

**MINUTES**  
**North Newton City Council – Regular Meeting**  
**August 13, 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:** Gregg Dick, Ron Ratzlaff, Jim Goering, Paul Harder and Dennis Campbell

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

**OTHERS:** Grace Wild, Joel Gaeddert, Kurt Friesen, Adam Strunk, Beth Shelton and Fred Schroeder

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the July 9, 2018 meeting were presented.

**MOTION:** Goering moved, Dick seconded, to approve said minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Citizen Comments**

No one spoke.

**4. Receive Beth Shelton, Harvey County Economic Development Council, for an annual update of EDC activities.**

Beth Shelton presented the 2018 Project Tracker which lists each business that is considering locating at the Kansas Logistics Park. She reported that the EDC has joined the Greater Wichita Partnership to assist in marketing Harvey County. She also reported that the 2019 budget request includes a slight increase. These additional funds will be used to fund their involvement in the Greater Wichita Partnership. Jim Goering and Joel Gaeddert represent North Newton on the EDC board. Mayor Braun thanked Shelton for her work and stated that North Newton will continue to encourage and support the EDC.

**5. Conduct a Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget as Prepared.**

Mayor Braun opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Braun closed public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Torline reported the proposed mill levy increase is 2.75 mills which is the equivalent of approximately \$27,500. The additions to the 2019 budget are a fourth full time police office, a

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proposed 3% wage increase and an increase from 50% to 60% that the City will pay for employee health premiums. These last two items will be decided by council in December.

MOTION: Harder moved, Goering seconded, to adopt the 2019 Budget as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Consider a Resolution related to the issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds for Kidron Bethel Retirement Services.**

Nye reported that Kidron Bethel Retirement Services is pursuing the issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB) to provide funds for financing, refinancing, reimbursing and refunding the costs of certain health care and senior living facilities costs. Harvey County has already approved the issuance of IRB's with the passing of Resolution 2018-16. There is no liability to the county or city on these IRB's. Nye supports the action the county has already taken and stated that the city would need to pass Resolution 361-18 which approves the issuance of revenue bonds by Harvey County.

MOTION: Ratzlaff moved, Dick seconded, to approve Resolution 361-18 approving the issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds for Kidron Bethel Retirement Services. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Consider North Newton's Membership in the Regional Economic Area Partnership.**

At the last council meeting John Waltner presented the benefits of joining the REAP organization. Mayor Braun stated that REAP is made of municipalities and counties in central Kansas. The annual dues for North Newton would be \$488 and this amount could increase each year. Along with the annual dues there is an Interlocal Agreement that Mayor Braun would sign. Some of the topics of conversation currently are water quality and quantity and transportation issues. There was council discussion that supported our involvement in REAP and being a part of these important conversations.

MOTION: Goering moved, Harder seconded to become members of REAP and authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Consider bids received for replacement of culverts on Goldenrod.**

Bisoni reported that he has talked with three different contractors regarding the best way to fix the culverts that are deteriorating on Goldenrod and Anderson. Two of these companies have submitted bids for replacing the culverts. Vogt-Parga Construction's estimate is \$17,645 and PP&J's estimate is \$11,300. Bisoni recommends going with PP&J which is the low bid. PP&J has done work for us before and Bisoni has been pleased with the outcome.

MOTION: Dick moved, Ratzlaff seconded to accept the low bid from PP&J in the amount of \$11,300. Motion Carried unanimously.

**9. Consider an Addendum to the Agreement with South Central Recycling related to the requirement of maintaining Workers Compensation Insurance.**

Nye reported that our agreement with South Central Recycling requires Steve Meyer to have Worker's Compensation Insurance. Since this is a family business and Meyer doesn't have any

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employees besides family members he is not required by Kansas statute to have Worker's Compensation Insurance. Nye has prepared an Addendum to the original Agreement removing paragraph 10 relative to the requirement of maintaining workers compensation insurance. After some discussion it was suggested that Nye edit the Addendum stating that Meyer wouldn't need Workman's Compensation Insurance except when outlined in Kansas statute.

MOTION: Harder moved, Campbell seconded to accept the Addendum with the proposed change. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Consider approval of the 2018 Standard Traffic Ordinance, 2018 Uniform Public Offense Code and the 2012 International Fire Code.**

Attorney Nye summarized the changes to the 2018 Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) and recommended passing the 2018 STO and repealing the 2017 version. These changes bring us in compliance with recent legislative changes.

MOTION: Ratzlaff moved, Dick seconded, to adopt the 2018 STO giving it Ordinance No. 620-18. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Nye summarized the changes to the 2018 Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC) and recommended passing the 2018 UPOC and repealing the 2017 version. These changes bring us in compliance with recent legislative changes.

MOTION: Dick moved, Harder seconded, to adopt the 2018 UPOC giving it Ordinance No. 621-18. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Nye reported the international Fire Code is passed every 5-6 years. Newton does our inspections so our ordinance needs to match theirs which includes various amendments. Ordinance 622-18 puts us in compliance with the City of Newton's ordinance.

MOTION: Goering moved, Ratzlaff seconded, to adopt Ordinance 622-18 which adopts the International Fire Code. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Consider the appointment of a voting delegate and alternate to the annual meeting of the League of Kansas Municipalities.**

MOTION: Campbell moved, Dick seconded to appoint City Clerk Redding as the voting delegate and Mayor Braun as the alternate to the Annual Meeting of the League of Kansas Municipalities. This year the League meeting will be held in Topeka on October 6-8.

**12. Reports**

**a. Mayor/Council.** Councilman Goering reported that the asset balance of the North Newton Community Foundation (NNCF) is currently \$228,120. Of the \$20,000 in match funds provided by the City for 2018, \$13,050 remains to be matched. Of this total, \$10,000 is designated for the establishment of new funds and \$3,050 is available to match donations to existing funds. On September 11 is the annual Affiliate Summit which will be held at Tabor College. The program addresses issues that impact the economic well-being of small towns. Goering expressed appreciation to the city for its continued support.

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**b. Staff Update.** Torline reported that he has met with Chuck Regier regarding entrance signs to North Newton. They discussed design and sign locations at the various entry points to North Newton. Torline recommends contracting with Kauffman Museum to design and produce the various signs. Torline expects Regier to present a proposal at council meeting in the next couple of months.

Torline also reported that we have two ongoing waterline projects. The first project connects North Woods Plaza to the Water Tower. The second project loops the waterline at Anderson and 24<sup>th</sup> Street. This water line will cross under the railroad so we are required to enter an agreement with the K & O Railroad. KDOT has issued clearance on environmental issues related to the bike path. Torline stated this will be a 2019 project. The city is offering a tree program this fall. The city offers 20 coupons that pay 50% of the cost of a tree with the maximum cost to the city of \$75 per tree. The trees need to be chosen off an approved list and planted in the front or side yard. A list is provided to the resident of participating nursery's.

Bisoni reported that Midco Diving completed their inspection and cleaning of the water tower in mid-July. Bisoni was impressed with the process and the results showed a very small amount of sediment. The sewer installation is complete on Lakewood Circle and the water lines are approximately 50% completed. On July 25 KDHE conducted their review of our water system, record keeping, policies and procedures and inspected the water wells and water tower. Bisoni will share the results of this visit when he receives them. In the past month Bisoni sent the lead and copper testing samples to KDHE and is waiting on the results.

Jordan reported that his staff assisted the KBI in a recent investigation. Once the KBI reports are finished the case will be sent to the Attorney General's office. The Police Department met with Bethel College leadership to discuss policing on campus. There are some differences in opinion of how to police the campus so this is an ongoing discussion. Officer Lowe and Officer Wambold held a training with Bethel College residential staff last week and it went well. The training reviewed different drugs and procedures the police department follows after receiving a call. This coming Thursday the Police Department is helping with a service project for the football team. Team members will be putting wood chips on the trail, painting the playground equipment at the Tot Lot, helping at MCC and various other projects in the area. On Friday evening the Police Department is hosting a barbeque for the football team at City Hall. Jordan is looking forward to building positive relationships with the football players.

Attorney Nye had nothing else to report.

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

**MOTION:** Dick moved, Campbell seconded, to approve August accounts payable, miscellaneous checks and payroll related checks in the amount of \$156,829.59 and July/August payroll in the amount of \$26,614.88. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy City Clerk Hiebert asked about possible dates for our Christmas dinner. Typically it is held on a Saturday evening in December. The Saturdays in December are 1,8,15 and 22. There was a recommendation to plan the dinner around the middle of the month.

### **13. Non-Agenda Items**

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No one spoke.

**14. Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Braun declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Patricia Peddie      Ronald A. Braun  
City Clerk                      Mayor

September 10, 2018  
Date Approved