



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
September 2, 2025

- **Public Hearing for Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 5:30 PM.**
- **Public Hearing for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 immediately following the OSLAD Public Hearing.**
- **Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 immediately following the SRTS Public Hearing.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER: Attorney William Heap**
Attorney William Heap called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman RJ Lindemann**
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman RJ Lindemann
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 appoints Alderman Michael Swick as Mayor Pro Tem**
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to appoint Alderman Michael Swick as Mayor Pro Tem.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake
Nays: None
5. **ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Amend: Remove Executive Session: Personnel**
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adopt the amended agenda. (Removing Executive Session: Personnel)
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac
Nays: None
6. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of August 19, 2025.**
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None
Abstain: Blake
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: John Stone:** There is currently no tentative start date from Esker's on the pickleball courts.
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**
 - **Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 immediately following the Public Hearings for the OSLAD and SRTS Grants.**

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes September 2, 2025 5:53 PM – 5:57 PM

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

- An annual donation for the Jasper County Museum was discussed. The committee would like to review what the museums upcoming lease will look like before they commit to any funding.
- The City will be closing all of our accounts with First Financial Bank due to the Newton branch closing.

Adjourned at 5:57 PM

Submitted by: **RJ Lindemann – Chairman**

9. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Consider and act on passing Resolution 25-07, Resolution of Authorization of Funding for the OSLAD Grant Application.**
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Resolution 25-07, Resolution of Authorization of Funding for the OSLAD Grant Application.



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Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on passing Resolution 25-08, Resolution Committing Local Funds for the SRTS Grant.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Resolution 25-08, Resolution Committing Local Funds for the SRTS Grant.

Ayes: Blake, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on authorizing the disbursement of funds in the amount of \$11,000 to Tim Keller for the Demolition Reimbursement Application submitted for 307 S. Church St.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the disbursement of funds in the amount of \$11,000 to Tim Keller for the Demolition Reimbursement Application submitted for 307 S. Church St.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake

Nays: None

10. NEW BUSINESS: **None**

11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Thank you to all the pool staff for another great summer! The kids were awesome and everything went very well. Everything has been cleaned out and any excess product was sold to St. Thomas.

Wright: No comments.

Brooks: No comments.

Lindemann: Hope everyone had a great Labor Day Weekend. Congratulated our high school football team on their win over Civic Memorial last Friday. Wants to abolish the Capital Development fund and lower property taxes.

Blake: No comments.

City Attorney: This is a day I am thankful for my father and my uncle whom both served in World War II Pacific. Today is called VJ Day. Many years ago today, Japan surrendered to The United States of America effectively ending World War II.

City Treasurer: No comments.

City Clerk: 1 PO for the Water Department

1. Consider and act on authorizing the Water Department PO#6549 to IMCO Utility Supply in the amount of \$4,433.00 for a new fire hydrant with extension and valve.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Water Department PO#6549 to IMCO Utility Supply in the amount of \$4,433.00 for a new fire hydrant with extension and valve.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Tem Swick: Big shout out to the city employees that helped resolve the water break issues we had over the weekend.

Water Department Head Tyler Weber elaborated on the issue: Friday morning something "popped" in our water system. The guys could not locate the leak for three days. It ended up being a double main blowout at the bottom of the creek behind Tarr Chiropractic. Once the problem was located, the guys dug down and got it fixed. This happened to be a weekend I was out of town, so I personally want to thank Carson Brown, Adam Painter, Brent Benefiel and Scott Rubsam for stepping up, working through their weekend, and resolving this issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Swick: Hoped everyone had a wonderful weekend. The weather was beautiful but we could use a rain.



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12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Street and Alley Committee Meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM.
- Personnel Committee Meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 immediately following the Street and Alley Committee Meeting.
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Submitted by:

Maggie McDonald, City Clerk