



# CITY OF NEWTON

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## **Water and Waste Water Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, February 3, 2025 6:00 PM – 7:31 PM**

Attendees: Gayle Glumac, Mike Swick, Joshua Kuhl, Eric Blake, Maggie McDonald, Melissa Brooks, Amy Tarr, Tyler Weber, Kenneth Belcher and Elizabeth Belcher

Meeting began at 6:00 PM.

- The city has decided to not commit to Viking Industrial Paintings water tower maintenance program at this time. We will be putting together our own in-house, five-year maintenance plan. Inspections, repairs, cleaning and painting will be done as needed. Tyler will be planning these costs into his yearly budget. Painting the West water tower is planned for this year.
- The waiver of the water and sewer connection fees within the Enterprise Zone were discussed. The new Enterprise Zone incentives that were passed on September 18, 2024 waive water and sewer connection fees. The cost to get from the city's water main to the owner's water meter is the cost that will be waived. The cost from the meter to the owner's residence or building is the responsibility of the owner. The city will still require a \$250 reimbursable deposit for the sewer connection. This ensures the city receives connection sign off from a licensed plumber and our Sewer Department inspects all connections. There are a few water connections that came right before the Enterprise Zone incentives were passed through state approval. The council is still deciding how to proceed.
- Kenneth and Elizabeth Belcher voiced displeasure with incentives that did not apply to their build in Five Aprils Subdivision. They felt the process was drawn out and uninviting.
- Facility charge fees are still in the works. May be considered again next fiscal year.
- Our Itron meter reading system will be unsupported after 2028. The Water Department will be looking into other possible systems. The committee would like to explore getting on a joint meter reading system with our Electric Department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Submitted by:



**Mike Swick - Chairman**

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