

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

**July 3, 2018**

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 6:09PM) and Marlene Harris**

**Absent: None**

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

4. ADOPT OR AMEND:

- #6 delete Bob McDonald and add NPD Officer Britton and Dano
- #7 delete A and B

**Motion was made by Reisner, seconded by Rubsam, to adopt the amended agenda.**

**Ayes: Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Harris**

**Nays: None**

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of June 19, 2018

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Newton City Council June 19, 2018.**

**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Reisner, Harris, Rubsam**

**Nays: None**

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Bob McDonald

**NPD Officer Britton and Dano: Attend USPCA, United States Police Canine Association, trials on June 21-24, 2018 in Springfield, IL. They won second place for the whole event. They won 8 trophies—3 first place, 4 second place and 1 third place. They qualified and want to attend the nationals.**

7. OLD BUSINESS:

~~A. Consider and act on JB Esker & Sons, INC Pay estimate # 2 and Final with the amount due of \$3,196.33.~~

~~B. Consider and act on Connor & Connor Engineering and Inspection invoice 12634 for part of the Owen St. to Henry St. project.~~

C. Consider and act on TIF Application from Integrated Therapy Services.

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Reisner, to approve TIF Application from Integrated Therapy Services in the amount of \$2,500.00 reimbursement for TIF eligible expenses.**

**Ayes: Brooks, Reisner, Harris, Rubsam, Brown**

**Nays: None**

D. Consider and act on TIF Application from Jasper County Realty Brokers.

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Rubsam, to approve TIF Application from Jasper County Realty Brokers in the amount of \$2,500.00 reimbursement for TIF eligible expenses.**

**Ayes: Reisner, Harris, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks**

**Nays: None**

E. Consider and act on TIF Application from Newton High School.

**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Harris, to approve TIF Application from Jasper County Unit #1, Newton Community High School in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the vocational department.**

**Ayes: Harris, Rubsam, Brown, Brooks, Reisner**

**Nays: None**

**Eric Blake arrived at 6:09 PM**

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consider and act on Special Event Permit Application for "Cruise Night" on August 3.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Rubsam, to approve Special Event Permit Application for "Cruise Night" on August 3.**

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

**Nays: None**

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B. Consider and act on Special Event Permit Application for 2018 Fall Festival on September 7-8, 2018.

**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Reisner, to approve Special Event Permit Application for 2018 Fall Festival on September 7-8, 2018.**

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

**Nays: None**

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

**Finance Committee Meeting June 27, 2018:** Melissa explained the 2018 - 2019 budget appropriations and answered questions from the committee. Discussed enticements for new home construction within the city limits. Committee recommended a lottery drawing to give away five lots in Five Aprils Subdivision

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

**Harris:** She and the City Treasurer attended Illinois Dept. of Revenue Workshop in Benton for updates on allocation of taxes to local governments on June 28 in Benton, IL. It was very informative.

**Blake:** Gave the Jasper County Animal Report

**Reisner:** no comments

**Brooks:** no comments

**Brown:** Park reported the big pavilion has a new roof. He and Brad met with Sarah Weiler from Integrated Therapy Services to discuss clients possibly doing unpaid work in the park to develop skills for acquiring a jobs

**Rubsam:** Electric Dept. said that Big D is in town replacing about 20 poles. The Allie Colleen concert had a good turnout. There is a Jeep Run Saturday July 21, registration at 10:00 AM, leaving at noon. Eagles is having pork burgers and brats.

**City Attorney:** no Comment

**City Treasurer:** no comment

City Clerk: no Comment

Mayor:

- Alan Bogardus brought Brad Watson, Vistra Energy's Senior Director of Community Affairs, into City Hall to introduce him. Vistra Energy is the new owner of Newton Power Station.
- He attended the Allie Colleen Concert. She was great.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **July 17, 2018 at 6:00 PM**

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Electric, Water, Wastewater, EMA and Police Joint Committee Meeting on July 5, 2018 at 5:30 PM**

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

**Motion was made by Rubsam, seconded by Harris, 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, Harris, Rubsam, Brown**

**Nays: None**

Open session suspended at **6:26 PM**.

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

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

**Nays: None**

Open session resumed at **6:36 PM**.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

**Nays: None**

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

Submitted by Rosetta York

