

MINUTES
North Newton City Council – Regular Meeting
September 10, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.
North Newton City Hall

1. Call to Order

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

COUNCIL: Ron Ratzlaff, Paul Harder, Jim Goering

STAFF: John Torline, Danny Bisoni, Greg Nye, Pat Redding

OTHERS: Kurt Friesen

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the August 13, 2012, Regular Meeting were presented.

MOTION: Harder moved, Ratzlaff seconded, to approve the August 13, 2012, minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments

No one spoke.

4. Consider the Mayor's Proclamation Declaring October as "Bethel College Month" honoring the 125th anniversary of the College

MOTION: Goering moved, Ratzlaff seconded, to approve the Mayor's Proclamation declaring the month of October as "Bethel College Month" with the following correction: the last portion of paragraph 6 "as well as a host of other benefits, which space does not permit to recite" should be deleted. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider the annual contribution to Bethel College Fall Fest and Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts

MOTION: Harder moved and Goering seconded, to contribute \$1,000 to Bethel College Fall Fest. Motion carried unanimously

MOTION: Goering moved and Harder seconded, to contribute \$1,000 to Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts. Motion carried unanimously

At 7:35 p.m. Council member Gregg Dick arrived at the meeting

6. Proposed Engineering Agreements with Bartlett and West

Torline reported on options 2, 3 and 4 that Louis Funk from the firm of Bartlett & West presented at last months Council meeting. Option 1 and 5 are not being considered due to the cost. There was discussion as to the pros and cons to each option and it was noted that there is some urgency to keep this process moving forward. Citizen Kurt Friesen commented on the water issue. There was interest among the council to start digging the first well once we get approval from the state. The council felt like this would keep the process moving forward. Torline will check with Bartlett and West concerning the ramifications of drilling one well without knowing for sure which option the city will be pursuing.

7. Reports

a. Mayor/Council. Mayor Braun reminded Council of the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference October 6-8 in Topeka. He will be the only one attending. Council member Goering reported that the North Newton Community Foundation will meet Tuesday, September 11 at City Hall. Fifteen donors have given to the North Newton Community Foundation Impact Fund with matching funds also being contributed to the Impact Fund. The October Echo will request input from citizens of North Newton to submit ideas as to how the money should be used in North Newton.

b. Staff Update. Torline reported that at the Mayors request, he is trying to set up a meeting with the Newton City Commission to discuss water issues. He is proposing the dates of Oct. 25, 30 or 31 but is waiting to hear back from Newton City Manager, Randy Riggs. Torline also reported that the fund balances are good and it appears that we will end the year strong financially. Torline will be gone most of October and will miss the City Council Meeting. Torline also reported on a pit bull issue. A citizen has expressed to Torline that he felt the ordinance prohibiting pit bulls in the city of North Newton was unfair. He doesn't think it should be breed specific but rather take each dog's behavior into consideration. John recommended that this gentleman either talk to a council member or come to the council meeting of which he did neither one. Council member Ratzlaff recommended that we remind the citizens of North Newton of the dog leash ordinance and Council member Dick added that we also remind citizens that Bethel College is part of North Newton. The same ordinance applies to dogs when they are on Bethel College property. Bisoni reported that a large portion of the bills from Salina Supply Company and Water Products, Inc. will be charged to Bethel College as they are installing an irrigation meter on campus. Bisoni also reported that our water usage in July was the second highest in 12 years. Torline reported on the police and court matters in Classen's absence.

c. Clerk/Treasurer. Redding presented September bills for payment.

MOTION: Dick moved, Ratzlaff seconded, to approve the September accounts payable in the amount of \$83,184.36 and August/September payroll checks in the amount of \$16,633.29 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Non-Agenda Items

None presented.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Braun declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Patricia S. Pedding
City Clerk

Ronald D. Braun
Mayor

10-8-12
Date Approved