



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
July 15, 2025

- **Public Hearing for Appropriations on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 5:45 PM.**
- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor
Mayor Joshua Kuhl called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Gayle Glumac.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Gayle Glumac.
- 3. ROLL CALL: Maggie McDonald, City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake and Mike Swick
Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and City Clerk Maggie McDonald
- 4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adopt the proposed agenda. (Add Tim Menke to Public Comments)
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick
Nays: None
- 5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of July 1, 2025.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2025 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac
Nays: None
- 6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:
Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$80,884.39 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and makes a motion to approve the pre-pays and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of \$249,638.51. Kaleb Wright seconded the motion.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Tim Menke:** Mr. Menke has neighbors that are leaving trash and piling junk on their property. He also stated they have dogs they let roam without a leash. He has contacted the property owner. The owner stated they would talk with the individuals, but Mr. Menke says nothing has been done about the garbage and junk. He is very disappointed. The city will be looking into the property and making citation notices where necessary.
- 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
 - Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 6:00 PM. **(Waiting on minutes)**



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- Alcohol and Tobacco Committee Meeting on Monday, July 7, 2025
immediately following the Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting.

Alcohol and Tobacco Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, July 7, 2025 7:13 PM – 7:33 PM

Present: Joshua Kuhl, Maggie McDonald, Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake, Mike Swick, Tyler Weber, Brent Benefiel, Sarah Diel, The Puri's and The Gill's

Meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM.

- The Puri's, the new owners of Newton Foods, and The Gill's, new owners of Marathon Gas Station, are requesting a Class A Liquor License. They both currently hold a Class G License which only permits the sale of beer and wine in sealed packages to be consumed off premises.
- The Class A license will permit the establishments to sell liquor in sealed packages to be consumed off premises. The city only has one Class A license available which is currently authorized to Circle K.
- It was consensus of the committee to allow the city to add two (2) more Class A Liquor License and let these establishments be granted with the Class A License. The current number of Class G Liquor License, which is what Newton Foods and Marathon currently hold, will not change. There will simply now be two more Class G Liquor License available in Newton, which allows the sale of beer and wine in sealed packages to be consumed off premises.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Submitted by: **Maggie McDonald**

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Monday, July 7, 2025
immediately following the Alcohol and Tobacco Committee Meeting.

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes July 7, 2025 7:13 PM – 8:02 PM

Present: Joshua Kuhl, RJ Lindemann, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, Maggie McDonald, Tyler Weber, Brent Benefiel, Gayle Glumac, Eric Blake, Mike Swick and Harsh Puri

- Quotes for TIF projects were discussed. The total projects for the street and sewer projects were under \$90,000. The total for all proposed projects were \$630,000. The Mayor has asked electric and water to both come up with \$15,000 each to bring the total to \$600,000 of TIF dollars.

Adjourned 8:02 PM

Submitted by: **RJ Lindemann**

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing the Police Department to hire another officer.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Police Department to hire another officer.

Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing the Change Order Reduction to the bid for the Pickleball Courts at Peterson Park.

Motion died for lack of motion.

- C. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 25-12 Amending Chapter 21 Liquor, Article 2, Allowing the Addition of Two (2) Class A Liquor License.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to pass Ordinance 25-12 Amending Chapter 21 Liquor, Article 2, Allowing the Addition of Two (2) Class A Liquor License.



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Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on authorizing Puri Traders, Inc. dba Newton Foods, to switch from a "Class G" Liquor License to a "Class A" Liquor License, which shall permit the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in sealed packages, but not for consumption on the premises where sold.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize Puri Traders, Inc. dba Newton Foods, to switch from a "Class G" Liquor License to a "Class A" Liquor License, which shall permit the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in sealed packages, but not for consumption on the premises where sold.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake

Nays: None

- E. Consider and act on authorizing Gill Stop & Go, LLC (Marathon) to switch from a "Class G" Liquor License to a "Class A" Liquor License, which shall permit the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in sealed packages, but not for consumption on the premises where sold.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize Gill Stop & Go, LLC (Marathon) to switch from a "Class G" Liquor License to a "Class A" Liquor License, which shall permit the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in sealed packages, but not for consumption on the premises where sold.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick

Nays: None

- F. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 25-13 Appropriations Ordinance for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Ordinance 25-13 Appropriations Ordinance for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

- G. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 25-14 an Ordinance to Condemn an Unsafe and Dangerous Building at 805 Foster St., Newton, Illinois.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Ordinance 25-14 an Ordinance to Condemn an Unsafe and Dangerous Building at 805 Foster St., Newton, Illinois.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None



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- H. Consider and act on authorizing the use of TIF funds for the Watermain Replacement Project on E. Reynolds St.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the use of TIF funds for the Watermain Replacement Project on E. Reynolds St. in the amount of \$271,770.00.

Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: Lindemann

- I. Consider and act on authorizing the use of TIF funds for the Storm Sewer Relining Project.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the use of TIF funds for the Storm Sewer Relining Project in the amount of \$45,160.00.

Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: Lindemann

- J. Consider and act on authorizing the use of TIF funds for the Sanitary Sewer Relining Project.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the use of TIF funds for the Sanitary Sewer Relining Project in the amount of \$50,070.00.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Blake

Nays: Lindemann

- K. Consider and act on authorizing the use of TIF funds for the city's matching portion of the Grid Resilience Grant that was awarded to the city for the rebuild of the Line D Electrical Circuit.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize the use of TIF funds for the city's matching portion of the Grid Resilience Grant that was awarded to the city for the rebuild of the Line D Electrical Circuit in the amount of \$233,000.00.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Blake, Swick

Nays: Lindemann

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing the Grant Writing Agreement with SCIRPDC for the 2nd Phase of the Grid Resilience Grant.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize the Grant Writing Agreement with SCIRPDC for the 2nd Phase of the Grid Resilience Grant.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Blake, Swick, Glumac

Nays: Lindemann



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- B. Consider and act on authorizing one council member, the clerk and mayor to attend the IML Conference in Chicago, IL on September 18-20, 2025. Cost is \$650 plus hotel and allowable expenses.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize one council member, the clerk and mayor to attend the IML Conference in Chicago, IL on September 18-20, 2025. Cost is \$650 plus hotel and allowable expenses.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on authorizing the Special Event Application submitted by Peoples State Bank for their Customer Appreciation Free Ice Cream Day to be held on Washington St. in front of their place of business on August 5, 2025 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Special Event Application submitted by Peoples State Bank for their Customer Appreciation Free Ice Cream Day to be held on Washington St. in front of their place of business on August 5, 2025 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on authorizing the Special Event Liquor License Application submitted by the Newton American Legion for a BBQ Smoke Off Competition at the Jasper County Fairgrounds on Friday, August 22 & Saturday, August 23, 2025 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Special Event Liquor License Application submitted by the Newton American Legion for a BBQ Smoke Off Competition at the Jasper County Fairgrounds on Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23, 2025 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM midnight.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake

Nays: None

- E. Consider and act on authorizing the Special Event Application submitted by the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce for a Cruise Night to be held on the Newton Square on Friday, August 15, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Special Event Application submitted by the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce for a Cruise Night to be held on the Newton Square on Friday, August 15, 2025 from 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM.



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Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick

Nays: None

- F. Consider and act on authorizing the Special Event Application submitted by the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce for the annual Fall Festival Event held on the Newton Square on Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Special Event Application submitted by the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce for the annual Fall Festival Event held on the Newton Square on Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

- G. Consider and act on passing Resolution 25-04 authorizing the Fall Festival Parade on Saturday, September 13, 2025. Parade begins at 10:00 AM.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to pass Resolution 25-04 authorizing the Fall Festival Parade on Saturday, September 13, 2025. Parade begins at 10:00 AM.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Thanked all the volunteers that are helping with Honey Do. Thanked the Newton Utility Departments and the summer part time help for their assistance. Volunteer numbers were lower this year, so all the help is greatly appreciated. If you have any spare time at all, I please urge you to help out wherever your ability leads you.

Wright: No comments.

Brooks: No comments.

Lindemann: Presented utility adjustments. Thanked Mayor Kuhl for putting him back as Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee. Voiced opposition to the Capital Development Fund.

Blake: No comments.

Swick: Received information from the Dieterich Clerk on a Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant. The city will be looking into this and also the Safe Routes to School Grant.

City Attorney: No comments.

City Treasurer: No comments.

City Clerk: No comments.



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Mayor: Congratulated the Wade Volunteer Fire Fighters and Rick Britton on their awards as Newton's Hometown Heros. Big thanks to Gayle, the Honey Do Ministries and all their volunteers. Thank you to our local churches for supplying food for the Honey Do volunteers. Enjoy summer as school will begin in less than a month on August 12.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: August 5, 2025 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: None

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss purchase of real estate, sale of real estate and personnel pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:44 PM.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to go out of closed session and back into open session.

Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:07 PM.

Mayor Kuhl announced that during closed session the council discussed purchase of real estate, sale of real estate and personnel.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Submitted by:

Maggie McDonald, City Clerk