

**MINUTES**  
**North Newton City Council – Regular Meeting**  
**May 14, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**North Newton City Hall**  
**North Newton Community Room**

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Ron Braun called the meeting to order. Those present and constituting a quorum were:

**COUNCIL:** Gregg Dick, Bill Hake, Jim Goering

**ABSENT:** Ron Ratzlaff, Paul Harder

**STAFF:** John Torline, Danny Bisoni, Ray Classen, Cindy Hiebert, Greg Nye

**OTHERS:** Kurt Friesen

Mayor Braun noted that a quorum was present. Mayor further noted that item 9, Executive Session, would be moved down after the reports.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the April 9, 2012, meeting were presented.

**MOTION:** Dick moved, Hake seconded, to approve said minutes with the correction that item 6(a) showing that Sand Creek Garden received \$4,506. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Citizen Comments**

No one spoke.

**4. Mayoral Appointments**

Mayor Braun nominated Ron Peters to the Harvey County Regional Planning Commission.

**MOTION:** Goering moved, Dick seconded, to approve said appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

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**5. Bank Depositories**

Midland National Bank, Central National Bank, Bank of America, First Bank, Bank of the West and Citizen State Bank were considered for use by the City for deposit of funds.

MOTION: Hake moved, Dick seconded to approve said banking depositories. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Annual Watermelon Social**

It was discussed that said event shall be in conjunction with the Sand Creek Trail Committee and with the involvement of the North Newton Community Foundation. The event is set for August 14, 2012, with a rain date of August 16, 2012 at approximately 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: Goering moved, Hake seconded to approve the dates recommended for the Annual Watermelon Social. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Summer Street Sealing Project**

Bisoni gave a presentation, map and recommendation and reviewed with the Council two bids that were received for street slurry sealing work. It is estimated that the start date will be mid-June 2012.

MOTION: Dick moved, Goering seconded to accept South Central Sealing and Paving's bid of \$46,269.16 (lowest bid) for said street slurry sealing work. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Water Rate Ordinance**

John Torline reported concerning the need to increase water rates in light of the anticipated increase from the City of Newton, Kansas.

MOTION: Hake moved, Goering seconded to pass the proposed Ordinance No. 564-12 increasing water rates. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Reports**

a. **Mayor/Council.** Hake announced that he has sold his house and anticipates that it will close prior to July 23, 2012. Hake indicates that he will be moving out of the City and that it was a very fulfilling experience to be a member of the Council. Hake anticipates that he will resign by the July 2012 Council meeting. Goering reported the Newton Foundation currently has \$11,200 in

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deposits. Mayor Braun reported concerning the Sand Creek Trail ribbon cutting ceremony. Mayor Braun inquired of the City Attorney as to the status of the pending Zoning Appeal case. The City Attorney indicated that the matter was being handled by Special Counsel and accordingly did not have anything to report.

b. **Staff Update.** Torline reported on various different legislative actions and tax issues. He further indicated that he anticipates that North Newton will not be impacted by any tax issues or changes. Bisoni gave a brief report and Goering asked that the minutes reflect appreciation to Bisoni and his staff concerning the City clean-up. Classen gave a report concerning Police and Court matters.

c. **Clerk/Treasurer.** Hiebert presented accounts payable and payroll for consideration.

MOTION: Hake moved, Dick seconded, to approve May accounts payable in the amount of \$ 43,258.80 and April payroll and miscellaneous checks in the amount of \$67,270.05. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 10. Executive Session

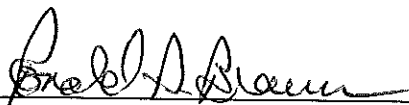
MOTION: Dick moved, Goering seconded, to enter into an executive session for approximately 20 minutes concerning possible land acquisitions and personnel matters of non-elected officials. Attorney Nye and Torline were also present at the executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

At the expiration of said 20 minutes the Council returned back to regular session whereupon Mayor Braun noted that no decisions were made and no actions were taken.

#### 11. Adjournment.

There being no further business Mayor Braun declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

  
Deputy City Clerk

  
Mayor

6/11/12  
Date Approved