



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
October 21, 2025

- **Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 5:30 PM.**
- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor
Mayor Joshua Kuhl called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 and City Clerk Maggie McDonald
Absent: Treasurer Melissa Brooks
- 4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to adopt the amended agenda. (Remove line item 10E. and add Sarah Diel Kinkade to Public Comments.)
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick
Nays: None
- 5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of October 7, 2025.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 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 \$89,907.25 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 \$103,180.99. Larry Brooks seconded the motion.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Sarah Diel Kinkade:** There has recently been an arising issue with hooligans hanging around outside of the Newton Public Library during after school hours. They are becoming a disturbance to the people inside the library and are trashing the area.

Chief Riddle is aware. They have spoken to the minors. They will address them again. Alderman Glumac will also do some research on any after school programs or activities.

Ms. Diel Kinkade thanked the Electric Department for their quick response getting the power restored after the incident on Jourdan St. this afternoon.
- 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:



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Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes October 21, 2025 5:30 PM – 6:04 PM.

Present: RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake, Mike Swick, Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, Joshua Kuhl, Bill Heap, Maggie McDonald, Amy Tarr, Jim Riddle, Sarah Diel Kinkade, Kenneth Belcher, Elisabeth Belcher

- Discussed demolition disbursement for 509 Stevens St. It was recommended to disburse \$14,667.28.
- Discussed a demolition and dumpster reimbursement for Geltz Properties at 206 N. Jackson. It was recommended to approve the dumpster reimbursement and deny the demolition reimbursement application.
- Recommended 3B General Contracting try again next year for their demolition reimbursement application for 409 Stevens St.
- Discussed TIF Application for lot 7 for 3B Contracting. The Belchers will be submitting an itemized quote.
- TIF Application for 106 W. Washington St. for Tony Arndt was discussed. No unanimous consensus was reached.

Adjourned at 6:04 PM

Submitted by: **RJ Lindemann - Chairman**

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Opening of sealed bids for the 1999 Ford F550 Super Duty Bucket Truck.

There were 4 submitted bids.

- B. Consider and act on awarding bid for the 1999 Ford F550 Super Duty Bucket Truck.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to award the bid for the 1999 Ford F550 Super Duty Bucket Truck to Petro Oil Production in the amount of \$7,777.77.

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

Nays: None

- C. Opening of sealed bids for the 2011 Ford Crown Victorian.

There were 9 submitted bids.

- D. Consider and act on awarding bid for the 2011 Ford Crown Victorian.

Motion dies for lack of motion. No bid awarded.

- E. Consider and act on authorizing the waiver of the sewer connection fee for 1107 S. Van Buren St., under incentives of the Enterprise Zone.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize tabling the waiver of the sewer connection fee for 1007 S. Van Buren St., under incentives of the Enterprise Zone, to the November 4, 2025 meeting of the Newton City Council.

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

Nays: None



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- F. Consider and act on authorizing a one-time donation of \$1,000 for an Eagle Mural to be painted by Stang Arts on the West side of the Farley Insurance Building.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize a one-time donation of \$1,000 for an Eagle Mural to be painted by Stang Arts on the West side of the Farley Insurance Building.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Swick

Nays: Lindemann, Blake

- G. Consider and act on authorizing the disbursement of funds to Mike and Vicki Mullen's for the Demolition Reimbursement Application submitted for 509 Stevens St.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the disbursement of funds to Mike and Vicki Mullen's for the Demolition Reimbursement Application submitted for 509 Stevens St. in the amount of \$14,667.22. (\$332.78 was deducted from the \$15,000 reimbursement due to unpaid utility and mowing bills from previous property owner.)

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

Nays: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing a one-time stipend in the amount of \$5,654 to Harley Gray for additional duties in the absence of the Street Department Head, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize a one-time stipend in the amount of \$5,654 to Harley Gray for additional duties in the absence of the Street Department Head, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

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

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing the hire of Billy Reese Jr. as a part-time Newton Police Officer, with approval of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Starting pay will be \$27.27/hour.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize the hire of Billy Reese Jr. as a part-time Newton Police Officer, with approval of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Starting pay will be \$27.27/hour. Start date of employment will be October 28, 2025.

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

Nays: None



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- C. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted for 106 W. Washington by Tony Arndt.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Larry Brooks, to authorize the TIF Application submitted for 106 W. Washington St. by Tony Arndt in the amount of \$5,000.

Ayes: Swick, Brooks

Nays: Blake, Glumac, Wright, Lindemann

- D. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted for Lot 7 in the Industrial Park by Belcher Self-Storage, LLC.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize tabling the TIF Application submitted for Lot 7 in the Industrial Park by Belcher Self-Storage, LLC for 15% of the total project cost up to the amount of \$39,000, to be reimbursed yearly based on the incremental tax increase after completion of the project, to the November 4, 2025 meeting of the Newton City Council, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee. (An itemized estimate and warranty deed needs to be provided.)

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

Nays: None

- ~~E. Consider and act on authorizing the Demolition Reimbursement Application submitted for 206 N. Jackson St. by Geltz Properties.~~

- F. Consider and act on authorizing the Dumpster Reimbursement Application submitted for 206 N. Jackson St. by Geltz Properties.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Dumpster Reimbursement Application submitted for 206 N. Jackson St. by Geltz Properties up to the amount of \$2,500, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

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

Nays: None

- G. Consider and act on authorizing the Demolition Reimbursement Application submitted for 409 Stevens St. by 3B General Contracting.

Motion dies for lack of motion.

- H. Consider and act on authorizing to solicit bids for the TIF funded Watermain Replacement Project on E. Reynolds St. Bid opening will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 9:00 AM at Newton City Hall.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize soliciting bids for the TIF funded Watermain Replacement Project on E. Reynolds St. Bid opening will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 9:00 AM at Newton City Hall.



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Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: Lindemann

- I. Consider and act on authorizing the IML Risk Management Association proposal for the City of Newton Property, Liability and Work Compensation Insurance Coverages in the amount of \$106,444.34.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the IML Risk Management Association proposal for the City of Newton Property, Liability and Work Compensation Insurance Coverages in the amount of \$106,444.34.

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

Nays: None

- J. Consider and act on authorizing Luminare Health Benefits for a one-year agreement to administer the medical and dental benefit plans for the City of Newton.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize Luminare Health Benefits for a one-year agreement to administer the medical and dental benefit plans for the City of Newton.

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

Nays: None

11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: No comments.

Wright: No comments.

Brooks: No comments.

Lindemann: Presented the utility adjustments. Would like to address city utility deposit amounts at the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on October 29, 2025. Voiced opposition to the Capital Development Fund and how he would like to see lower property taxes.

Blake: No comments.

Swick: Thanked the city departments for all their hard work here at city hall. There was a waterline repair and they are now working on the back entrance.

The city will begin leaf pickup for the season on Monday, November 3. Call City Hall at 618-783-8451 between business hours of 7:00AM – 4:00PM. After 4:00PM call the Street Department at 618-783-8511 and leave a message with your address and phone number if there are leaves to be vacuumed.

City Attorney: No comments.

City Clerk: I have been in contact with Corrie Appraisal and Consulting out of Charleston to do the appraisal on the property the city owns in the Industrial Park. We are looking at a 3–4-week timeframe before this takes place.



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The 2012 Dodge Charger that is posted for bid on govdeals.com is at \$3,550. This auction expires on Wednesday.

Pro Rehab sent a thank you letter to the city employees for blocking off their parking lot during the Homecoming Parade. This made it convenient and safe for the patients to still park.

The American Legion dropped of the work schedule for the Veterans Day Program held on November 11, 2025 on the Courthouse Lawn. Please volunteer if you have the opportunity.

Mayor: There was a written complaint about rodents over by the Family Life Center. Chief Riddle has purchased traps and will try to alleviate this problem.

Thank you to the Newton PD and City Departments for their help with the Homecoming Parade.

Thanked the City Departments for all the work they have been doing at City Hall. They had to reroute the water line, pour concrete, and are now burying the gas line and fixing the steps at the back entrance. Shout out to our Electric Department for their quick service restoring power this afternoon after a semi hit a pole at the Dollar General on Jourdan St.

I have noticed equipment down at the retention pond in Five Aprils. I would presume work to begin there in the near future.

Our leaf pickup program will begin Monday, November 4. Please be sure your leaves are placed on the roadside side of the ditch. Our equipment can not reach the other side. Brush dump will also be open. Please no bags.

Lastly, please volunteer for the Veterans Day Program if you can. There is a lot of hard work that goes into making this program very special every year. All help is appreciated.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- **Joint Review Board Meeting on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM.**
- **Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM.**
- **Electric Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 immediately following the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.**

13. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.



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Submitted by:
Maggie McDonald, City Clerk