

JOINT CITY-COUNTY SPECIAL CITY MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2018

The Newton City Commission convened in a special meeting with the Harvey County Commission on December 17, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, 201 East 6th Street. Attending for the City of Newton were Mayor Valentine, Vice Mayor Koehn, Commissioners Davis, Hague and Kreie, and City staff.

Those in attendance from Harvey County included Commissioners Krehbiel, Hague and Westfall, and County staff.

1. Economic Development Project Update

Receive status update on pending negotiations of economic development prospects (some or all of which might be conducted in executive session)

MOTION: Vice Mayor Koehn moved and Commissioner Davis seconded to go into executive session to discuss pending negotiations of an economic development prospect relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, or individual proprietorships and to conduct conversations under the attorney-client privilege; to return to open session at 1:15 p.m. Motion carried.

The Commissions went into executive session at 1:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Koehn moved and Commissioner Kreie seconded to return to executive session for the same reason to return to open session 1:25 p.m. Motion carried.

The Commissions returned to executive session at 1:15 p.m. and returned to open session at 1:25 p.m.

2. Consider approval of any agreements with economic development prospects which may be ready for action

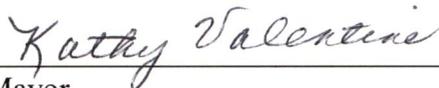
City staff presented a development agreement with Park Aerospace Technologies Corp. who has announced plans for a major expansion of its aerospace manufacturing, development and design operations at Newton City/County Airport. Details of the development agreement with Park call for an \$18.8 million expansion that will add 90,000 square feet of manufacturing and office space, essentially doubling its existing facility. The company plans to add 73 new full-time jobs over the next five years. The project is expected to break ground in the next six months and to be complete in early 2020.

As part of the agreement, the City declared a good-faith intention to grant a 10-year, 100 percent tax abatement on the new facility. The City also agreed to issue Industrial Revenue

Bonds to finance construction and equipment costs, if Park should elect to use IRBs. The land will be leased to the company, with lease payments waived for 10 years. The City agreed to build the new drive entrance on the south side of the new facility, with the cost to be shared between the City and County. The City also will waive building permit fees and utility hookup fees for the new facility, as well as extend to them preferred customer discount on jet fuel, waiver of any landing fees that might be imposed, and free use of one hangar space as is available.

MOTION: Commissioner Davis moved and Vice Mayor Koehn seconded to accept Development Agreement and Ground lease at the Airport with Park Aerospace Technologies, Corp. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk