



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
November 4, 2025

- **Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 5:30 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 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, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann and Mike Swick
Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and City Clerk Maggie McDonald
Absent: Alderman Kaleb Wright and Alderman Eric Blake
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adopt the amended agenda. (8H. disbursement amount should be \$10,000.)
Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of October 21, 2025. (Clerk McDonald noted there was a correction made to OLD BUSINESS: 9G. Reimbursement Amount should be \$14,667.22.)
Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2025 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **None**
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
 - Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 5:45 PM. **(Waiting on minutes)**
 - Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes October 29, 2025 6:20 PM – 7:56 PM

Present: RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake, Mike Swick, Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, Joshua Kuhl, Melissa Brooks, Maggie McDonald, Amy Tarr, Matt Tarr, Tyler Weber, Terry Smithenry, Kenneth Belcher, Elisabeth Belcher

- Wad It Up Transport sewer hookup charges were discussed. We will have another meeting on November 4th to come to a conclusion.



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- The Belchers presented more materials for their proposed TIF Application. Once they own the land, the council will bring the application to a vote.
- Kent Greeson's Dumpster Reimbursement Application was discussed. It was recommended by the committee to approve the application for up to \$1,500.
- The Tax Levy was discussed. It was recommended by the committee to keep the rates the same.
- Lowering utility deposits was discussed. The committee was generally not in favor, but Amy Tarr will be researching the topic.

Adjourned at 7:56 PM

Submitted by: **RJ Lindemann – Chairman**

- Electric Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 immediately following the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.

Electric Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 29, 2025 7:56 PM – 8:19 PM

Present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake, Mike Swick, Melissa Brooks, Maggie McDonald, Amy Tarr, Tyler Weber and Matt Tarr

Meeting was called to order at 7:56 PM.

- Frontier Communication will be installing fiber optic lines throughout Newton. The city does not currently have a Joint Pole Use Agreement with Frontier. The committee discussed charges and stipulations that will be put within the agreement.
- Matt talked about a company called Wesco, that comes in and does an analysis of our electric system. They will map out our electric assets and be able to identify areas of energy loss. It was recommended by the committee to proceed with the testing.
- The city received notification that on, or around, December 2, 2025 there will be an oversized load coming through Newton. They will be coming from the South up Van Buren St. and heading East on Jourdan. The city asks that people do not park around the square for this event, as the load will most likely have to go around the square to make the turn East. Please check our Facebook page for updates.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Submitted by: **Gayle Glumac – Chairman**

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes November 4, 2025 5:30 PM – 5:56 PM

Present: RJ Lindemann, Mike Swick, Gayle Glumac, Larry Brooks, Joshua Kuhl, Melissa Brooks, Maggie McDonald, Matt Tarr, Tyler Weber, Caroline Smoot, Bill Heap and John Stone

- Jim Zuber's Demolition Reimbursement Application was discussed. It was recommended to reimburse him for \$10,000.
- The third round of the Energy Transition Community Grant was discussed. It was recommended to finish paying for the pickleball courts and to help repaint the pool.
- The sewer connection expenses for Wad It Up Transport were discussed. It was the recommendation from the majority of the committee to fill out a TIF Application to be reimbursed \$5,000.

Adjourned at 6:56 PM

Submitted by: **RJ Lindemann - Chairman**

8. OLD BUSINESS:



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- A. Consider and act on authorizing an Agreement with IDOT and the Indiana Rail Road for Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements on S. 1st Ave., Sycamore St. and West End Ave.

Motion dies for lack of motion.

- B. 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 dies for lack of motion.

- C. 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 Mike Swick, to authorize tabling the TIF Application submitted for Lot 7 in the Industrial Park by Belcher Self-Storage, LLC to the January 6, 2026 meeting of the Newton City Council

Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Brooks

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on awarding the bid for the 2012 Dodge Charger, posted on govdeals.com, to Cliff Kinkade in the amount of \$3,550.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to award the bid for the 2012 Dodge Charger, posted on govdeals.com, to Cliff Kinkade in the amount of \$3,550.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

- E. Consider and act on authorizing the City of Newton to seek bids online at govdeals.com for a 2011 Ford Crown Vic, as recommended by the Police and Building Permit Committee. This bid will run from November 5, 2025 – November 17, 2025.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the City of Newton to seek bids online at govdeals.com for a 2011 Ford Crown Vic, as recommended by the Police and Building Permit Committee. This bid will run from November 5, 2025 – November 17, 2025. No reserve has been set.

Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick

Nays: None

- F. Consider and act on authorizing the invoice from Frohning Bros., Inc., in the amount of \$11,720 for the TIF funded construction project at the Retention Pond in Five Aprils Subdivision.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the invoice from Frohning Bros., Inc., in the amount of \$11,720



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for the TIF funded construction project at the Retention Pond in Five Aprils Subdivision.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

- G. Consider and act on awarding the bid for the TIF funded Watermain Replacement Project on East Reynolds St. to B & T Drainage, Inc. in the amount of \$262,923. (Bid opening was held Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 9:00 AM at Newton City Hall.)

Motion was made by Larry Brooks, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to award the bid for the TIF funded Watermain Replacement Project on East Reynolds St. to B & T Drainage, Inc. in the amount of \$262,923. (Bid opening was held Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 9:00 AM at Newton City Hall.)

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Brooks, Kuhl

Nays: Lindemann

- H. Consider and act on authorizing the disbursement of funds in the amount of ~~\$10,090.00~~ \$10,000 to Jim Zuber for the Demolition Reimbursement Application submitted for 603 W. End Ave.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize the disbursement of funds in the amount of \$10,000 to Jim Zuber for the Demolition Reimbursement Application submitted for 603 W. End Ave.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discuss Notices of Dangerous and/or Unsafe Building/Structure.

The council discussed several buildings/structures throughout the city that are in unsafe and dangerous conditions and how to proceed. The legal process for the city to condemn and demolish such building/structure was reviewed.

- B. Consider and act on authorizing certified commercial appraiser, Corrie Appraisal and Consulting, Inc, to appraise the city owned property in the Industrial Park for an estimated cost of \$2,000.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize certified commercial appraiser, Corrie Appraisal and Consulting, Inc, to appraise the city owned property in the Industrial Park for an estimated cost of \$2,000.

Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick

Nays: None



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- C. Consider and act on authorizing the Dumpster Reimbursement Application submitted for 607 Arca by Kent Greeson up to the amount of \$1,500, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Dumpster Reimbursement Application submitted for 607 Arca by Kent Greeson up to the amount of \$1,500, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on authorizing flu shots for all part-time and full-time city employees.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize flu shots for all part-time and full-time city employees.

Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Brooks

Nays: None

- E. Consider and act on authorizing all part-time officers of the Newton Police Department a pay increase to \$27.27/hour.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize all part-time officers of the Newton Police Department a pay increase to \$27.27/hour, as recommended by the Police and Building Permit Committee.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

- F. Consider and act on authorizing the hire of Justin Holmes as a full-time officer of the Newton Police Department, contingent on the passing of POWER testing, lie detector test and psych evaluation, as recommended by the Police and Building Permit Committee. Start date will be December 9, 2025.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the hire of Justin Holmes as a full-time officer of the Newton Police Department, contingent on the passing of POWER testing, lie detector test and psych evaluation, as recommended by the Police and Building Permit Committee. Start date will be December 9, 2025.

Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick

Nays: None

- G. Consider and act on authorizing the hire of Tyler Plummer as a full-time officer of the Newton Police Department, contingent on the passing of POWER testing, lie detector test and psych evaluation, as recommended by the Police and Building Permit Committee. Start date will be December 9, 2025.



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Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

10. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Shout out to Adam and Tyler! A kid dropped something down the storm drain the other day and Adam and Tyler came out and were able to open the lid and retrieve the child's belongings. Thank you, guys. Want to give my thanks to all of our Veterans.

Brooks: No comment.

Lindemann: Wished Elijah Wright a Happy Birthday and congratulated Kaleb Wright on becoming a new dad! Wants to demolish the Capital Development Fund and lower property taxes.

Swick: Congratulations to the Wright's on the birth of their son. Want to congratulate Adam Painter for accomplishing a 300-bowling score, way to go Adam! Everyone please get out and thank a veteran.

City Attorney: No comments.

City Treasurer: Congratulations to the Wright's. Thank you to our Veterans. The treasurer's office has determined that the City would need to levy \$736,432 for the tax year 2025. The amount to be levied will not exceed the 2024 tax year levy extended by more than 5%.

City Clerk: 1 PO for the Electric Department

1. Consider and act on authorizing the Electric Department PO#38-30 to Wesco in the amount of \$31,153.85 for an Automated Thermal Inspection and Automated Line Patrol.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the Electric Department PO#38-30 to Wesco in the amount of \$31,153.85 for an Automated Thermal Inspection and Automated Line Patrol.

Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Brooks

Nays: None

Congratulations to the Wright's and thank you to all our Veterans.

Mayor: Congratulations to Alexis and Kaleb Wright as they welcome their first born. Glad to hear everyone is doing well.

I give my deepest thanks and praise to all of our Veterans, especially those of our own right here, Matt Tarr. I hope everyone takes time next Tuesday to volunteer or visit the square for the wonderful Veterans Day Event that is put on every year.



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11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss personnel and potential litigation pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:39 PM.

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

Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:25 PM.

Mayor Kuhl announced that during closed session the council discussed personnel and potential litigation.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Submitted by:
Maggie McDonald
City Clerk