

JOINT WORK SESSION MINUTES

May 3, 2017

The Newton City Commission convened in a work session with the Harvey County Commission on May 3, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room, 201 East 6th Street. Attending for the City of Newton were Mayor Hague, Commissioners Davis and Valentine, City Manager Myers, City Engineer/DPW Loomis, Director of Community Planning & Development Bergeron, Director of Communication McDaniel, Airport Manager Palmer, Chief Murphy, Deputy Chief Dunlavy and City Clerk Duerksen. Vice Mayor Nygaard and Commissioner Koehn were absent.

Those in attendance from Harvey County included Commissioners Hague, Krehbiel and Westfall, County Administrator Swartzendruber, Assistant County Administrator Bronson, Deputy County Clerk Reimer, County Counselor Nye, Sheriff Gay and Undersheriff Chapman.

A report was given on the plans and progress for the re-establishment of the Harvey County Drug Task Force. It was noted drug related violence has increased in Harvey County. Both law enforcement agencies are working together on drug cases. Currently, there is one officer from each agency working cases. Another person dedicated to the drug cases is needed. Myers and Swartzendruber are looking at ways to get more buy-in from the other cities in Harvey County for the task force.

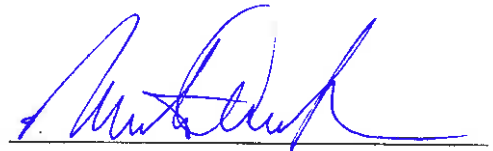
Director of Community Planning & Development Bergeron gave an overview of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Staff from both the City and County are working on getting data to finish the analysis. The NRPA has been expanded in 2002, 2003, 2007 and 2017. Discussion was held on allowance of 100% rebate for commercial property and the tiered rebate for all other properties.

The Community Council on Police Facilities group has been meeting to look at possible options for a new police facility. Staff has put together another option: remodeling the existing facility and removing the indoor shooting range, using that area for offices. Discussion will continue on options and the governing bodies will be informed on any recommendations from the group.

MOTION: Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Valentine seconded to go into a joint executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters under attorney-client privilege regarding current litigation, to include the City Attorney, City Manager, City Engineer/DPW and Airport Manager. Motion carried.

The governing bodies recessed to executive session and returned to open session at 4:18 p.m. Mayor Hague announced no action was taken.

The work session was then adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk