

MINUTES
North Newton City Council – Regular Meeting
April 8, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.
North Newton City Hall

1. Call to Order

Council President Ron Ratzlaff called the meeting to order. Those present and constituting a quorum were:

COUNCIL: Paul Harder, Gregg Dick, Jim Goering and Dennis Campbell

ABSENT: Mayor Ron Braun

STAFF: John Torline, Danny Bisoni, Greg Nye, Randy Jordan and Pat Redding

OTHERS: Steve Ellingboe, Grace Wild, Fred Schroeder, Danny Entz, Wendy Nugent, Ryan McAninch, Abby Stockebrand, Cindy Hiebert, Bret Shogren and Gwen Neufeld

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting were presented.

MOTION: Harder moved, Goering seconded, to approve the March 11, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments

Steve Ellingboe representing Nisly Brothers, Inc. stated their interest in providing North Newton with trash and recycling service. Nisly Brothers has been in existence for 60 years and is a family owned and Christian based organization. Ellingboe passed out information to each council member and stated that Nisly is ready to be our provider once we decide to switch carriers.

4. Consider the Mayor's appointment to fill an unexpired term on the North Newton Housing Authority

Council President Ratzlaff stated that Mayor Braun has requested Grace Wild be appointed to the North Newton Housing Authority to fill an unexpired term.

MOTION: Campbell moved, Dick seconded, to appoint Grace Wild to serve an unexpired term on the North Newton Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider a Franchise Agreement with Ideatek that would allow the use of City right of ways for fiber optic lines

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Ryan McAninch and Abby Stockebrand from Ideatek reported on the proposed project to install fiber optics on the Bethel College campus. This project would provide internet and phone service to Bethel College. This is not an exclusive agreement and will provide the city with a 5% franchise fee. Attorney Nye has reviewed the agreement and has recommended some edits. Ideatek has agreed to these changes and the final agreement will reflect these edits. Bisoni stated his concern is overcrowding of the right of ways and the problem that it presents when having to repair water lines, etc. He recommends going overhead if possible. McAninch stated that going overhead is their first choice but in this situation it was not feasible. Ideatek works with numerous cities in the area: Haven, Inman, Moundridge, Goessel and Andale. They also provide service to a lot of schools.

MOTION: Harder moved, Campbell seconded, to approve Ordinance no. 628-19 which is the agreement with Ideatek to install fiber optics in the City right of ways. Motion carried unanimously.

Council President Ratzlaff asked that we move to item #9 on the agenda

9. Consider bids received for General Obligation Bond Series 2019

Bret Shogren, Financial Advisor, from George K. Baum & Company reported that at our last council meeting the council authorized the General Obligation Bonds to be sold. The sale closed today at 10am and six bids were received. The lowest bid is from Central States Capital Markets with an interest rate of 2.68. Shogren stated he is very pleased with the interest rate and this is a reflection of the City's good financial standing. If the bond sale is approved by council it will close on April 25th. At that time our temporary notes will be paid off and the rest of the bond proceeds will be deposited in the city's bank account.

MOTION: Dick moved, Campbell seconded, to accept the low bid from Central States Capital Markets. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Dick moved, Campbell seconded, to approve Ordinance 627-19 authorizing issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Goering moved, Harder seconded, to approve Resolution 369-19 prescribing the details of and authorizing and directing the sale and delivery of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Shogren thanked the city for their continued business.

6. Consider the bids received for the 24th Street and 36th Street Water Line Projects

Ratzlaff reported that the bids were opened last week for the 24th Street and 36th Street water line projects. On both projects, the low bid exceeded the engineer's estimates approved by an earlier resolution. This resolution authorized the amount of bond money that we can spend on these projects. Therefore, Ratzlaff is asking that council reject all

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bids and authorize staff to negotiate with a contractor for better results. After some discussion among council it was decided to pursue another bid.

MOTION: Dick moved, Goering seconded, to reject all the bids and authorize city staff to begin negotiations with another contractor. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider an Agreement with Regier Construction for design of the entrance signs

Torline stated that Regier Construction has submitted a Design Contract for the entrance sign project. Chuck Regier has reviewed the contract and it is in line with the original proposal. This contract includes complete architectural drawings and site plan for one installation.

MOTION: Harder moved, Dick seconded, to approve the Design Contract with Regier Construction for the entrance sign project. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider a Proclamation declaring June 1, 2019 as Jacob D. Goering Trail Day

The Sand Creek Trail Committee annually celebrates National Trail Day on June 1st. The theme this year is to honor Jake's legacy. Jake Goering passed away on January 12 which was his 101st birthday. This Proclamation will be given to the Sand Creek Trail Committee for their distribution.

MOTION: Goering moved, Harder seconded, to approve the Proclamation declaring June 1, 2019 as Jake D. Goering Trail Day. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider the purchase of a new phone system and audio visual system

Redding stated that our phone system is over 20 years old and some of the extensions do not work any longer. We received two bids for a new IP phone system with voicemail, auto attendant, training and installation. The low bid of \$3795 was received from Kaye Electric and Redding recommended accepting this bid. Redding is also recommending a new audio visual system to replace the current projector and screen. The projector was purchased used in 2006 and is unreliable and the color contrast is not good. Kansas Electric submitted a bid to install a wireless video sharing system and a 75 inch television which would be located where the current screen is now. Redding suggested we buy the television on our own to save some money. The quote of \$4,260 would cover the video sharing system and installation. Redding stated a 75 inch television and mount would cost between \$1300 and \$1500. The total cost on the phone system, audio visual system and television is around \$9500.

MOTION: Goering moved, Campbell seconded, to approve the purchase of a new phone system, new audio vision system and television not to exceed \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Reports

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a. Mayor/Council. Councilman Goering reported that the North Newton Community Foundation (NNCF) current asset balance is \$248,521. The grant cycle closed on April 4 and sixteen grant applications are now being scored by the Grant Selection Committee. Approximately \$8,800 will be given away at the Awards Ceremony on June 20 at Mojo's.

b. Staff Update. Torline reported that the Recycling Forum is scheduled for April 15 at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Harvey County Council of Government meets on Wednesday, April 10 and the Chamber Breakfast is scheduled for April 19 at the Meridian Center.

Bisoni stated the City wide clean-up started today. Bisoni also reported that PPJ completed the concrete work, patching and repaired two intersection and wheelchair ramps in the past couple of weeks. Bluestem Street is ready for the overlay that will happen later this summer. Chip sealing will be completed on various streets when Bethel College is out for the summer. Vogts-Parga will start the culvert project soon and will be closing off Bluestem Street from Anderson Avenue to Sumac Street. Bisoni and Danny Entz burned the prairie restoration area a couple of weeks ago. Bisoni and Entz attended the Kansas Rural Water Association Conference in Wichita at the end of March. Bisoni reported it was a good conference and well attended.

Chief Jordan reported that he has hired a part-time officer, Nancy Jimenez, to do bike patrol in North Newton. Jordan also spoke about the forfeiture report included in the council packets. There were questions as to why the revenue is trending down since 2015. Jordan reported that the officers aren't making as many stops where heroin and meth are involved. He also stated that the Attorney General hasn't signed the Harvey County Drug Task Force Agreement yet so there hasn't been as many scheduled joint task force interdictions on the interstate. Jordan reported that his new vehicle should be ready later this month or early in May.

Attorney Nye had nothing to report.

c. Clerk/Treasurer. Redding presented accounts payable and payroll for consideration.

MOTION: Harder moved, Dick seconded, to approve April accounts payable and miscellaneous checks in the amount of \$66,935.46 and March payroll in the amount of \$14,748.30. Motion carried unanimously.

Redding reported that she attended Clerk's Conference a couple of weeks ago. One of the sessions was on the upcoming April 2020 census. It is important for everyone to return their census form as this means more grant monies for the state of Kansas. Redding also reported that city council elections are this coming November. Ron Ratzlaff and Paul Harder's terms are expiring as well as Mayor Ron Braun's term. The filing deadline is June 3 at noon.

12. Non-Agenda Items

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None presented.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business Mayor Braun declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Patricia Pettig
City Clerk

Ronald A. Braun
Mayor

May 13, 2019
Date Approved