The regular meeting of the Newton City Council was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at Newton City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Anne P. Stedman, Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver and Council Members Jerry Hodge, Anne Wepner, Jody Dixon, Tom Rowe and Ed Sain

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

Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver provided the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Jerry Hodge, seconded by Council Member Anne Wepner, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Regular Minutes of the April 24, 2018 City Council meeting be – APPROVED

ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

That the Consent Agenda be – APPROVED

A. Consideration of Appointments to Commissions/Committees

B. Consideration of Budget Ordinance Amendment for International Paper Contribution

C. Consideration of Proclamation – Police Week

D. Consideration of Proclamation – Public Works Week

E. Consideration of Proclamation – National Day of Prayer

(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

A. Resolution – Certificate of Appreciation for Police Chaplain, Todd Rudisil

Mayor Anne Stedman presented a resolution - certificate of appreciation for volunteer services to Police Chaplain, Todd Rudisil.

ITEM 7: New Business

A. Consideration of Award of Project Contract on Streetscape Phase 1

Planning Director Randy Williams stated that during 2015, Allison Platt & Associates were hired to create a vision for downtown Newton with a comprehensive streetscape plan. Over the course of the year, several public meetings and presentations were held to gain insight from the citizens and the Council approved the plan in December 2015. During 2016, the City continued to gain citizen input through various efforts including the Demonstration Project on College Avenue and hiring McGill Associates to produce engineered construction plans. In 2017, those plans were completed and in early 2018, the City solicited for construction bids.

Mr. Williams stated that Phase 1 of the project includes Main Avenue, from 2nd Street to A Street and the amphitheatre. This is the first phase to implement the plan which includes the construction of improved sidewalks and street furniture; vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic improvements; amphitheatre; related amenities; and infrastructure needs including water, sewer, stormwater and electric improvements.

Mr. Williams explained that with the assistance of McGill Associates and two advertisements for bids, the City received two (2) bids for the project and based on their analysis and reviewed by the Planning and Public Works staffs, Sealand Contractors is the recommended bidder.

Mr. Williams stated that the bid of $3,355,173.70 is the lowest responsible base bid amount. An additional $98,000 is included as an alternate for the mast arm traffic signals. The City is awaiting NCDOT’s traffic signal approval and if the pole-mounted signals are approved, that alternate will not be required and subtracted from the contract. City staff also recommends a 10% contingency of $343,000 be included which, if necessary, staff will request from Council for approval.

Planning, Public Works and Finance staffs request that City Council approve the award of bid for the Phase 1 Streetscape Improvements to Sealand Contractors Corporation as recommended by McGill Associates as presented.

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

That Award of Project Contract on Streetscape Phase 1 be – APPROVED

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B. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget

City Manager Todd Clark reviewed his message to the Council on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget.

Mayor Stedman thanked staff for their hard work and for presenting such a conservative budget.
ITEM 8: City Manager’s Report

Meetings & Events

- May 2nd – Peoples Bank Corporate Center Ribbon Cutting, 518 West C St., 11:30 a.m.
- May 4th – Lucre’s Restaurant Ribbon Cutting, 1901 Northwest Blvd, Suite V, 11:00 a.m.
- May 11th – The Hoke Agency Real Estate Ribbon Cutting, 22 South Main Ave., Suite 201, 11:00 a.m.

**Next City Council Meeting May 15, 2018**

Budget Workshop Dates

May 8, 2018
May 10, 2018
May 15, 2018*
May 16, 2018
May 17, 2018**

*Council meeting scheduled
**If needed

All workshops are scheduled to begin at 5:15 p.m.

Other Projects

- Bike Rack designs were picked up today at Newton-Conover High School. We anticipate presenting the winning designs at one of the upcoming Council Meetings
- Mr. Cilley and Mr. Williams have been working with BB&T to secure the property for the amphitheater. The formal Permanent Easement document is being signed and sent to us this week
- The field work for the surveying on the West A Street project should be completed within the next two weeks

ITEM 9: Questions and Comments from Mayor and Council

Mayor Stedman asked if there were any questions or comments from City Council.

Mayor Stedman gave reports on the DNDA and the Public Arts Commission.

ITEM 10: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Jody Dixon, seconded by Council member Ed Sain, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Meeting be – ADJOURNED

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Anne P. Stedman, Mayor

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Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk