MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
June 19, 2018 – 7 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Newton City Council was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, 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

Council Member Ed Sain provided the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the Regular Minutes of the June 5, 2018 City Council meeting be – APPROVED

ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

That the Consent Agenda be – APPROVED

A. Tax Releases

B. Sewer Adjustments

C. Consideration of Capital Project Budget Ordinance to Close Capital Projects

(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. Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Award

City Manager Todd Clark presented Finance Director Serina Hinson and the finance staff the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) award. Mr. Clark congratulated Ms. Hinson and her staff.
Mayor Stedman, on behalf of the City Council thanked Ms. Hinson and her staff on a job well done.

**ITEM 7: New Business**

A. Consideration of Uniform Guidance Procurement Standards Policy

Finance Director Serina Hinson stated that The Office of Budget and Management (OMB) officially implemented its Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements, commonly referred to as Uniform Guidance. Ms. Hinson explained that Local Governments that expend federal financial assistance (including USDA loans and grants, CDBG funds, FEMA Public Assistance disaster relief grants, and other programs, either directly funded or reimbursement driven) must comply with these new requirements for all fiscal years beginning on or after December 26, 2017 which would begin July 1, 2018 for the City.

Ms. Hinson stated the requirements are applicable to the purchase of both goods and services, as well as construction and repair projects, which differs significantly from our state laws that apply primarily to the purchase of goods or construction contracts. These rules not only apply to direct recipients of federal financial assistance but also to all sub-recipients.

Ms. Hinson stated these written policies and procedures must be in place by July 1, 2018 since the City is already a participant in a federal assistance program. These new standards only apply to federal financial assistance programs. She also explained that if there is a requirement conflict between the Uniform Guidance, state and the City’s policy, the more restrictive requirement prevails.

Ms. Hinson recommended that City Council approve the Resolution approving the Uniform Guidance Policy for the City of Newton.

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

That the Uniform Guidance Procurement Standards Policy be – APPROVED.

**ITEM 8: City Manager’s Report**

**Meetings & Events**

- June 21st – DNDA’s “Bright Future Concert”, 4:40 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- June 28th – BAC Semi-Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Newton-Conover Auditorium
- Town Hall Meetings, all - 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
  1. June 25th, Old St. Paul’s Church
  2. June 27th, Grace Reform Church
- July 18th - EDC Annual Meeting – Hickory Metro Convention Center 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- August 20-22, ElectriCities Conference

**Other Projects**

- Key Accounts Luncheon – July Date TBD
- August 20-22, ElectriCities Conference
ITEM 9: Questions and Comments from Mayor and Council

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

Council Member Anne Wepner gave a report on the Newton-Conover Auditorium.

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 Jody Dixon, seconded by Council Member Jerry Hodge, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

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

Motion was then made by Council Member Jody Dixon, seconded by Council Member Ed Sain 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. Stedman, Mayor

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Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk