The regular meeting of the Newton City Council was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, 2019 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

Council Member Tom Rowe provided the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the Regular Minutes of the April 16, 2019 City Council meeting be – APPROVED

ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

That the Consent Agenda be – APPROVED

A. Sewer Adjustments

B. Proclamation – Police Week May 12-18, 2019

C. Proclamation – Public Works Week May 19-25, 2019

D. Consideration to Designate Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver as Voting Delegate At the North Carolina League of Municipalities Annual Conference

E. Consideration of Street Closure – Main Avenue Between 1st and A Street – Bright Future Summer Concert

(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: Presentations

A. Teen Leadership

Mayor Anne Stedman presented welcomed this year’s Teen Leadership Groups. Four different groups gave presentations to City Council. Mayor Stedman and City Manager Todd Clark thanked the students for their hard work and dedication to the program.

ITEM 7: New Business

A. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget

City Manager Todd Clark reviewed his message to the Council on the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget. Mayor Stedman thanked staff for their hard work and for presenting such a conservative budget.

B. Consideration of Bids for West 15th St and Greenway Sewer Contract

Public Works and Utilities Director Dusty Wentz stated that while identifying sources of infiltration and inflow (I & I) in the western basin, staff noticed sewer main failures on a large sewer outfall line, that is in danger of total collapse. Mr. Wentz stated that the first location is near West 15th Street Bridge. This location has an 18 inch major transmission line under the creek and one 12” collector line under 15th Street. The other location is off of Radio Station Road behind the Catawba County Maintenance building near the Greenway. This location is the same 18 inch transmission line, located under the creek that is in danger of total collapse. Mr. Wentz explained that both lines are the major collector for the western side of the City’s collection basin.

Mr. Wentz stated that because of the size, location, and required NCDOT encroachment, staff contracted The Wooten Company to complete engineering design and bid, and help with the construction and administration phase. Mr. Wentz stated that city staff will complete the majority of the construction and administration phase tasks. The work consists of replacement of approximately 480 feet of eighteen (18) inch sewer main, sixty (60) feet of 12” sewer main, and replacement of four (4) manholes.

Mr. Wentz stated that the City sought construction bids and in February 2019, three bids were received. All three bidders came in higher than estimated. Staff revised the scope of the project and re-advertised in hopes of gaining more. Ten (10) contractors were invited to bid and on March 26, 2019 we received two (2) bids, along with one (1) no bid.

Three quotes were received:

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Mr. Wentz stated that The Wooten Company and City Staff has reviewed the bids and determined that Hickory Sand Company was the lowest qualified responsive bidder in the amount of $354,590.00. In addition, The Wooten Company and City Staff recommend a 10% contingency of $35,500.00, bringing the total for construction to $390,090.00.

Mr. Wentz stated that staff recommends that Council approve the award of the Construction Contract to Hickory Sand Company in the amount of $354,590, hold 10% contingency in the amount of $35,500, and approve the attached budget ordinance amendment.

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

That the Bid to Hickory Sand Company in the amount of $354,590 with 10% contingency in the amount of $35,500 be – AWARDED.

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

That the Budget Ordinance Amendment be – ADOPTED.

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

ITEM 8: City Manager’s Report

Meetings & Events

- May 9th Police Task Force/Community Meeting at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church – 7:00 p.m.
- May 10th – Special Olympic Torch Run – 1:00 p.m.
- May 14-16 – NCLM CityVision Conference, Hickory
- May 15th – Key Accounts Luncheon, Old Post Office Play House – 11:00 a.m.
- May 17th – Employee Fitness Walk/Lunch – 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Southside Park (if raining will be at Recreation Center)
- May 22nd – Public Works Equipment Rodeo, Southside Park – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Budget Workshops, All Will Begin at 5:15 p.m. – Council Chamber

May 13, 2019
May 15, 2019
May 16, 2019

*If needed

*May 20, 2019
*May 21, 2019
*May 22, 2019

Other Projects

- Splash Pad Update
- Streetscape Project Update/Amphitheater Construction
- Website Project
- Greenway Extension
• Central Rec HVAC Update
• Fire Heavy Rescue Truck Update
• Valley Drive Waterline Update
• Tree Trimming – Starting Next Week
• Sewer Projects Update
• Street Paving Bids
• Compost Giveaway Continues, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday – Saturday

• Both of our Fire Investigators, Wesley Harrington and Scott Mecimore received their National Association of Fire Investigators - Fire and Explosion Investigator Certification.

• The Fire Department recently certified 14 firefighters in National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification.

ITEM 9:  Questions and Comments from Mayor and Council

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

Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver gave reports on the Tree Board and ElectriCities.

ITEM 10:  Closed Session – Per North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4) and 143-318.11(a)(5)

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

That City Council enter CLOSED SESSION per General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(4) and 143-318.11(a)(5)

Motion was then made by Council Member Jody Dixon, seconded by Council Member Jerry Hodge to return to open session

All ayes.

ITEM 11:  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. Jordan, Mayor

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Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk