

**CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 9, 2017**

The Newton City Commission convened in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on May 9, 2017 at City Hall, 201 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Attending were Mayor Hague, Vice Mayor Nygaard, Commissioners Davis, Koehn and Valentine, City Manager Myers, City Attorney Towle, City Engineer/DPW Loomis, Director of Communications McDaniel, Chief Metzler, Lt. Hall and City Clerk Duerksen. Director of Community Planning and Development Bergeron was absent.

Pastor Chip Bungard with First Baptist Church provided the invocation. The Mayor then led in the Pledge of Allegiance and presided over the items of business.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Consider the minutes of April 25, 2017 meeting and May 3, 2017 work session.**
2. **Mayor's appointment: Library Board: reappoint Ann Adrian, term ending 4-30-2021.**
3. **Receive a request to use Military Park and use of 20 picnic tables and 25 trash and recycling carts from First Bank for their annual Customer Appreciation Cookout on June 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
4. **Consider a request to close East 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Main to 6<sup>th</sup> street and Oak on December 2 for a socially responsible marketplace event from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and picnic tables and trash and recycling carts.**
5. **Consider a request to close Main Street between Broadway and 6<sup>th</sup> Street on June 15 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. for Main Street Mania.**
6. **Consider a request for fencing around Washington Park and handicap parking signs in Athletic Park on June 30 to July 2 for the Newton Mexican American Fast Pitch tournament.**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Valentine seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

7. **Recognition of community service and achievement:**
  - A. **Recognize the members of the Newton High School automotive competition team for their success at the Pratt Community College Academic Olympics Automotive contests, placing first, second and fifth place overall.**

Bob Ziegler, NHS Auto Technology instructor, introduced members of the automotive competition team who participated at Pratt Community College Academic Olympics Automotive

Contests. The Newton team took three of the top five awards placing first, second and fifth place overall.

**B. Recognize Newton High School Career and Technical Education students who were named 2017 Kansas Career and Technical Education Scholars by the Kansas State Department of Education.**

Melinda Rangel introduced the Newton High School Career and Technical Education students who were named 2017 Kansas Career and Technical Education Scholars by the Kansas Department of Education. Of the 44 CTE Scholars named in Kansas, nine are from the Newton CTE program, the most of any school in the state. This is the first year of the State Department of Education CTE Scholars program.

**C. Recognize Newton Bible Christian School students who medaled in the Mid-American Association of Christian Schools regional Fine Arts Competition.**

Amanda Stucky, Newton Bible Christian School music director, introduced the Elementary and Junior High students that participated in the Mid-American Association of Christian Schools regional Fine Arts Competition. Eight of the 11 student placed first, second or third in the competition.

**D. Recognize Chisholm Middle School students who are members of the Girls on the Run team who will end their school year by competing in a 5K event in Wichita on May 13.**

Tiffany Reed and Brittany Birch, CMS teachers and Girls on the Run coaches, introduced the girls who are part of the Girls on the Run team. These girls have been meeting twice a week for 10 weeks to prepare for a 5K event in Wichita on May 13.

**8. Consider a proclamation declaring May as National Bike Month and May 19 as Bike to Work Day.**

Carol Sue Stayrook Hobbs read the proclamation declaring the month of May as National Bike Month and May 19 as Bike to Work Day.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Koehn moved and Commissioner Valentine seconded to accept the proclamation as presented. Motion carried.

**9. Consider a proclamation declaring the week of May 21-27 as Poppy Week.**

Loni Jensen, president of the American Legion Auxiliary Wayne G. Austin Unit 2, read the proclamation declaring May 21-27 as Poppy Week.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Davis moved and Vice Mayor Nygaard seconded to accept the proclamation as presented. Motion carried.

**10. Consider a proclamation declaring May 21-27 as National Public Works Week.**

City Engineer/DPW Loomis read the proclamation declaring May 21-27 as National Public Works Week.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Valentine seconded to accept the proclamation as presented. Motion carried.

**11. Receive an update from Substance Abuse Board.**

Dan Heinze gave an update on the activities of the Substance Abuse Board. The Board administers the liquor tax received from the State. The money is used to fund alcohol and drug education, prevention and treatment programs. The board receives and distributes about \$20,000 each year in grants to applicants meeting specific criteria outlined by state statutes. Grant applications are due June 13.

**12. Consider a stream buffer Ordinance.**

City Engineer/DPW Loomis presented information on the stream buffer ordinance, which regulates development along creeks. The ordinance will restrict development within 100 feet of Sand Creek and 75 feet of Slate Creek and Mud Creek. The regulations are required by the State as part of the City's stormwater management program. The purpose of the stream buffer is to preserve habitat for plants and animals, protect water quality and minimize erosion of the stream banks and possible property damage. The new restrictions will not affect any existing development, but will be applied to all future construction.

A joint Ordinance of the cities of Newton, Kansas and North Newton, Kansas amending the current zoning ordinances of the cities of Newton and North Newton, creating a new article XVII pertaining to stream corridor management was considered.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Koehn moved and Commissioner Valentine seconded this Ordinance, assigned 4937-17, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**13. Citizen's Forum.**

Norm Oeding, 617 Allison, reported the Harvey County Farmers Market will open on May 20. They are planning activities throughout the season to attract more people.

Pam Stevens, Chamber Executive Director, gave a recap of Art & Music in the Heart of Newton. There was a good crowd and 17 local businesses participated. Some businesses had both artists and musicians.


In other business, information was shared on the retail development task force, the police community council and the City/County drug task force at Grand Central. The police community council will meet again on Monday. The car show was well attended on Saturday.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Nygaard moved and Commissioner Koehn seconded to go into executive session regarding confidential matters of financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties, to discuss potential prospects, to include the City Manager, City Attorney and City Engineer/DPW, and returning to open session at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried.

The Commission recessed to executive session at 8:03 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:18 p.m. Mayor Hague noted no binding action was taken during executive session.

**14. Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk