



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
August 5, 2025

- **Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 5:30 PM.**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Attorney William Heap
Attorney William Heap called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Kaleb Wright.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Kaleb Wright.
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
Absent: Mayor Joshua Kuhl
4. Attorney William Heap asks for a motion to appoint Alderman Mike Swick as Mayor Pro Tem.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to appoint Alderman Mike Swick as Mayor Pro Tem.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake
Nays: None
Abstain: Swick
5. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adopt the proposed agenda.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac
Nays: None
6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of July 15, 2025.
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2025 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **None**
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
 - Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

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Present: Kaleb Wright, Gayle Glumac, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Mike Swick, Eric Blake, Maggie McDonald, Joshua Kuhl and Jim Riddle

1. Go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel
 - a. RJ Lindemann makes the motion, Gayle Glumac seconds.
2. Go out of Executive Session and back into Open Session
 - a. RJ Lindemann makes the motion, Mike Swick seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Submitted by: **Kaleb Wright - Chairman**

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Present: RJ Lindemann, Gayle Glumac, Maggie McDonald, Kaleb Wright, Melissa Brooks, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake, Mike Swick, Tyler Weber, Brent Benefiel, John Stone, Caroline Smoot and Bill Heap

- TIF Application for Brian Brummer was discussed. It was decided to award him \$5,006.
- Leases for the backhoe and blue tractor were discussed. We will be voting next council meeting.
- The 1% admin fee for TIF applications was discussed.

Adjourned at 6:01 PM

Submitted by:

RJ Lindemann - Chairman

9. OLD BUSINESS:



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- A. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted for 103 S. Jackson St.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the TIF Application submitted for 103 S. Jackson St. for 50% of the total project cost in the amount of \$5,006 as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.
Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright, Brooks
Nays: None
- B. Consider and act on authorizing the purchase of a 2020 New Holland B95C Backhoe in the amount of \$38,365.22 split between the Water and Wastewater Departments.
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to table authorizing the purchase of a 2020 New Holland B95C Backhoe in the amount of \$38,365.22, split between the Water and Wastewater Departments, to the August 19, 2025 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Blake, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann
Nays: None
- C. Consider and act on authorizing the purchase of a 2019 New Holland T6.165 Tractor in the amount of \$47,345.59 split between the Street and Wastewater Departments.
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to table authorizing the purchase of a 2019 New Holland T6.165 Tractor in the amount of \$47,345.59, split between the Street and Wastewater Departments, to the August 19, 2025 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake
Nays: None
- D. Consider and act on authorizing the awarded bid for the Pickleball Courts at Peterson Park to J.B. Esker & Sons in the amount of \$231,224.00.
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the awarded bid for the Pickleball Courts at Peterson Park to J.B. Esker & Sons in the amount of \$231,224.00.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac
Nays: None
- E. Consider and act on authorizing change order #1 to reduce the bid contract amount for the Pickleball Courts at Peterson Park by \$111,528.50, making the new contract amount \$119,695.50.
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the change order #1 to reduce the bid contract amount for the Pickleball Courts at Peterson Park by \$111,528.50, making the new contract amount \$119,695.50.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None
- F. Consider and act on authorizing the Letter of Agreement between the City of Newton and the Policemen's Benevolent and Protective Association Labor Committee (PB&PA) to modify Article 21, Section 2 of the Police Union Contract concerning Holidays. This Agreement will take affect August 5, 2025.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the Letter of Agreement between the City of Newton and the Policemen's Benevolent and Protective Association Labor Committee (PB&PA) to modify Article 21, Section 2 of the Police Union Contract concerning Holiday Pay. This Agreement will take affect August 5, 2025.
Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright, Brooks



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Nays: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing the City Attorney to proceed with necessary steps to seek bids on city owned property in the Industrial Park.

Motion was made by Eric Blake, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with necessary steps to seek bids on city owned property in the Industrial Park.

Ayes: Blake, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Thanked J.B. Esker & Sons for working with us on the pickleball court bid, they have been a tremendous help. Thanked John Stone and Maggie for all their work put in with the pickleball courts. School starts next Tuesday, August 12th. Everyone please be cautious and watch for the kiddos.

Wright: School starts next Tuesday. Keep your eyes out for all the kids.

Brooks: No comments.

Lindemann: Feels Capital Development Fund should be abolished and wants to lower taxes.

Blake: No comments.

Swick: Everyone slow down and be careful going through the school zones with the start of school next week. Will continue to keep looking into grant funding opportunities.

City Attorney: Informed the council he has a bench trial coming up on a matter that involves a local citizen. The issuing officer was Officer Sarah Carter. He met with Officer Carter today. She was prepared and on top of her game. Was very impressed with her preparation.

City Treasurer: No comments.

City Clerk: No comments.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: August 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM.
- Personnel Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 immediately following the Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting.
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 immediately following the Personnel Committee Meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Submitted by:

Maggie McDonald, City Clerk