

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

November 4, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Newton City Council was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Newton City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Anne P. Stedman, Mayor Pro Tem Mary Bess Lawing, Tom Rowe, Wayne Dellinger, Robert C. Abernethy, Jr., Wes Weaver, and John Stiver

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

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Anne P. Stedman

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

ITEM 2: OPENING – Mayor Pro Tem Mary Bess Lawing

Mayor Pro Tem Mary Bess Lawing introduced Reverend Paul Fitzpatrick who led the Invocation and then Mayor Pro Tem Lawing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE October 21, 2014 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

That the Regular Minutes of the October 21, 2014 City Council Meeting be –
APPROVED

ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Upon motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tem Mary Bess Lawing, seconded by Council Member Tom Rowe, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That Consent Agenda be – APPROVED

- A. Tax Releases
- B. Sewer Adjustments
- C. Proclamation – Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week November 15-23, 2014
- D. Consideration of Budget Ordinance Amendment to Recognize a Grant from Target Corporation
- E. Consideration to Use Contingency Funds for Additional Repair Items on the Ladder Truck and the Related Budget Ordinance Amendment
- F. Consideration of Resolution – Certificate of Appreciation

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

ITEM 5: **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: (PERSONS WANTING TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN IN WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING).**

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

ITEM 6: **New Business**

A.

1. Consideration of a Resolution Making Certain Findings and Determinations Regarding the Financing of Equipment, Real Property Improvements and the Filing of an Application with the North Carolina Local Government Commission
2. Consideration of a Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on Borrowing for Equipment, Real Property Improvements and Infrastructure Improvements

Finance Director Serina Hinson stated that the City of Newton wishes to finance the acquisition of certain equipment, real property improvements, and infrastructure improvements which were approved by City Council as part of the City's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget. The estimated cost of the equipment and infrastructure is \$5,365,950 (\$1,425,950 from the General Fund, \$2,440,000 from the Water/Wastewater Fund and \$1,500,000 from the Electric Fund).

Ms. Hinson explained that the Finance Department will be soliciting quotes from various financial institutions to borrow the funds, and will provide a recommendation to City Council on awarding the financing on December 2, 2014. Ms. Hinson also recommended that City Council call for a public hearing on this same date.

City Manager Todd Clark stated that all financing is consistent with the city's Capital Improvement Plan.

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Tom Rowe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mary Bess Lawing, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That Resolution Authorizing the City Manager and Finance Director to act on behalf of the City and to authorize the filing of an application with the North Carolina Local Government Commission be – ADOPTED.

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Wes Weaver, seconded by Council Member Mary Bess Lawing, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That resolution calling for a public hearing on December 2, 2014 be – ADOPTED.

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ITEM 7: **City Manager's Report**

- November 5th Tour of Fire Headquarters at 5:00 p.m.
- November 7th Ribbon Cutting 10:30 a.m. 2 Pink Magnolias

- November 8th “Catch the Vision” 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk in Newton benefiting the Ocular Melanoma Foundation in memory of Deborah Walker Robinson
- November 14th Ribbon Cutting, 10:00 a.m. at In My Fathers’ House Community Support Services, 19 East A Street
- November 15th Newton Depot Authority Mile Post Celebration on Completion of the Golden Spike Campaign Saturday at 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- November 15th 5K in Honor of Maggie Daniels
- November 25th WPCOG Policy Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. at the Newton Expo
- December 5th – Annual Employee Luncheon
- December 11th Advocacy Goals Conference in Raleigh
- December 19th Retirement Luncheon for Wilce Martin and Rick Sims at 11:30 downstairs at Rec Center
- Public Works Director Position

City Manager Todd Clark stated that the city will miss Wilce Martin after his retirement. Mr. Clark stated that he would like to announce at this time the new Public Works and Utilities Director which will be current Assistant Public Works and Utilities Director Dusty Wentz. Mr. Clark stated that Mr. Wentz would take over after Mr. Martin’s retirement.

ITEM 8: Questions and Comments from Mayor and Council

Mayor Stedman asked the City Council if they had any comments. There were none.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tem Mary Bess Lawing, seconded by Council Member Tom Rowe the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk



Anne P. Stedman, Mayor