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Annual JEDI Business Meeting
Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI)
Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 1:15 P.M.
Jasper County Chamber Office
124 S Van Buren St, Newton, IL 62448

Attending Scott Bierman, Anna Hemrich, Evan Fox, Larry Brooks, Jason Warfel, Doug Weddell, Natalie Hopson, Jack Thompson, Beth Probst, Louis Ochs, Tom Brown, Kris Newton, Mindy Hartke and Ken Larimore

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Larry Brooks, second by Jack Thompson, motion passed.
3. Annual Election of JEDI Officers and Board Members

JEDI Officers

Scott Bierman, Chairman
Scott Bloomberg, Vice Chairman
Mark Bolander, Secretary
Brett Lessley, Treasurer

JEDI Executive Director

Ken Larimore

JEDI Board of Directors

Scott Bierman
Scott Bloomberg
Ron Heltsley
Mark Bolander
Brett Lessley
Jason Warfel
Larry Brooks
Doug Weddell
Ed Webb
Louis Ochs
Jack Thompson, Ste. Marie
Andrew Johnson, Jasper School Superintendent
Beth Probst, NCHS Principal
Natalie Hopson, Jasper Chamber of Commerce
Ryan Millsap, Jasper Chamber of Commerce
Anna Hemrich, NCHS Student Representative

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4. Annual approval of board members as above. Motion by Larry Brooks, second by Brett Lessley, motion approved.
5. Annual Budget Approval motion made by Beth Probst, second by Larry Brooks, motion approved.
6. Annual Meeting Schedule-Only February meeting will February 21 Approval motion made by Louis Ochs, second by Natalie Hopson, motion approved.
7. Annual JEDI Celebration- Wednesday February 21 at Sunrise Center at 11:30 Approval motion made by Doug Weddell, second by Larry Brooks, motion approved.
8. Updates
 - a. Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator
 - i. TIF 2017- 6 TIF applications approved, for total of \$62,487 in TIF funds supporting \$1,060,492 in total project costs.
 - ii. Total TIF since Plan approved July 29, 2008. There have been 70 TIF applications approved, for \$1,743,176 in TIF funds supporting \$13,266,307 in total project costs.
 - iii. New 2017 Enterprise Zone. For 2017 we approved 6 applications supporting \$1,099,420 in total project costs.
 - iv. CEO class business-Jasper County Business Expo, January 20 at High School, JEDI needs to support this worthwhile project.
 - b. Ken Larimore reported for Mayor of Newton
 - i. Appointed marketing committee from each group- Mark Bolander Chairman, Doug Weddell Jasper County, Beth Probst School, Ken Larimore JEDI, Scott Bloomberg City of Newton, Natalie Hopson Chamber.
 - ii. The Sales tax the City of Newton receives increased each month in 2017.
 - iii. There is an ICC hearing in Hillsboro on the Dynegy rules on January 16.
 - c. Jason Warfel, Jasper County Board
 - i. The County is providing active shooter program.
 - ii. The County is providing sexual harassment training.
 - iii. Working on a 5 year plan to prepare for county building needs.
 - iv. There are many problems with misuse of the recycling program and if the public continues not following rules the program may not continue.
 - d. Beth Probst, Newton High School
 - i. They are starting the second semester and there are a lot of exciting programs starting.
 - ii. JEDI will meet at the school in 2018 to appreciate some of the activities like the 3D printer lab.
9. Other business
10. Motion to close meeting made by Louis Ochs, second by Larry Brooks, and motion passed.



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Jasper Economic Development Incorporated JEDI

ANNUAL JEDI CELEBRATION

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 11:30 A.M.

Jasper County Community Sunrise Center

1401 Clayton Ave., Newton IL

1. Call to order: Chairman-Scott Bierman
2. Introduction of Jasper County CEO students-Ken Larimore
3. **Announcement of Annual Economic Development Award-by Dr. Bloomberg**

Scott Bloomberg did an excellent job presenting Mayor **Mark Bolander** with the Annual Economic Development Person of the Year Award. Scott went back to present just some of the many economic development successes Mark has accomplished over the years. Mark certainly is very deserving of the award.

4. Enjoyed a meal from Hartich Catering.
5. Program

• **Tammi Phillips Norris Electric Cooperative**

Norris Electric is one of the largest electric coops in IL. It began in 1939 and currently has 60 employees, with 4,000 miles of lines, in 8 counties and has 19,775 members.

Did you know Electric Cooperatives?

- Are located in **80%** of the nation's counties
- Are the **largest electric utility network** in the nation
- Total more than **900 local systems** in **47 states**
- Have **42 million** member-owners
- Distribute power over **2.5 million miles** of line
- Serve **75%** of the U.S. land mass
- Own **\$130 billion** in generation, transmission, and distribution assets
- More than **88%** of all local electric co-ops offer electricity generated from renewable sources.

6. Additional updates.
7. Motion to close meeting made by Scott Bloomberg, second by Scott Bierman, and motion passed.



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Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 1:15 P.M.

SPECIAL LOCATION

Newton Community High School

201 West End Avenue

Newton, IL 62448

<http://www.cusd1.jasper.k12.il.us/>

Attending Scott Bierman, Scott Bloomberg, Anna Hemrich, Evan Fox, Ron Heltsley, Larry Brooks, Jason Warfel, Doug Weddell, Mark Bolander, Brett Lessley, Ed Webb, Jack Thompson, Andy Johnson, Beth Probst, Louis Ochs, Tom Brown, Mindy Hartke and Ken Larimore

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Larry Brooks, second by Jack Thompson, motion passed.
3. **TOUR of vocational department and other program updates at NCHS. Thank you to Superintendent Johnson and Principal Probst for guiding us on a great tour. These programs give a great education to all the students.**
 - **Mr. Brock Tarr** demonstrated the Plasma Cutter that they are using in the welding shop. He explained how it operated and the items it could produce. He also mentioned all the different kind of welders NCHS had and the different skills that were taught in his classes. He finished with discussing the dual credit opportunities we offer and how they would be able to complete 3 classes at NCHS towards a welding certificate at a junior college such as OCC.
 - We then loaded a bus and visited the new structure where we are housing materials for our Ag Construction class. **Mr. Lidy** talked about the projects they are currently working on in class for community members and the skills they are gaining in the new Ag Construction class.

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- Finally we visited the automotive shop, where Mr. Volk discussed the different opportunities and skills students learned in his classes. The group was able to see all sorts of tools and mechanisms being used for various things. Mr. Volk's classes like many of our vocational classes are filled to the maximum capacity. We continue to review curriculum and try to find ways to provide more opportunities for all students and to stay current with the latest technology.
4. Monthly Updates
- a. Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator
 - i. Ken gave an update on TIF and Enterprise Zone activities. Please contact Ken if you know of any new or expanding businesses that he can help with economic development tools.
 - b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton
 - i. Mark announced a new medical facility is being discussed.
 - ii. There is also research being done on an event center.
 - c. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chairman
 - i. Active shooter training was completed by county employees.
 - ii. The recycling program is being abused by those putting garbage in the recycling. The county can't continue the program if the abuse continues.
 - iii. The Sheriff added additional staff.
 - iv. The board appointed an advisory committee for the use of gaming funds.
 - v. Good update on elections and number of judges needed.
 - vi. Smart Energy program as used to reduce county costs.
 - vii. The county was awarded a Safety Grant.
 - d. Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
 - i. Building updates.
 - ii. Enrollment figures.
 - iii. Athletic Department staffing.
 - iv. Bus replacement program.
5. Comments from those attending the meeting.
6. Motion to close meeting made by Larry Brooks, second by Ron Heltsley, and motion passed.



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Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 1:15 P.M.

Jasper County Chamber Office
Peoples State Bank Room

124 S Van Buren St, Newton, IL 62448

Attending Scott Bierman, Larry Brooks, Jason Warfel, Doug Weddell, Mark Bolander, Brett Lessley, Andy Johnson, Beth Probst, Bill Weber, Natalie Hopson, Louis Ochs, Tom Brown, Mindy Hartke, Gina Kocher, Makenna Ochs, Madelynne Boldrey, Rachel Probst, Marlene Harris, and Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Larry Brooks, second by Louis Ochs, motion passed.
3. Program: CEO Class Facilitator Gina Kocher introduced CEO students. Makenna Ochs, Madelynne Boldrey, and Rachel Probst spoke about the recent trade show and other class activities.
4. Community marketing program. Mark Bolander explained the committee met and feel the Eagle symbol is great for county branding.
5. Monthly Updates
 - a. Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator
 - i. The event center and medical facility projects are still progressing. I am working with the medical facility owners on TIF and EZ applications. The event center is searching for the perfect site. If anyone knows of 5-20 acres please let Ken know.
 - ii. The Newton biodiesel plant is now owned by the bank and we are searching for a national or international buyer to finally put the plant into production.
 - iii. Below are some of my Jasper County duties.
 1. Jasper Economic Development Inc. JEDI Top priority. Job creation, business retention and expansion B.R&E outreach, and improve quality of life.



2. Enterprise Zone Administrator
3. TIF Applications for City of Newton
4. Jasper CEO Board Member
5. Board member of South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Corporation (5 counties)

Appointed to serve by Jasper County Board in 2007.

6. Workforce Investment Opportunity Act WIOA

Appointed by Jasper County Board years ago. Meet quarterly in Effingham. Good to keep informed on job training programs for local businesses.

7. CANCELING- Board Member of East Central Illinois Development Inc. ECIDC (11 counties)
8. OPTIONAL-President of the Board of Southeastern Alliance of Illinois SAIL (9 counties)
9. Effingham Regional Incubator Network ERIN Board Member (sites in Effingham, Dieterich, Altamont and Newton)-to promote the Newton Business Incubator.

- iv. Some background on the economic development position in Jasper County. I was a Circuit Riding Economic Development Administrator for several communities like Dieterich, St. Elmo, Ramsey, and Farina. Helping them with their TIFs and EZ. Then in 2006 Bill Weber and Ed Mitchel tracked me down and asked if I would be the economic development director in Jasper for 2 days a week. Then a couple of years later, Bill and Ed talked to a friend in western Illinois about having a fulltime Extension CED for Jasper. I started in the Extension position in January 2007. JEDI was formed December 4, 2012. Now the Jasper economic development organization is changing again as I am retiring from Extension. I'm not retiring until the last day of July but wanted to give plenty of notice so we can re-organize and hopefully make JEDI even stronger in the future. We will be working on the reorganization details the next couple of months. I am not ever saying goodbye as you are all my friends and we can be friends forever. Ken appreciates all those attending that thanked him for the many years of working hard to promote community and economic development in Jasper County.
- v. Scott Bierman (Chairman JEDI), Mark Bolander, and Brett Lessley discussed the process of reorganizing JEDI with job description, open posting of position and hiring schedule. Ken volunteers to assist in transition anyway that is needed.



- b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton
 - i. Tractor Supply is doing well.
 - ii. Marketing Committee-see above.
 - iii. Mayors meeting-many pages of assets of Jasper County.
 - c. Jason Warfel, Jasper County Board.
 - i. Active shooter training continues.
 - ii. Gaming funds-apply now.
 - d. Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
 - i. Very busy with year-end activities.
 - ii. Facility planning.
 - iii. Vocational education.
6. Comments from those attending the meeting.
- a. Bill Weber commented that it is imperative the City, County, and School all work together on economic development.
7. Motion to close meeting made by Brett Lessley, second by Jason Warfel, and motion passed.



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Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 1:15 P.M.

Jasper County Chamber Office

Peoples State Bank Room

124 S Van Buren St, Newton, IL 62448

Attending Jack Thompson, Ron Heltsley, Mark Bolander, Larry Brooks, Jason Warfel, Doug Weddell, Natalie Hopson, Louis Ochs, Tom Brown, Mindy Hartke, Marlene Harris, and Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order, JEDI Executive Director Ken Larimore.
2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made Jason Warfel, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed.
3. **Program:** We toured the Newton Business Incubator (after the meeting). There are 3 businesses using the cubicles. The occupants get a cubicle, access to the meeting room, office equipment and wi-fi. Valerie Clark owner of Valerie's Domestic Crafts gave us a tour of the art education she provides. It is open to everyone and she seems to especially enjoy seeing how she can impact youth. Another new business is LulaRoe a clothing sales business run by Brook Woods and Shelby Wagner. The third occupant is the Embarrass River Tourism Council ERTC. Please have anyone interested contact the Chamber.
4. **Community marketing program.** Mark Bolander explained the committee is researching a new Eagle symbol for county branding.
5. Monthly Updates
 - a. **Ken Larimore, JEDI Executive Director**
 - i. The medical facility project is still progressing. I am working with the medical facility owners on TIF and EZ applications.
 - ii. The event center is searching for the perfect site. If anyone knows of 5-20 acres please let Ken know.



- iii. The Newton biodiesel plant is now owned by a bank and we are searching for a national or international buyer to finally put the plant into production. Ken talked with a potential buyer this morning.
 - iv. We are processing several TIF applications so contact Ken if you would like to know more about the TIF or Enterprise Zone programs.
 - v. JEDI will be touring some businesses in Ste. Marie at the next monthly meeting on July 10 (Second Tuesday due to the 4th). Carpooling will be available if people pre-register.
- b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton**
- i. The Bridge Dedication ceremony and 5 K run went great. Had a good turnout and the run raised funds for Jasper Cancer fund and Lincoln's Place.
 - ii. Tractor Supply is doing well.
 - iii. Marketing Committee-will meet after the JEDI meeting.
 - iv. Newton has received a CDAP grant for Housing Rehabilitation. This will be a great opportunity for up to 10 residents to have their homes updated and improved.
 - v. The city is seeking an IDOT grant to reconstruct Route 33 that is getting rough again.
- c. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board.**
- i. The Jasper County Audit was approved.
 - ii. Recycling was attempted again but still misused.
 - iii. The use of gaming funds was approved.
 - iv. Update on Gun Resolution.
6. Comments from those attending the meeting. Doug Weddell said the school has purchased new buses. Doug also updated us on the big music event that will be held at the fairgrounds in August.
7. Motion to close meeting made by Louis Ochs, second by Jack Thompson, and motion passed.



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Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 1:15 P.M.

Ste. Marie Business Tour

Attending Ron Heltsley, Larry Brooks, Jack Thompson, Jason Warfel, Doug Weddell, Mark Bolander, Andy Johnson, Beth Probst, Natalie Hopson, Louis Ochs, Marlene Harris, Aaron Ochs, Torrey Wolf, and Ken Larimore.

1. Met at Jasper County Chamber Office, 124 S Van Buren St, Newton, IL 62448
2. Brief meeting with updates. Discussed the real estate tax process in the county.
3. Doug Weddell drove one of his shuttle buses-thanks Doug.

Wow. My faith in the Jasper County work ethic is confirmed. All the employees at the three businesses were hard at work in a very hot, loud and busy work area. They were producing product as a team. Even the managers/owners were working hard. Impressive.

FIRST TOUR

DM MANUFACTURING

490 S Main Sainte Marie, IL, 62459

6184553550

Manufacturing Companies Welders Welding Shops www.dmmanufacturing2.weebly.com

SECOND TOUR

MONT EAGLE MILLS INC

500 S Main Ste. Sainte Marie, IL, 62459

6184553202

Crop Production Services Inc. Grain Elevators <http://www.monteagle mills.com/index.cfm>

THIRD TOUR

ASL SOLUTIONS INC

201 S Main St Sainte Marie, IL, 62459

6184553383

Plastics Fabricating Finishing Decorating <http://www.asldoghouses.com>

Please see the websites above for additional information about each fascinating company.

4. Motion to close meeting.



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Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 1:15 P.M.

Jasper County Chamber Office

Peoples State Bank Room

124 S Van Buren St, Newton, IL 62448

Attending Andy Johnson, Ron Heltsley, Mark Bolander, Larry Brooks, Brett Lessley, Jason Warfel, Doug Weddell, Natalie Hopson, Mindy Hartke, Marlene Harris, and Ken Larimore. Guests Dr. Bloemer and Haj Roepking.

1. Call to order, JEDI Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made Mark Bolander, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed.
3. **Guests Dr. Bloemer and Haj Roepking** described the Newton Medical Clinic building project that will be on Washington Street behind the Medicine Shoppe. The clinic will have extended hours and be a great health benefit to the community. We are very pleased they are investing in Jasper County.
4. **Chairman Scott Bierman** gave an update on the new JEDI Executive Director. Amber Volk has been selected. They city of Newton and Jasper County plan to approve her this week. She will be a city of Newton employee but work to benefit the entire county. Welcome Amber!
5. **Community marketing program.** Mark Bolander explained the committee is researching a new Eagle symbol for county branding and will be meeting soon.
6. Monthly Updates
 - a. **Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton**
 - i. Marketing Committee-will meet soon.
 - ii. Marilyn Liquors update.
 - iii. Newton Medical Clinic update.
 - iv. River Walk update.
 - v. Newton has received a CDAP grant for Housing Rehabilitation. This will be a great opportunity for up to 10 residents to have their homes updated and improved.

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- vi. The city is seeking an IDOT grant to reconstruct Route 33 that is getting rough again.
- b. Ken Larimore, JEDI Executive Director**
- i. Ken is very pleased that Amber Volk has been hired to replace him. Welcome Amber! Ken thanked everyone for their input and energy over the last 14 years. A lot of progress has been made and he encourages everyone to keep communicating about the dreams for their community. It takes everyone working together to change the future.
 - ii. Ken is processing as many as 18 Enterprise Zone applications for the new Newton Medical Clinic.
 - iii. The event center is searching for the perfect site. If anyone knows of 5-20 acres please contact the JEDI office.
 - iv. The Newton biodiesel plant is now owned by a bank and we are searching for a national or international buyer to finally put the plant into production.
 - v. We are processing several TIF applications so contact the JEDI office if you would like to know more about the TIF or Enterprise Zone programs.
 - vi. Many thanked Ken for his years of dedicated service to the community.
- c. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board.**
- i. Ron discussed the November election.
 - ii. Updated us on the new jail project.
 - iii. Encouraged those that want to know more about county activities to attend county meetings. Everyone is welcome.
- d. School Superintendent Johnson.**
- i. Enrollment update.
 - ii. Activity update.
 - iii. Planning meeting coming up should be attended. They are very important for the future of education in the county. Dates are September 6 and 8th. For more www.jaspercountyschools.net
- e. Natalie Hopson, Chamber Executive Director**
- i. Updated us on the many planned events. See www.jasperchamber.com
- f. Doug Weddell**



Updated us on the big music event that will be held at the fairgrounds August 25. Go to www.johnnyjunes.com for details and tickets. Should be a great **Montgomery Gentry** concert and it is important that the community support the event.

7. Motion to close meeting made by Ron Heltsley second by Doug Weddell, and motion passed.



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Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 at 1:15 P.M.

Jasper County Chamber Office

Peoples State Bank Room

124 S Van Buren St, Newton, IL 62448

Attending: Louis Ochs, Tom Brown, Larry Brooks, Dough Weddell, Jason Warfel, Ron Heltsley, Scott Bierman, Amber Volk, Ken Larimore, Andy Johnson, Beth Probst, Mindy Hartke, Natalie Hopson, Mark Bolander.

1. Call to order, JEDI Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Andy Johnson, second by Mark Bolander, motion passed.
3. **Introduction of Amber Volk, Economic Development Coordinator:** introduced herself and please let her know if anyone has been left out of the JEDI emails.
4. **Community Marketing Program:** Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 6th @ 9:00am. It will take place in the Peoples State Bank Room at the Jasper County Chamber Office.
5. Monthly Updates
 - a. **Ken Larimore:**
 - i. Five Enterprise Zones completed for the Medical Complex.
 - b. **Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton:**
 - i. The Medical Complex will have extended hours.
 - ii. Community Marketing Program will meet on Thursday the 6th @ 9:00am to discuss new logo for Jasper County.
 - c. **Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board:**
 - i. Real Estate taxes are currently being collected.
 - ii. The new jail design has been agreed and approved on but there is still a lot of work to be done before implementation can begin.



d. Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Schools:

- i. Open houses for the Eagle Vision will be September 6th & 8th 5:00pm-8:00pm. Everyone is welcome to take a tour of the High School/Jr. High and the Grade School. Please allow 45 mins to 1 hour of your time. This will be an investment for our children. For more information, visit their Facebook page “Eagle Vision – Jasper County Schools”.
- ii. Phenomenal turn out for the High School Football games.

e. Natalie Hopson, Chamber Executive Director:

- i. The Fall Festival will be from this Friday, September 7th to Saturday, September 8th. Many events are planned and praying the rain will hold off. More information can be found on their Facebook page “Jasper County Chamber of Commerce”.

f. Doug Weddell:

- i. There was a total of 480 in attendance of the Montgomery Gentry concert which was put on by Johnny and June’s. Besides the rain, everything went smoothly and it turned out to be an amazing concert. 60% of tickets sold were outside of Jasper County. Cobblestone Hotel & Suites was fully booked due to the concert.
- ii. Dustin Smith, owner of Johnny and June’s, would like to attend the October JEDI meeting to speak about the concert and potential future events.

Motion to close meeting made by Andy Johnson second by Mark Bolander and motion passed.



Meeting Minutes

Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 at 1:15 P.M.

SPECIAL LOCATION

Newton Community High School

201 West End Avenue

Newton, IL 62448

<http://www.cusd1.jasper.k12.il.us/>

Attending: Andy Johnson, Mark Bolander, Scott Bierman, Brett Lessley, Ken Larimore, Ron Heltsley, Amber Volk, Tom Brown, Doug Weddell, Marlen Harris, Jack Thompson, Jason Warfel, Mindy Hartke, Beth Probst, Larry Brooks, Amber Wakefield, Louis Ochs.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Mark Bolander, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed.
3. **TOUR at NCHS.**
 - a. Beth Probst gave a tour of the following areas:
 - i. Room 116 – a room that has had no renovation and to give us a look how the old classrooms were before updates.
 - ii. Cafeteria - showed potential plans of expanding to hold capacity of students.
 - iii. Band Room – pointed out the small space and water spots on the ceiling along with the threat of asbestos in the ceiling and possibly in the old floor tiles.
 - iv. Vocational Building – showed the cramped space and along with needed updates.
 - v. Mechanic Work Shop – Would like to be able to add an additional bay.
 - b. Andy Johnson took us out to the front grounds of the School:
 - i. Showed us the potential of a gymnasium and additional classrooms.
4. Ken Larimore's last meeting with JEDI.
5. Monthly Updates
 - a. Amber Volk, Executive Director
 - i. Spoke with Dustin Smith (Johnny & June's), he is wanting to attend a meeting. Not sure if it will be our November meeting or one more during the winter months.

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- b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton
 - i. Thinks it's in our best interests to keep Amber Wakefield handling the marketing / social media. This way we are sure what needs to be done gets completed with our busy schedules.

 - c. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chairman
 - i. Currently working on next year's budget and will hopefully be done next month.
 - ii. Early voting is currently running, contact Linda Huth (County Clerk).
 - iii. A few people may have randomly received information about vote by mail ballots. More information can be found at the following link:
<https://www.elections.il.gov/Downloads/VotingInformation/PDF/AbsenteeVoting/JasperAbsentee2017ConsolidatedElection.pdf>
 - iv. The next county board meeting will be held on the 11th at 7:00 pm.

 - d. Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
 - i. Thank everyone who made the tour.
 - ii. If any one has questions about the proposed renovations, please feel free to contact him.
 - iii. The school district is as strong as its community.
6. Comments from those attending the meeting.
- a. Amber Wakefield – introduced herself.
 - b. Brett Lessley – The current JEDI Secretary and Vice President have been unable to attend several of the last meetings. Motion to appoint Amber Volk as Secretary and Ron Heltsley as Vice President made by Brett Lessley, second by Larry Brooks.
7. Motion to close meeting made by Louis Ochs, second by Brett Lessley, and motion passed.

Meeting Minutes

Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, November 6th, 2018 at 1:15 P.M.

Jasper County Chamber Office **Peoples State Bank Room**

Ron Heltsley, Jason Warfel, Doug Weddell, Tom Brown, Larry Brooks, Louis Ochs, Ed Webb, Scott Bierman, Amber Volk, Andy Johnson, Marlene Harris, Brett Lessley, Natalie Hopson, Mindy Hartke, Mark Bolander, Kris Newton, Christina Baker.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Larry Brooks, second by Andy Johnson, motion passed.
3. Community Marketing Program Update
 - a. Mark Bolander – Andy Johnson will be taking lead of the project and hope to have something to show sometime soon. We will bring the logo to show for a meeting. Chamber will no longer be involved in the marketing hub. The tourism council has shown interest to take over the Chamber's spot.
4. Monthly Updates
 - a. Amber Volk, Executive Director
 - i. Touched base a little bit about the new Opportunity Zone. She will go into more details in the next meeting once more information is provided by the state.
 - b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton
 - i. Looking to add a daycare in Newton. There is a big call for babysitting, roughly 50-66 kids will be held at the daycare.
 - ii. Medical center is still underway.
 - iii. Parking lot behind hotel built by city, looking to start on concrete work and electricity for semis, looking to do a sticker permit for trucks, will need to come to city hall or police department for permit for parking.
 - iv. Trick-or-treat night was beautiful weather and lots of children showed and enjoyed.
 - v. When using the walking trails, please be aware of hunting season. Pay attention what time of day you use the trails.
 - c. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chairman
 - i. Hope everyone has or will vote by 7pm tonight (Nov 6th).

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- ii. Moved the County Board meeting to Nov 15th due to Thanksgiving
- iii. Dec 3rd will be the reorganizational at 12pm located in the County Board Room.
- d. Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
 - i. A big day and looking to move forward.
 - ii. More than welcome to answer any questions. Please come by and speak with me.
- 5. Comments from those attending the meeting.
 - a. Mark Bolander – Start bringing two students to come to the meetings.
- 6. Motion to close meeting made by Larry Brooks, second by Louis Ochs, and motion passed.





MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 4th, 2018 at 1:15 P.M.

Jasper County Chamber Office

Peoples State Bank Room

Attending: Ben Bollman, Ron Heltsley, Tom Brown, Beth Probst, Ed Webb, Scott Bierman, Amber Volk, Jason Warfel, Mark Bolander, Marlene Harris, Larry Brooks, Natalie Hopson, Jack Thompson, Wyatt Zumbahlen, Jacelyn Street, Emily Dion.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Larry Brooks, second by Marlene Harris, motion passed.
3. Community Marketing Program Update
 - i. The new logo is finished. You can find the new logo at the end of the minutes.
 - ii. For any entities that need their title added to the logo (Economic Development, Chamber, Newton Community High School), please let Amber Volk know and she will personalize it for you.
 - iii. Motion to approve new logo made by Mark Bolander, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed.
4. Discussion and approval of 2019 JEDI meeting dates and locations.
 - i. The JEDI Annual Business Meeting for all members will be held on January 8th, 2019 at 1:15pm in the People's State Bank room located in the Chamber Building.
 - ii. The Annual JEDI Celebration will be held on February 6th, 2019 at 11:30 pm for all members and guests. The location is still under discussion.
 - iii. The 2019 JEDI Schedule of Meetings can be found attached to the email.
 - iv. Motion to approve 2019 Schedule of Meetings made by Ed Webb, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed.
5. Monthly Updates
 - a. Amber Volk, Executive Director
 - b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton
 - i. On Feb 6th 2019 at the Annual JEDI Celebration, someone will be awarded the Economic Developer of the year. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Scott Bierman.
 - ii. The City of Newton is currently working on multiple projects, still working on the parking lot located near Cobblestone Hotel and Suites.
 - iii. We will continue to rebrand Jasper County, will continue in a few months.
 - c. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chairman
 - i. Ben Bollman is new to the county board and is also a new member to JEDI.
 - ii. Results from the reorganizational meeting: Ron Heltsley is Chairman, Jason Warfel is Vice Chairman for Jasper County Board.

- iii. On Tuesday December 11th at 6:00pm located in the County Board Room, a special meeting about the new county jail will take place.
- d. Beth Probst, Principle of Newton Community High School
 - i. Schools have a lot of community projects currently underway. Shoe Boxes, canned food drive, coat drive. Coats and canned food will be distributed on Dec 15th.
 - ii. Christmas programs start Sunday at St. Thomas at 12pm.
 - iii. Currently working on getting a plan together for the use of the 1% sales tax.
 - iv. Three high school students will be attending the JEDI meetings: Wyatt Zumbahlen, Jacelyn Street, Emily Dion.
6. Comments from those attending the meeting.
 - a. Natalie Hopson
 - i. Holly Jolly is currently in full swing. All of the events and schedule is attached to the email.
 - ii. Year Book will be taking pictures on the 15th.
 - iii. Chamber Holiday hours are in effect, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am – 2pm.
7. Motion to close meeting made by Ron Heltsley, second by Louis Ochs, and motion passed.



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**EMA Meeting Minutes
1/11/18 at 6pm
@ County Bldg**

Ed Francis
Angela Fehrenbacher
Ed Michl
Mark Bolander
Steve Rubsam
Linda Huth
Danny Kerner
Brian Leffler
David Brown
Darrell Hickox

Ed reported that they had received the Heath grant for the drone. Should have this month.

Looking into whether a permit or license is needed to operate. Lakeland offers a class for \$500 per participant(exam price is inc.)

Lakeland might have a class scheduled for February. Ed believes this is a FAA certification.

EMA received a check for \$2,738 for the tanker rollover by GSI. Will use some of the money to send two members to drone training and the purchase of an ipad.

Meeting adjourned 6:45pm

David Brown, Chairman

Dues and Donations Committee
January 22, 2018
6:45 PM – 6:55 PM

Present:

Eric Blake

Robert Reisner

Mark Bolander

Rosetta York

Steve Rubsam

David Brown

Melissa Brooks

Discuss the amount budgeted for Dues and Donations, set at \$5,500.00.

Discussed advertising dates. Rosie will run in the newspaper for 2 weeks starting February.

Deadline for applications are due by Friday, March 16, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

Dues and Donations committee will meet again on March 19th to decide amounts.

Council will vote on March 20th, to be paid in April.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Eric Blake, Chairman

**Negotiations Committee Meeting
January 22, 2018
6:56 PM – 7:30 PM**

Present:

Eric Blake
Steve Rubsam
Rosetta York
Mark Bolander
David Brown
Melissa Brooks
Robert Reisner

- ✓ Handed out current contract to councilmen to look over and study.
- ✓ Committee will meet again with Union and Representative to open negotiations at later date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Eric Blake, Negotiations Committee Chairman

Street Committee
January 22, 2018
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Present: David Brown, Steve Rubsam, Rosetta York, Mark Bolander, Josh Ochs,
Melissa Brooks, Robert Reisner, John Stone

- ✓ John Stone presented a drawing of the public parking lot layout at Cobblestone and the estimated cost of \$20,950.00.
- ✓ Discussed replacing some sidewalk and curb on S. Van Buren. John will check with IDOT about permits.
- ✓ Discussed 5 year plan for the Street Department.
- ✓ Discussed making Decatur St. one-way.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Robert Reisner, Committee Chairman

Police Committee 1-29-2018

Scott Bloomberg
Mike Swick
David Brown
Robert Reisner
Stephen Rubsam
Rosetta York
Melissa Brooks

Committee went into executive session from 6:00 to 6:20 to discuss personnel.

The committee then discussed issues with city hall. Roof needs attention as well as windows. Keypad code entry will be installed at the doors from meeting room and door to outside basement area.

Adjourned at 7:00 PM

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 30, 2018
5:30 PM - 6:35 PM

Present: Lee Beckman, Amanda Lessley, Robert Reisner, Ben Borgic, Melissa Borgic, Jennifer Henterscher, Dian Scott, Melissa Brooks, Rosetta M. York & Steve Rubsam

- Discussed cash on hand and pledge amounts the Community Foundation accumulated for the River Walk monument project. Amanda spoke of ways to better promote pledges by highlighting the trail as a quality of life project to attract people to the area. Pledges could be made in memory of a family member or cash could be accepted for donations of a smaller amount in lieu of an engraving. Co-sponsor an event for the trail in conjunction with an Illinois Bicentennial Celebration or Burl Ives event. An event offering pork burgers, t-shirts and a raffle was discussed. Possible small-scale models of the monuments made from a 3-D printer is a possibility to better promote the monuments. Amanda noted a thermometer board to gauge pledge progression is needed.
- Ben will look into the possibility of having a scale model of the monument(s) formed on the high school 3-D printer. Melissa, Jennifer and Dian suggested ideas for an event and the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Council involvement.
- Discussion about scaling down the monument project if more pledges are not forthcoming. Having only one monument and locating it in the park at the trail entrance is an option. The current monument with a smaller courtyard and eagle on a pedestal was favored by the committee.
- Lee advised IDOT paperwork for the trail has been signed with projected construction to start in 2019. He advised plans for the monument(s) need to be finalized within the next eight months. This allows time for pledge raising events.
- Melissa gave an update on the changes the state is making to the Revolving Loan Fund and a meeting she attended on the subject. Some of the options will require council approval and more options have evolved since the state meeting. Melissa recommended further discussion at a future committee meeting as more information becomes available.
- Police Department impound fees were discussed. Impound fees collected by the Police Department will be directed to the Police Department Vehicle Fund beginning May 1, 2018.

Adjourned 6:35 PM

Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman

Water Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 1, 2018
5:30 PM - 7:25 PM

Present: Mark Bolander, Tyler Weber & Steve Rubsam

- Tyler discussed the south water tower cleaning. The tower is on a five-year cycle to be cleaned this year at an estimated cost of \$3460. Tyler will talk with the city engineers about bids for the cleaning.
- 5:45 PM - Committee went into closed session to interview applicants for a Water Department position.
- 7:10 PM - Committee out of closed session.
- Committee agreed to bring back three applicants for a second interview at a later date.

Adjourned 7:25 PM

Steve Rubsam
Water Committee

Water Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 12, 2018
6:00 PM - 7:20 PM

Present: Mark Bolander, David Brown, Steve Rubsam, Tyler Weber, Eric Blake and Robert Reisner

- 6:00 PM - Committee went into closed session to interview applicants for a Water Department position.
- 7:19 PM - Committee out of closed session and adjourned.
- Instructed clerk to notify applicants of their selection.

Adjourned 7:20 PM

Steve Rubsam
Water Committee

Insurance Committee Minutes
February 19, 2018
5:55pm – 6:10pm

David Brown
Melissa Brooks
Steve Rubsam
Mark Bolander
Robert Reisner
Eric Blake
Ray Diel
Rosetta York

Ray Diel with Snedeker spoke about our contract through them with Healthlink. Our contract is expiring April 1st of this year. Ray stated that Healthlink would like us to join the Open Access III plan instead of our current PPO. The City needs to decide which plan, based on the pros and cons that Ray presented, we wish to go with. The Committee discussed and decided to go with the Open Access III plan.

Next, the City's COBRA rates were discussed. Jason from Snedeker did a calculation and his recommendation was to go with options illustrated for major medical, HRP and Dental.

Adjourned 6:10 PM

David Brown, Chairman

Personnel Committee Meeting

Feb. 19, 2018

Present: Mark Bolander, Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Eric Blake, Robert Reisner, Kathy Hayes, Alice Addis

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM. Applications were distributed to all present for the applicants to be interviewed.

The Committee went into executive session at 6:15 to interview applicants for the position in the Billing/Collections office.

David Brown made the motion, seconded by Eric Blake to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. All voted in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Minutes by Alice Addis

Police Committee Meeting

Feb. 19, 2018

Present: Mark Bolander, Steve Rubsam, Rosetta York, Mike Swick, David Brown, Eric Blake, Robert Reisner, Melissa Brooks

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM.

The Committee went into executive session to discuss personnel from 5:20 to 5:40 PM.

In open session, discussed city hall building improvements/repairs. Mike received some estimates on the roof and security. He will look into them for the next budget.

The committee discussed upcoming drone training for an officer at a cost of \$349 and \$150 for testing.

Also, March 6, 7 and 8 “training the trainer” for Chief to attend.

Discussed specing the next car so local dealers can bid.

Minutes by Melissa Brooks

Negotiations Committee Meeting
February 28, 2018
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Present: Eric Blake, Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Melissa Brooks, Scott Bloomberg, Doug Towler, Matt Tarr, Rachel McVicar, Adam Painter, Clark Bigard, Sean Inyart, Scott Rubsam, Mike Schackmann, Derek Gorrell and Harley Gray

- ✓ Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM. Went into Executive Session to discuss Negotiations with Local 1197 and Personnel. Out of Executive at 6:55 PM.
- ✓ Committee met with the Union and Doug Towler to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Eric Blake, Negotiations Committee Chairman

**Wastewater Committee Meeting
Monday, March 12, 20118
5:30 PM – 6:15 PM**

Present: Robert Reisner, Brent Benefiel, Steve Rubsam, Melissa Brooks, David Brown, Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Rosetta York and Shannon Woodard

Shannon Woodard discussed details of the proposed 5 year plan for the Wastewater Department.

When passed by Council, it will be effective May 1, 2018.

The 5 year plan will be a guide for the Wastewater department.

Adjourned at 6:15 PM

Robert Reisner, Chairman

Negotiations Committee Meeting
March 15, 2018
6:00 PM – 8:25 PM

Present: Eric Blake, Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Melissa Brooks, Robert Reisner, Doug Towler, Matt Tarr, Rachel McVicar, Clark Bigard, Mike Schackmann, and Donna Watkins

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM. Council went into Executive Session to discuss contract proposal. Local 1197 and union representative invited in at 6:30 PM to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Out of Executive at 8:24 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Eric Blake, Negotiations Committee Chairman

Dues and Donations Committee
March 19, 2018
6:00 PM – 6:20 PM

Present:

Eric Blake
Robert Reisner
Mark Bolander
Rosetta York
Steve Rubsam
David Brown

Discuss the 2018 applicants and distribution of the funds

	2018 applicants	Contact	Amt. Requested	Proposed
1	Jasper County Youth Soccer	Chad Farley	\$1,000	\$1,000.00
2	Jasper County Junior High science lab	Tonya Hall	\$250	\$250.00
3	Newton Community High School Post Prom	Dawn Meinhart	no amount stated	\$200.00
4	Sunrise Youth and Community Center	David Swick	\$750	\$750.00
5	Newton Elementary PTO	Brooke Wolf	\$2,000	\$2,000.00
6	Sunrise Youth Soccer	Bill Meinhart	\$1,000	\$1,000.00
7	Newton Eagle Football Pride	Stacie Bierman	\$300	\$300.00
				\$5,500

Council will vote on March 20th, to be paid in April.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Eric Blake, Chairman

Police Committee 4-2-2018 5:30 PM

Present:

Scott Bloomberg
Chief Mike Swick
Robert Reisner
Larry Brooks
Melissa Brooks
Rosetta York
David Brown
Mark Bolander

Discussed the Following:

Update on police car grant.

Resolution 18-04 will be acted on 4-03-2018 regarding police car funding.

Golf cart getting new pain and tires.

Talked about part time officer and two officers will be attending SMUG training

Hill/Clark case. Will ask city attorney to give up date and potential outcome.

Eagle trail fun run on May 19th may need traffic control.

City Wide Clean Up dates are set for May 18th and 19th 2018.

Adjourned at 5:55 PM

Negotiations Committee Meeting
April 5, 2018
6:00 PM – 7:23 PM

Present: Mark Bolander, Marlene Harris, Eric Blake, Steve Rubsam, David Brown, Melissa Brooks, Larry Brooks, Doug Towler, Matt Tarr, Rachel McVicar, Mike Schackmann, Harley Gray, Donna Watkins, Brenda Phillips, Scott Rubsam and Adam Painter

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM. Council went into Executive Session to discuss contract proposal. Out of Executive Session at 6:45 PM.

Local 1197 and union representative, Doug Towler, invited in at 6:45 PM to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Eric Blake, Negotiations Committee Chairman

Water Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday April 9, 2018
5:30 PM - 5:55 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Shannon Woodard, Mark Bolander, Marlene Harris, Rosetta York, Steve Rubsam, Melissa Brooks and Tyler Weber

- Cobblestone Hotel water line issues: Water meter was running backwards, hotel check valves were replaced which did not help. The State Plumbing Inspector recommended to replace the meter completely. Shannon Woodard thought that would solve the issue.
- Two minor IEPA violations that need to be addressed were also brought up and will be taken care of by Water Department.

Adjourned 5:55 PM

Larry Brooks
Water Committee Chairman

E.M.A. HEALTH, AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
April 12th, 2018 at 6:00 pm
County Building

David Brown
Doug Long
Linda Huth
Angela Fehrenbacher
Ed Francis
Gary Michl

Ed Francis has reported that the year has started off slow regarding call outs. They did have storm watchers out one day last week.

Ed and Doug recently attended an annual pipeline safety meeting in Effingham.

The current FAA certified drone pilots are Bruce Lewis with E.M.A., Caleb Swick with the County, and Riley Britton with the Newton PD.

They are looking into getting a couple more drone batteries and a couple more charges. This would enable them to operate nearly nonstop for an hour minus the time to change batteries. From what they can tell so far the batteries last 15-20 minutes depending on wind conditions. Total cost for the batteries and charges would be \$400-500.

The drone with its detection equipment has had fair success with the detection of marijuana and methamphetamine locations. Its detection sensors are said to rival those of our K9 unit.

The Committee adjourned to the parking lot for a flight demonstration with the regular and infrared cameras.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

David Brown
Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 12, 2018
5:30 PM - 7:31 PM

Present: Mark Bolander, Raymond Reynolds, Marlene Harris, Rosetta M. York, Larry Brooks, David Brown, Melissa Brooks, Robert Reisner & Steve Rubsam

- Melissa gave a lengthy and informative department by department overview of the 2018-2019 budget explaining department budgets and line items.
- Raymond Reynolds spoke of a used hydro-vac the Sewer Department is considering purchasing. He recommended a hydro wand be installed on the hydro-vac if purchased for more versatility in separating soil from multiple underground utilities. It's a cost-effective way of locating utilities without the possible damage from digging. The hydro-vac w/wand would be used by all departments. Estimated cost of the wand installed is \$8500. Committee recommends this system based on cost savings and versatility if the used hydro-vac is purchased.
- 6:58 PM - 7:30 PM Executive Session to discuss part-time and department head wages.

Meeting adjourned 7:31 PM
Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman.

Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting
Monday, April 23, 2018
5:30 PM – 6:10 PM

Present: Robert Reisner, Larry Brooks, Brent Benefiel, Tyler Weber, Mark Bolander, Steve Rubsam, Melissa Brooks, David Brown, Rosetta York, Tim Jones, Brenda Phillips, Marlene Harris and Kathy Hayes

Discussed Water and Sewer billing at Tim Jones Apartments.

Brent discussed new vac truck and is taking plans to D&M for the wastewater sludge container.

Cobblestone Hotel has a new water meter.

Tyler is going out for bids for a new water department truck.

The water plant is back in compliance with sump splashing and chlorinator brine tank.

Adjourned at 6:15 PM

Robert Reisner, Chairman Wastewater
Larry Brooks, Chairman Water

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday May 7, 2018
5:30 PM - 6:40 PM

Present: Robert Reisner, Marlene Harris, Ken Larrimore, Mark Bolander, Rosetta M. York, Amanda Lessley, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks & Steve Rubsam

- Reviewed Newton Medical Complex LLC TIF application. Ken will review TIF eligible expenses for a 10-year agreement on estimated property taxes.
- Amanda reviewed the status of the Riverwalk Trail fundraising plan and recommended fundraising plans to be implemented. This includes forming a ten-member committee, Community Foundation assistance applying for grants and providing information to the public through media and Chamber of Commerce community events.
- Discussed an Economic Development Coordinator position and/or assistant. The position would be an employee of JEDI or an independent contractor. After a job description is developed the position will be advertised followed by job interviews this summer.

Adjourned 6:40 PM

Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman

**Water Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 9, 2018
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

Present: Robert Reisner, Larry Brooks, Tyler Weber, Mark Bolander, Steve Rubsam, Melissa Brooks, David Brown, Rosetta York, Marlene Harris and Shannon Woodard

Discussed Dhom water main extension and add 3 bores for individual services lines for the homes across the highway. The service lines are undersized for the 3 houses.

Total Cost including the 3 bores is approximately \$54,000 minus the cost share of \$11,700, leaving \$42,300 for water department.

Tyler ask about new high visibility shirts for city workers.

Adjourned at 6:00 PM

Larry Brooks, Chairman Water

Personnel Committee Meeting
Monday, May 21, 2018
6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Mark Bolander, Steve Rubsam, Rosetta York, Brad Benefiel, Tyler Weber, Raymond Reynolds, Josh Ochs, Melissa Brooks, David Brown, Mike Swick, Marlene Harris, Robert Reisner, Ken Albrecht, Kathy Hayes, Alice Addis and Brent Benefiel

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

The Committee met with the Department Heads to discuss any matters of concern. Everything seems to be going along at a good pace. Everyone is working well together. A very good and informative meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM
Larry Brooks, Chairman

Police Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday June 4, 2018
5:30 PM - 6:05 PM

Present: David Brown, Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Chief Mike Swick, Marlene Harris, Mark Bolander, Rosetta York and Melissa Brooks

Discussed the Following:

- ✓ Bids for new police vehicle were opened. No action taken.
- ✓ Mike received quote of \$1,600 for windows and door at City Hall from Hankins & Fisher.
- ✓ Mike requested permission for the Newton PD to be a sponser at the "Mini Monster" event at the Fair.
- ✓ Internet speeds at PD/City Hall were discussed.
- ✓ Cell coverage in City/PD was discussed. Upgrade with a signal booster would cost \$700.
- ✓ Generator failure during Thursday's storm was mentioned. Purchasing a portable backup generator to help water/sewer issues during outages was discussed.

Adjourned at 6:05 PM

David Brown, Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 14, 2018
5:30 PM 6:30 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Rosetta M. York, Mark Bolander, Ken Larimore, Robert Reisner, Melissa Brooks, Marlene Harris, David Brown & Steve Rubsam

- Melissa explained TIF balance and TIF obligations to the committee.
- Reviewed three TIF applications. Committee recommended \$2500 TIF for Jasper County Realty Brokers Inc. for tuckpointing, \$2500 TIF for Integrated Therapy Services for building improvements and \$25000 TIF for Jasper County Unit One for necessary materials to advance vocational education classes due to increased demand for classes.
- Melissa explained gaming tax revenue sharing with local governments. The pull tab & jar games tax distributed to municipalities is for law enforcement purposes. Discussed line items where monies could be applied. Melissa will consult with chief of police for information on how monies would be spent. Committee recommended applying proceeds toward police vehicles.
- Discussed possible 911 related grants.
- Mayor asked for ideas and incentives to encourage home & multi-family dwelling construction in the city. Incentives were discussed and will be brought up for review at a later date.
- Recommended the city proceed with electrical improvements to the truck parking lot on the west edge of Newton located behind Cobblestone Hotel and Suites. Discussed fees for parking trucks to cover the cost of electrical connections.

Adjourned 6:31 PM

Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 27, 2018
5:30 PM - 6:25 PM

Present: Rosetta M. York, Mark Bolander, Marlene Harris, Robert Reisner, Melissa Brooks, Larry D. Brooks & Steve Rubsam

- 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.

Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman

**Joint Electric, Water, Wastewater, EMA
and Police Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 5, 2018
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

Present: Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Josh Ochs, Brent Benefiel, Tyler Weber, Doug Long, Mark Bolander, Raymond Reynolds, Steve Rubsam, Mike Swick, Marlene Harris and David Brown

The Committee met to discuss the purchase of generators. Also discussed was a transfer pump for the lift station.

Adjourned at 6:00 PM

Larry Brooks, Chairman Water

No MINUTES were delivered to city

EMA Committee July 12, 2018

6 pm- 6:20pm

County Office Building

Call to order

Public Comments

Approval of the agenda

Old Business

Drone accident: *Drone fell out of the sky for no reason. Company is fixing free. (Said at council meeting on July 17, 2018)

New Business

Administrator's update- *Grants were discussed (Said at council meeting on July 17, 2018)

2019 F Y Budget

Adjourn

6:20 pm

Water Committee Meeting
Monday, July 23, 2018
5:30 PM – 6:15 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Robert Reisner, Eric Blake, Marlene Harris, Tyler Weber, Mark Bolander, Shannon Woodard and David Brown,

Discussed Liberty St. water main replacement which needs researched and considered for next year.

Shannon Woodard start researching for bids on South Water Tower to be done next year.

The radio for the water towers need replaced or serviced. Quotes will be research.

Dhom water main extension will be starting soon.

No bids for the Water Department new truck have been received. Tyler will check to see why.

Skid stir came in today. A power rake for the skid stir for all departments to use will be investigated at an interdepartmental shared cost.

Water plant computer will probably need serviced or replaced in the next year. Tyler is having problems with it.

Adjourned at 6:15 PM
Larry Brooks, Chairman Water

Police Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 25, 2018
5:30 PM - 6:43 PM

Present: Mark Bolander, Chief Mike Swick, Marlene Harris, Eric Blake, Robert Reisner, Larry Brooks, John Stone, David Brown, Shannon Woodard, Rosetta York and Melissa Brooks

Discussed the Following:

The Committee met to discuss the possibility of joining the County in their construction project. Shannon with Connor and Connor showed the Committee several design options.

The consensus was to continue discussions with the County.

Adjourned at 6:43 PM

David Brown, Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday August 13, 2018
6:30 PM - 8:15 PM

Present: Amber Volk, Eric Blake, Robert Reisner, Rosetta M. York, Mark Bolander, John Stone, Marlene Harris, Raymond Reynolds, Tyler Weber, Melissa Brooks, Larry D. Brooks, Brent Benefiel, Lincoln Duncan & Steve Rubsam

- Jake Griggs from Bluestem Energy Solutions gave a presentation on alternative wind, solar and storage energy for the city. Initially, electrical energy could be provided to municipal buildings by one or more of these means. Bluestem offered to do a feasibility study at no cost to the city. The committee expressed concerns and conflict with existing contract with Vistra Energy for electricity and support for their power generating plant in the county. Committee agreed to a study to assist in long range planning for the city pending review by the city attorney.
- Raymond gave estimates of \$17,775 for a natural gas/LP gas generator for 911 and city hall, \$63,550 for a water well portable generator and \$2249.99 for a portable water tower generator. Committee recommended purchase of portables. Estimates are over 30 days and Raymond will check to see if prices are still accurate. City Hall generator has issues but not in immediate need of replacement and 911 funds may be available when replaced.
- Bret gave estimate of \$45,000 for a portable transfer pump for the lift stations. Bret will monitor for possible price reduction later in the year.
- Committee agreed to recommend a TIF request for \$2500 from Warehouse Antiques to clean, tuckpoint and seal west side of building at 113 W. Jourdan. Also, recommended \$2500 TIF request for upstairs remodeling for exercising at Newton Elite Fitness, 120 W. Washington St.
- Melissa explained the city's TIF obligations.
- Discussed a city/county intergovernmental agreement for sheriff/police/city hall building.
- Discussed upgrading phone system at City Hall. System is outdated and parts no longer available. Estimated cost \$6800. More information will be available at a later date.
- Discussed renovation of City Hall.
- Tyler gave quote of \$37,984 for new Water Dept. truck from McClane Motors. Estimates on a truck bed to follow at later date. A truck is already allocated in the department 5-year plan.

Adjourned 8:45 PM

Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman

Street Committee
August 13, 2018
5:30 PM – 5:55 PM

Present: Robert Reisner, Larry Brooks, Steve Rubsam, Marlene Harris, Mark Bolander, Rosetta York, Raymond Reynolds, Josh Ochs, Melissa Brooks, John Stone

- ✓ Discussed the Street Department 5 year plan
- ✓ Discussed getting trailer to haul skid steer around
- ✓ Discussed getting a mini generator to be split by 3 departments
Street/Electric/Water.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Robert Reisner, Committee Chairman

Water Committee Meeting

Monday, September 17, 2018

5:30 PM – 6:35 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, David Brown, Steve Rubsam, Marlene Harris, Tyler Weber, Mark Bolander, Robert Reisner, and Melissa Brooks.

The committee discussed the Power Rake purchase. The Water Department will purchase a power rake for the skid steer. This will be used by all departments. At a total of \$8760.00, to be voted on at the council meeting, Tues., September 18, 2018.

The Water plant system control computer is causing some concern. A replacement unit will cost around \$10,920.00. The committee decided to try to put this in next year's budget, unless the system control computer quits, then we will need to purchase a new one.

Dhom Water extension is completed, and will be tested next week.

The Cross Connection surveys were mailed on Sept. 6, 2018.

Water loss is at 8.8 percent, up about 3 percent. Tyler is checking to find what might be causing this.

Adjourned at 6:35 PM

Larry Brooks, Water Committee Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
5:30 PM - 6:27 PM
Monday October 1, 2018

Present: Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Robert Reisner, Marlene Harris, Brian Bradbury, Mark Bolander, Rosetta M. York & Steve Rubsam

- Brian Bradbury with Kemper CPA Group discussed the 2017 - 2018 city audit ending April 30, 2018. Mr. Bradbury stated the city is given a clean compliance opinion. He noted from the audit that cash and cash equivalents are up and total liabilities are down. The Electrical, Water & Waste Water Departments are all operating in the positive. Bradbury discussed different areas of the audit and answered questions from the mayor and committee.
- The city follows TIF regulation as noted in the audit by Bradbury and is complying with those regulations.
- Rosetta M. York stated the City Clerk cash register has \$200 to make change to customers. She would like to increase the amount to \$300 for making change to reduce trips to the bank for change. Committee approved the increase.

Adjourned 6:27 PM

Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman

EMA Committee Meeting

October, 11th, 2018
6:00 PM County Annex

Ed and Doug reported on the following:

- Landing zone assists are down.
- Sept. 4th, 5th, and 6th Ed and Doug attended the EMA Summit in Springfield, IL
- Budget now has a line item called “Grant Expenditures”
- Discussed “self-reliance” in the community regarding emergency situations.
- EMA membership has stayed consistent with what it’s been the last few years.
- 2019 EMA quarterly meetings should be same as 2018 depending on if same or different County EMA Chairperson.

Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018

5:30 PM – 7:16 PM

Present: Larry Brooks, Mayor Mark Bolander, Steve Rubsam, Josh Ochs, Mike Swick, Paul Conlin, Marlene Harris, Robert Reisner, Ken Albrecht, Kathy Hayes, Tyler Weber, Brad Benefiel, Raymond Reynolds, Melissa Brooks, Brent Benefiel, Scott Bloomberg.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

The committee met at 5:30 with Department heads present. Each Department head discussed what was going on. The meeting went very well and was very informative. The new truck parking lot was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM

Larry Brooks, Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
5:30 PM - 6:12 PM
Monday October 29, 2018

Present: Marlene Harris, Robert Reisner, Mark Bolander, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Rosetta M. York, Eric Blake & Steve Rubsam

- The treasurer's office has determined that the City would need to levy \$631,000 for the tax year 2018. The amount to be levied will not exceed 5% of the 2017 tax year levy extended.
- Substantial changes include lowering the Work Comp levy and increasing the Social Security levy.
- There is approximately a \$30,000 increase in the 2018 levy.
- Committee discussed parking fees at the city owned truck parking lot. Pads and electrical hook-ups will be installed soon. Discussion on means to recoup some of the city expenses included monthly and yearly fees, various fee amounts and sticker purchases. No agreement was reached. Mayor asked committee to consider all the alternatives and the matter will be discussed at a later meeting in the near future.

Adjourned 6:12 PM

Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman

Insurance Committee Minutes

October 29, 2018

6:13 pm – 6:48 pm

Present:

Robert Reisner

Steve Rubsam

Larry Brooks

Melissa Brooks

Eric Blake

Rosie York

Mark Bolander

- Health Insurance:

Meeting called to order and the floor was given to Melissa Brooks. Insurance meetings were held prior to this year every other year. I am to get with Melissa every quarter to review Poke amount, and meetings are now going to be held every year to review the Poke amount to make sure we are on track and not going in the hole. Last year we had \$221000 in the Poke this year we are down to \$209,976. Increase in rates are needed to bring this amount back up

It was suggested that the employee dependents Health insurance rates be increased by 5% and city contribution on employee also increase 5%, effective Jan 1, 2019. This is to be put on agenda to be voted on by council at next meeting.

- CoreSource:

It was discussed that we need to add a one page amendment to the Health coverage book to add the Non-Discrimination Notice with 67 taglines.

Discussed the renewal fee and proposed to accept the 1 1/2% on a 2 year agreement with CoreSource, to be put on the agenda to be voted on at next council meeting.

- Risk Management Association:

Overall premium did not change. There was a discussion on paying the premium early to receive a 1% discount of \$845.34. It was agreed to pay by Nov 21 to receive the discount.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM

Adjourned 6:48 PM

Marlene Harris, Chairman

**Combination Finance Committee/River Walk Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday November 26, 2018
5:30 PM - 7:05 PM**

Present: Marlene Harris, Robert Reisner, Larry D. Brooks, Lanette Huddleston, Jennifer Hinterscher, Shirley Hoffeditz, Mark Bolander, Lee Beckman, Melissa Borgic, Dian L. Scott, Amanda Lessley, Melissa Brooks, & Steve Rubsam

- Lee gave examples of the possible design of the elevated portion of the River Walk and noted an environmental impact study is expected to be completed next summer. Final IDOT approval will be needed following the study and engineering work will be completed pending approval. Construction is estimated to begin in 2020.
- Amanda updated the committees on current pledges and pledge amounts.
- Discussion ensued about ideas to better inform the public of the reasons for the River Walk and how to generate public interest. Ideas included social media, community events, person to person contact and a contact committee.
- Mayor Bolander appointed a public information committee to include Diane Scott, Melissa Borgic, Jennifer Hinterscher, Marlene Harris and Steve Rubsam with two other person to be contacted. Amanda Lessley, Mark Bolander and Lee Beckman will be advisors to the newly formed committee.
- City Treasurer Melissa Brooks updated the committees on the status of the River Walk grant monies and the city's portion of the 20% cost sharing monies.

Adjourned 7:05 PM

Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman