

MINUTES
North Newton City Council – Regular Meeting
May 14, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
North Newton City Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ron Braun called the meeting to order. Those present and constituting a quorum were:

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

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

OTHERS: Grace Wild, Glenn Knak, Nathan Murphy, Yasaf Qamar, Fred Schroeder, Chris Riesen, Katie Schmidt, Tyson Miller, Kurt Friesen, Hannah Thompson and Adam Strunk

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting were presented.

MOTION: Dick moved, Goering seconded, to approve the April 9, 2018 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Work Session minutes from April 19 do not need to be approved but are included for informational purposes only. Councilman Ratzlaff requested a change be made to the housing cost on item #2. He asked that it read as a range: \$150,000 - \$210,000.

3. Citizen Comments

No one spoke

4. Consider the Mayor's reappointment to the Newton/North Newton Planning Commission and appointment to the North Newton Housing Authority.

Mayor Braun recommended reappointing Gary Roth to a 3 year term on the Newton/North Newton Planning Commission.

MOTION: Ratzlaff moved, Goering seconded, to approve said appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Braun recommended appointing Margaret Sawatzky to fill an unexpired term as resident representative to the North Newton Housing Authority.

MOTION: Dick moved, Ratzlaff seconded, to approve said appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider a Proclamation declaring May as National Historic Preservation Month

Hannah Thompsen, Executive Director of Harvey County Historic Museum and Archives, reported that May is National Historic Preservation Month. Mayor Braun read the Proclamation declaring May 2018 as National Historic Preservation month and signed it.

6. Consider a Contract between the City of North Newton and Vogts Parga-Construction, LLC to provide curb, gutter, pavement, water lines and sewer lines for the extension of Lakewood Circle.

Glenn Knak, an engineer representing Earles Engineering, explained the Agreement and Bid Form. The total base bid is \$322,954.20 with two alternative bids. The first alternative bid is for the Pickle Ball Court for \$28,760 and the second alternative bid is for other associated items related to the Pickle Ball Court in the amount of \$19,315.50. The total base bid plus the two alternative bids total \$371,029.70. Torline reported that Kidron Bethel will pay all of these costs except ½ of the Pickle Ball Court for which the City has agreed to be responsible. The City will pursue temporary financing until the bond issue closes at a later date. Tyson Miller representing Kidron Bethel reported that the two alternative items might be omitted if the project is over budget. However, the benches and a water station are part of the pause point that could be included in the KDOT grant. After the agreement is signed, Earles Engineering will provide a Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed.

MOTION: Campbell moved, Harder seconded to approve the Agreement and Bid Form with Vogts-Parga Construction, LLC in the amount of \$371,029.70. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider authorizing the Issuance of Temporary Notes in the amount of \$930,000.

Torline reported that we need to provide temporary financing for anticipated projects and those that are already in process. These projects include the Lakewood Circle project, the upcoming water line project and the upcoming KDOT walking path project. The total of these three projects is \$930,000. Torline stated that Midland Bank would buy the temporary note for 1 year at an interest rate of 2.125%. We expect to redeem the notes with the issuance of general obligation bonds prior to the time the payment on the note is due to the bank. Resolution 359-18 authorizes the issuance, sale and delivery of temporary notes between Midland National Bank and the City of North Newton.

MOTION: Ratzlaff moved, Campbell seconded to approve Resolution 359-18 authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of temporary notes. Motion carried unanimously.

Torline reported there is also a Note Purchase Agreement with Midland National Bank stating that Midland National Bank will purchase all of the notes issued by the City of North Newton. The amount of the temporary notes is \$930,000. Closing on the temporary notes is scheduled for June 1, 2018.

MOTION: Dick moved, Goering seconded to approve the Note Purchase Agreement with Midland National Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider the recommendations of the North Newton Community Foundation for grants from the four named Endowments contained in the City General Fund

Torline reported that the NNCF is anticipating awarding approximately \$10,500 in grants at the Awards Celebration on June 14 at the Meridian Center. It is a provision of the Sher Klassen

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Neufeld Endowment Fund, the Jim and Shirley Goering Community Development Fund, the Jacob D. and Beth E. Goering Charitable Fund and the John G. and Diana C. Torline Endowment for North Newton Fund that the NNCF recommend awards to be given. The North Newton City Council then considers the recommendation for approval. The NNCF is recommending granting \$6,711 from the above named funds. Council reviewed and discussed the grants from each of the four funds. After council's approval the grants will be presented to the Central Kansas Community Foundation for final approval.

MOTION: Ratzlaff moved, Harder seconded, to approve the awards as recommended by the NNCF. Councilman Goering recused himself from voting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Braun thanked the Grant Selection Committee, chaired by Jennifer Vogts, and Brenda Sooter from the Central Kansas Community Foundation for all their hard work.

9. Consider a Resolution creating a Water Reserve Fund within the City's accounts.

Torline reported that at the recent council work session, council expressed interest in creating a water reserve fund. This fund is similar to the sewer reserve fund that was established a couple of years ago. The purpose of these funds is to put money away for future emergencies. If approved, the City will begin transferring excess money into the fund. Presently the money would come from the sewer fund because that is where there is excess revenue. Torline is recommending that we adjust rates in the future so the excess money comes from the appropriate fund. Torline stated the water reserve fund and sewer reserve fund will be reviewed annually.

MOTION: Goering moved, Dick seconded to approve Resolution 360-18 establishing a Water Reserve Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider requesting the participation of the Harvey County Commission in funding the pedestrian bridge across Kidron Creek as a part of the pending KDOT Walking Path.

Torline reported that at the March council meeting it was decided that council wanted to pursue the installation of a pedestrian bridge for the pending KDOT walking path rather than a low water crossing. Torline has since attended a Harvey County Commission meeting and started out by apologizing to the Commission for not involving them in the process earlier. Torline then explained the project and answered any questions from the Commission. In 2001 when the Trail of Two Cities was completed, the County donated \$25,000 to the project. Torline mentioned this in the County Commission meeting and stated North Newton would welcome any contributions from Harvey County for the pedestrian bridge. The cost of the pedestrian bridge was not included in the KDOT grant and is going to cost an extra \$40,000 to complete. Torline is suggesting we ask Harvey County to contribute \$20,000 for the bridge. Mayor Braun suggested having a ribbon cutting which would include recognizing Harvey County and a plaque on the bridge stating the involvement of Harvey County. Council supported the idea of having Mayor Braun and Torline attend a Harvey County Commission meeting in the near future to make a formal request.

11. Consider an ordinance revising the current ordinance relating to marijuana.

Attorney Nye reported that Ordinance 619-18 will bring the city in compliance with current state law as it relates to habit-forming and dangerous drugs. Municipalities are required to be in compliance with state statutes.

MOTION: Ratzlaff moved, Campbell seconded to approve Ordinance 619-18 regulating the possession of habit-forming and dangerous drugs. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Reports

a. Mayor/Council. Mayor Braun reported that the Public Wholesale Water District met in April. There is a slight water rate increase as well as a slight decrease in the maintenance agreement this year. There was some discussion about the City of Wichita wanting to get a higher percentage of their water from the Equus Beds. The City of Wichita did a presentation at the Harvey County Commission meeting recently informing the Commission of their intentions. The county doesn't have any water wells however this issue directly effects the municipalities in the county. There will be a public hearing regarding this issue and Suzanne Loomis is looking into what this change could potentially mean for cities in Harvey County.

Councilman Goering reported the NNCF asset balance is \$221,700. The 2018 Awards Celebration is planned for June 14 at 6:00 at the Meridian Center. Tim Hodge will be the guest speaker.

b. Staff Update. Torline had nothing additional to report.

Police Chief Jordan reported that he has hired a new Patrol Officer. Mike Wambold is an 18 year veteran of the Newton Police Department and is a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). Jordan is thrilled to have someone with this kind of experience working for North Newton.

Attorney Nye had nothing additional to report.

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

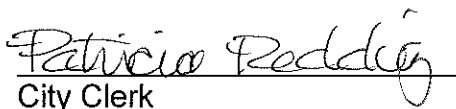
MOTION: Ratzlaff moved, Dick seconded, to approve May accounts payable and miscellaneous checks in the amount of \$170,879.37 and April/May payroll in the amount of \$26,564.56. Motion carried unanimously.


13. Non-Agenda Items

None presented

14. Adjournment.

There being no further business Mayor Braun declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


City Clerk


Mayor

June 11, 2018
Date Approved