2016 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Insurance Committee Meeting December 7, 2016 at 5:30 PM

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be December 20, 2016 at 6:00 PM. An Insurance Committee meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

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

Motion was made by Bloomberg seconded by Rubsam, 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: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:47 PM.

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

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:37 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

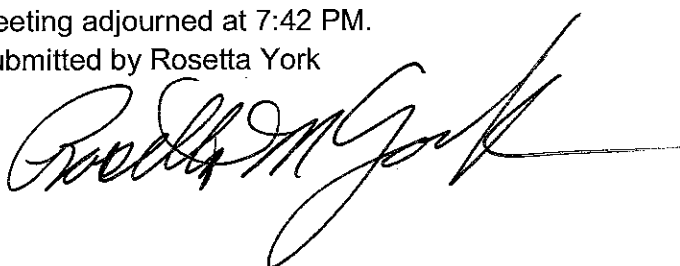
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Bloomberg, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta York



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

December 20, 2016 at 6:00 PM

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: Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Scott Bloomberg  
Absent: None  
Also present: Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk, Rosetta York
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: add Diane Hickox to Public Comments  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brooks, to adopt the amended agenda.**  
**Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of December 6, 2016  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 Newton City Council meeting.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam**  
**Nays: None**
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
**Alderman Rubsam reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$142,363.51 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 \$188,261.47.**  
**Bloomberg seconded the motion.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown**  
**Nays: None**  
  
PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:  
Diane Hickox – She wanted to check if anything had progressed with the construction concern she brought to the Council's attention at the Dec 1, 2016 Meeting. Bloomberg said he would check.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Consider and act on Ordinance 16-11 to amend the zoning map of the zoning code.  
**Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brooks, to pass Ordinance 16-11 to amend the zoning map of the zoning code.**  
**Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks**  
**Nays: None**
  - b. Consider and act on TIF application for Newton Biofuels, LLC.  
**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to approve the TIF agreement for Newton Biofuels, LLC with allowing Ken Larimore to proof read and edit.**  
**Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner**  
**Nays: None**
8. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. Consider and act on approving 2 Newton Police Department officers going to 2017 ILEAS Annual Conference March 12-14, 2017 at \$90 for each person plus allowable expenses.  
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize approving two Newton Police Department officers going to the 2017 ILEAS Annual Conference March 12 – 14, 2017 at \$90.00 for each person plus allowable expenses.**  
**Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Blake**  
**Nays: None**

- b. Consider and act on approving 2 Newton Police Department officers going to 2017 SICJS February 28 - March 1, at \$75 - \$100 for each person plus allowable expenses.

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Reisner, to authorize approving two Newton Police Department officers going to the 2017 SICJS February 28 – March 1, 2017 at \$75.00 to \$100.00 for each person plus allowable expenses.**

**Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg**

**Nays: None**

- c. Consider and act on 3 Waste Water employees attending 2017 IRWA Annual Conference in Effingham, February 21-23 at \$175 for each person.

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Brown, to authorize approving three Wastewater employees attending the 2017 IRWA Annual Conference in Effingham, February 21 – 23, 2017 at \$175.00 for each person.**

**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg and Rubsam**

**Nays: None**

- d. Consider and act on Ordinance 16-12 regarding travel, meal and lodging expenses.

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Blake, to pass Ordinance 16-12 regarding travel, meal and lodging expenses.**

**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam and Brown**

**Nays: None**

- e. Consider and act on Ordinance 16-13 authorizing a referendum on primary elections.

**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to pass Ordinance 16-13 authorizing a referendum on primary elections.**

**Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown and Brooks**

**Nays:**

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

**The Insurance Committee met December 7, 2016:** Burnham & Flower Insurance Group representatives discussed the city's liability, property and work comp renewal coverage with the committee. Liability and property premium will decrease \$408. Work comp will increase \$1562 due to increased employment. The city accumulated approximately \$1600 in the company's dividend risk program to be used for safety equipment.

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Bloomberg- Merry Christmas

Blake- Merry Christmas

Reisner- Merry Christmas

Brooks- Merry Christmas

Brown- Merry Christmas

Rubsam- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, 2017 is going to be a great year.

City Attorney- Merry Christmas

City Treasurer- Merry Christmas

City Clerk - Merry Christmas

Mayor-

After the holidays a Parks Committee meeting needs to be called to discuss possible new City of Newton signs and to review the Mowing contract.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 3, 2016 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: None

The next regular meeting of the Newton City Council will be January 3, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

There are no scheduled committee meetings.

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



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

**Ayes: Blake, Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks and Reisner**

**Nays: None**

Open session suspended at **6:31 PM.**

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

**Ayes: Bloomberg, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner and Blake**

**Nays: None**

Open session resumed at **6:59 PM.**

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

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

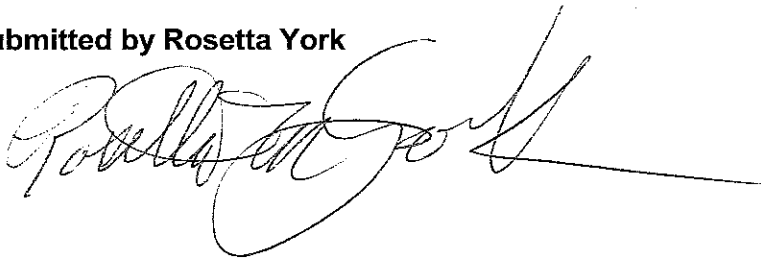
**Motion was made by Bloomberg, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting.**

**Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake and Bloomberg**

**Nays:**

Meeting adjourned at **7:10 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta York**

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