

MINUTES
North Newton City Council – Special Meeting
July 16, 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, Ron Ratzlaff, Paul Harder

ABSENT: Jim Goering

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

OTHERS: Kurt Friesen, Bill and Rosie Hake

Mayor Braun noted that a Special Meeting had been called due to the fact that there were not enough Council members present last Monday to have a quorum.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the June 11, 2012, meeting were presented.

MOTION: Harder moved, Ratzlaff seconded, to approve said minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments

No one spoke.

4. Mayor's Presentation

Mayor Braun thanked Bill Hake for his years of service on the City Council and presented him with a plaque.

5. Mayoral Appointments

Mayor Braun made the following nominations:

Newton-N. Newton Planning Commission - Gary Roth (full term)
Tyson Weidenbener (unexpired term)

N. Newton Street and Sidewalk Committee -John Pannabecker (reappointment)

Harvey County Economic Development Council – Dr. Perry White (unexpired term)

Mayor Braun is working on filling the vacant North Newton City Council position.

MOTION: Dick moved, Harder seconded, to approve said appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Budget Work Session #2

John Torline gave a report on the 2013 budget. There was some discussion.

MOTION: Ratzlaff moved, Dick seconded, to approve and authorize publication of the proposed 2013 budget with the correction in the Solid Waste Fund, line item Recycling Fees, changing to \$26,000. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Reports

a. Mayor/Council. Mayor Braun reminded the Council of the Watermelon Social on August 14, 2012 at 7:00p.m. for the city of North Newton. Ron Ratzlaff inquired of City Superintendent, Danny Bisoni, regarding extra gravel in the street after slurry seal project. Danny said he plans to sweep the streets when it gets cooler so the equipment doesn't tear up the streets.

b. Staff Update. Torline reported that he received an email from Bob Myers, the attorney for the City of Newton, regarding wastewater rate issues. Bob Myers indicated that this issue will be addressed in the future. Torline also reported that there was another water pipe break at Bethel College which cost the City of North Newton. He and Danny are planning to meet with Dr. Perry White and other Bethel officials regarding this issue in the next week. Sand Creek Trail Committee meets this Thursday and North Newton Community Foundation will meet when Jim Goering returns from China. Bisoni gave a brief report and thanked the Council for providing the mapping system that helps locate water lines, etc. Classen gave a report concerning Police and Court matters.

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

MOTION: Harder moved, Dick seconded, to approve July accounts payable in the amount of \$ 197,901.37 and June payroll and miscellaneous checks in the amount of \$44,720.07. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Adjournment.

There being no further business Mayor Braun declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Patricia S. Redding
City Clerk

Ronald S. Braun
Mayor

August 13, 2012
Date Approved