

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

April 5, 2016 – 7 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Newton City Council was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at Newton City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Anne P. Stedman, Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver and Council Members Tom Rowe, Wes Weaver, Robert C. Abernethy, Jr., Jerry Hodge and Jody Dixon

STAFF: City Manager Todd Clark, City Clerk Amy S. Falowski, City Attorney John Cilley, City Department Heads and members of the management team

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anne P. Stedman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

ITEM 2: OPENING Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Wes Weaver provided the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Robert C. Abernethy, Jr., seconded by Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Regular Minutes of the March 15, 2016 City Council meeting be –
APPROVED

ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Wes Weaver, seconded by Council Member Tom Rowe, it was RESOLVED:

That the Consent Agenda be – APPROVED

- A. Tax Releases
- B. Sewer Adjustments
- C. Consideration of Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2016
- D. Consideration of Proclamation – National Lineman Day – April 18, 2016
- E. Consideration of Proclamation – Volunteer Week – April 18, 2016
- F. Consideration of Proclamation – National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week – April 10-16, 2016
- G. Consideration to Ratify Proclamation – Recognition of Vietnam Veterans
- H. Consideration of Budget Ordinance Amendment to Recognize Contributions for Parks and Recreation

- I. Consideration to Adopt a Budget Ordinance to Recognize Revenue and Authorize Expenditure Appropriations with the Police Department Budget
- J. Consideration of Appointment to Boards and Commissions – Parks and Recreation Commission

(Ordinances, Resolutions and Proclamations are hereby referenced and on file in the Office of the City Clerk)

ITEM 5: **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: PEOPLE WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ARE ASKED TO SIGN IN WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

Mayor Anne P. Stedman asked if anyone present would like to make comment concerning non-agenda items. No one appeared.

ITEM 6: **Presentation – Teen Leadership**

Mayor Stedman introduced the students that made up this year’s Teen Leadership Newton Program. She explained that the students were from Newton-Conover High School and Discovery High School.

City Manager Todd Clark stated that the goal or objective of the program is to encourage high school students to take on leadership roles and explore their capabilities.

Mr. Clark explained that the students were divided into three groups that would now make a presentation to City Council.

Mayor Stedman thanked the Teen Leadership Newton group and stated that City Council and Staff appreciated their time and effort.

ITEM 7: **City Manager’s Report**

- April 9 – Cruisin’ Newton begins around the Square.
- April 11-May 23 – Citizens Police Academy *Applications due April 4th
- April 16 – Spring Litter Sweep is 9 a.m.-noon beginning at Westside Jaycee Park. Lunch will be served after the cleanup.
- April 19th and 20th – Tour of Catawba Nuclear Station
- April 30 – Spring Yard Sale is 6:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Southside Park. Registration runs through April 22. Booths are \$10
- April 30 – Rotary Car Show
- May 22nd – Unity Day, Newton-Conover Auditorium 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.
- May 24th – WPCOG Policy Board Meeting hosted by City of Newton at Newton Fire Headquarters – 6 p.m.

Budget Workshop

- May 2, 2016 Presentation of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget to City Council
- May 5, 2016
- May 10, 2016
- May 12, 2016

Tentative Dates if needed:

- May 17, 2016
- May 18, 2016
- May 19, 2016

- June 7, 2016 Public Hearing and Budget Adoption

All Workshops will begin at 5:15 p.m.

Projects

- Catawba Co Library Board Changes
- Catawba Co Animal Shelter Changes
- RFQ for Streetscape Under Review
- Recreation Surveys – Online
- Paving Projects: Recreation Center – April and May – Lower Parking lot first, then Upper Parking Lot

Awards and Certifications

- CAFR Award to Finance Department for the 31st consecutive year

ITEM 8: Questions and Comments from Mayor and Council

Mayor Anne P. Stedman asked if any Council Members would like to make any comments. There were none.

Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver Stedman gave a report on the Tree Board, Recreation Commission and ElectriCities.

Points from Tree Board were:

- Living Tree Memorial
- Arbor Day – April 30th

Mr. Stiver talked about points from Recreation including:

- Sue Jones Estate
- Gymnastics
- Disc Golf

Mr. Stiver explained the restructured debt procedure discussed at the ElectriCities meeting.

ITEM 9: Closed Session to Consult with the City Attorney – G.S. 143-318-11(a)(4) and G.S. 143-318-11(a)(5)

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Wes Weaver, seconded by Council Member Robert C. Abernethy, Jr., it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the City Council enter CLOSED SESSION per G.S. 143-318-11(a)(4) and G.S. 143-318-11(a)(5)

Council Member Jody Dixon made the motion to go back into open session, which was seconded by Council Member Wes Weaver, All Ayes.

ITEM 10: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Wes Weaver, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Meeting be – ADJOURNED

Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk



Anne P. Stedman, Mayor