



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

April 2, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor
Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Galye Glumac.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Gayle Glumac.
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk
Physically present: **Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris**
Absent: **None**
Also present: **Attorney Max Tedford, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: 1. #6 Delete Andre and Debra Leachman and add Jeff Mashburn with Charles Pennington: 2. Delete item #8 D
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to adopt the amended agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of March 19, 2019
Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019 regular meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: ~~Andre and Debra Leachman,~~ and Jeff Mashburn and Charles Pennington
Charles Pennington discussed the improvements they are going to do on the their parking lots.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on 2019 City Wide Clean Up will be on May 17 and 18, 2019.
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Glumac, to authorize 2019 City Wide Clean Up will be on May 17 and 18, 2019.
Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on Ordinance 19-02 Amend the Zoning Map.
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to pass Ordinance 19-02 Amend the Zoning Map.
Ayes: Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks
Nays: None
 - B. Consider and act on the City of Newton's pledge of \$20,000 to Eagle Trail Phase IV, Riverwalk.
Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to authorize City of Newton's pledge of \$20,000 in 3 payments over 3 years to Eagle Trail Phase IV, Riverwalk Fund.
Ayes: Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner
Nays: None
 - C. Consider and act on TIF application for The Little Diner at 108 E. Washington St.
Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Brooks, to authorize TIF application for The Little Diner at 108 E. Washington St.
Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake
Nays: None
 - ~~D. Consider and act on TIF application for Pizza Man at 103 S Lafayette St.~~
 - E. Consider and act on Department Head wages.
Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Department Head wage increase of \$.85 per hour, effective May 1, 2019.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
 - F. Consider and act on part time employee wages, including police.
Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to authorize all except police and park part-time employees \$.50/hour wage increase and Newton's part-time Police officer a one-time wage increase of \$1.67/hour, effective May 1, 2019.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
 - G. Consider and act on Pool Manager and Pool Assistant Manager wages.
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to authorize Pool Manager and Pool Assistant Manager wage increase of \$1.00/hour, effective May 1, 2019.
Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown



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Nays: None

H. Consider and act on the permit application with Indiana Railroad for the City to do an underground boring under the rails at the intersection of Hutton St. and Decatur St. with fees of \$3,000.00.

Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Reisner, to authorize the permit application with Indiana Railroad for the City to do an underground boring under the rails at the intersection of Hutton St. and Decatur St. with fees of \$3,000.00.

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

Nays: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Finance/Riverwalk: Introductions. Soil borings done, environmental survey done. Milano & Grunloh bidding Spring/Summer. Potential drawings depending on soil samples. \$1.2 mil possible budget. Amanda Lessley gave information on fundraisers. Using courtyard Eagle design with \$30,000. June 1st is National Trail Day. Asked about benches from tourism to donate money instead of benches. Sub-committee: Gail Glumac, Dawn Calvert, Diane Scott, Marlene Harris, Melissa Borgic, Ryan Millsap, Jeanie Weddell, Amber Wakefield, Amber Volk. Sub-committee advisors: Mark Bolander, Amanda Lessley, Lee Beckman, Audra Clodfelter. Link on our City of Newton page. Next step redo flyers and organize next meeting April 24, 2019 @ 5:30. Capital Development fund to pledge \$20,000. Support event center donation of \$1000 - June 29th event agreed. Discussed TIF money. Adjourned 7:19 pm.

Finance, April 1, 2019:

1. Discuss TIF Applications: The Council said The Little Diner TIF is ok to approve at council meeting for \$1,200.00. Pizza Man's application is not ready yet.
2. Discuss Department Head Wages: \$.85/hour raise for each
3. Discuss Part-time wages including Part-time Police Officers: All except police and park Part-time Employees \$.50/hour raise for each and Newton's part-time Police officer a one-time raise of \$1.67/hour.
4. Discuss Pool Manager and Assistant Manager Wages: a raise of \$1.00/hour
5. Discuss Budgets: City Treasurer presented the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget discussing all departments' line items in detail.
6. Discuss City Hall renovations: A discussion on whether to repair or replace the roof and replacing antiquated equipment.
7. Discuss Other Finance Committee matters: Reviewed cost and funding of the probable and possible sidewalk repairs on Washington St.

JEDI, April 2, 2019: Matt Hall Regional Director, Office of Congressman Shimkus – His office would be able to offer a support letter for any grants we apply. Ashley Waggoner, Grant Writer – offering her services for anyone needing a grant writer. Her commission is 10% of grant obtained. Amber Volk, Executive Director. Amber Volk: Currently working from home. Will be back in her office the beginning of May. The Indiana Railroad is looking to work on a bridge west of Newton. Current start date is unknown. The Little Diner is planning to open on April 5th. Located east of the Peoples State Bank Drive-Up. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton: The Little Diner has applied for a TIF application. Pizza Man is currently adding updates and is looking to apply for a TIF application in the near future. The Mid Illinois Quick Care is in full use by the public. 12 patrons were helped on Sunday. A Marketing Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 11th, 2019 at 9:00am located in the Chamber Building. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chairman: The County Jail project still underway and looking for the right spot. Beth Probst, High School Principle: 37 days of school left. The Cinderella Musical was a must see. CEO Trade Show is Wednesday, April 24th, 2019 at 5:00pm located at the KC Hall.

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members

Harris: No comment

Blake: Read the Jasper County Animal Control Report.

Reisner: Cobblestone Semi Truck parking lot have the bollards are set and the fence needs repaired then it will be ready to start permits.

Brooks: Happy to be back.

Brown: The Park Department's main office building's roof leaks and some of the poles are in bad shape.

Glumac: No comment

City Attorney: The ordinance for vaping is ready to be approved by Council.

City Treasurer: The 2019-2020 Budget is ready for the council.

City Clerk: Four people from the city have signed up to go to the Chamber Banquet on April 15.

Mayor:

- Gayle and Marlene are working on their bios for the web page.
- A citizen had approached the Mayor about the Police and Street Department putting speed bumps on the Southside of the Square, if possible.



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- Amy Whitaker with Head Start wants the City's to bring trucks, equipment and/or vehicles to the Touch a Truck Event they will be having April 16.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **April 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

EMA April 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Building and Grounds: Waiting on cost estimates

Alcohol and Tobacco Committee: Waiting on Chairman to schedule

Personnel Committee: April 22, 2015 at 5:30 PM

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

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

Nays: None

Open session suspended at **6:46 PM**.

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

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

Nays: None

Open session resumed at **6:58 PM**.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York