



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. VAN BUREN St.

NEWTON, IL 62448

November 18, 2025

- **Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 5:30 PM.**
- 1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Attorney William Heap
In Mayor Joshua Kuhl's absence, Attorney William Heap called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Alderman Larry Brooks.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks.
- 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 Mike Swick as Mayor Pro Tem
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to appoint Alderman Mike Swick as Mayor Pro Tem.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake
Nays: None
Abstain: Swick
- 5. **ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:** Add Tyler Weber to Public Comments
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to adopt the amended agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake
Nays: None
- 6. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES** of November 4, 2025.
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Larry Brooks, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2025 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Glumac
Nays: None
Abstain: Blake
- 7. **APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**
Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$199,846.38 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 \$136,186.16. Kaleb Wright seconded the motion.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None
- 8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tyler Weber:** Drinking water quality is something that is taken very seriously at the Water Department. There seems to be a lot of talk on social media about how the water quality in this town is not satisfactory enough for some of the citizens. The Water Department works closely with City Hall and neither department has received any phone calls, emails or messages to confirm there are any issues with the water quality. With that said, I would like to invite anyone with a complaint about drinking water quality to please reach out to myself, City Hall, or the mayor and council. You can also find our Consumer Confidence Report on our city website at cityofnewtonil.com or a hard copy can be obtained at city hall.
- 9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**
 - Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 5:30.

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes November 18, 2025 5:30 PM – 5:45 PM

Present: RJ Lindemann, Mike Swick, Gayle Glumac, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Maggie McDonald, Tyler Weber, Brent Benefiel and Jim Riddle



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- The Energy Transition Community Grant was discussed. The committee reaffirmed that we would like to finish the pickleball courts and repaint the pool.

Adjourned at 5:45 PM

Submitted by: **RJ Lindemann - Chairman**

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on awarding bid for the 2011 Ford Crown Victorian.
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to award the online bid for the 2011 Ford Crown Victorian to Amanda Stanford in the amount of \$3,391.00.
Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright, Brooks
Nays: None
- B. Consider and act on authorizing a change of hire date for Justin Holmes, as a full-time officer of the Newton Police Department, contingent on the passing of the POWER testing, lie detector test and psych evaluation, to December 1, 2025, as recommended by the Police and Building Permit Committee.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize a change of hire date for Justin Holmes, as a full-time officer of the Newton Police Department, contingent on the passing of the POWER testing, lie detector test and psych evaluation, to December 1, 2025, as recommended by the Police and Building Permit Committee.
Ayes: Blake, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann
Nays: None
- C. Consider and act on authorizing a change of hire date for Tyler Plummer, as a full-time officer of the Newton Police Department, contingent on the passing of the POWER testing, lie detector test and psych evaluation, to December 1, 2025, as recommended by the Police and Building Permit Committee.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Larry Brooks, to authorize a change of hire date for Tyler Plummer, as a full-time officer of the Newton Police Department, contingent on the passing of the POWER testing, lie detector test and psych evaluation, to December 1, 2025, as recommended by the Police and Building Permit Committee.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake
Nays: None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing the city attorney to proceed with legal action regarding property located at 205 E. Harris.
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the city attorney to proceed with legal action regarding property located at 205 E. Harris.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac
Nays: None
- B. Consider and act on authorizing the city attorney and city engineer to proceed with utility easements for electric distribution on East Curtis St.
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the city attorney and city engineer to proceed with utility easements for electric distribution on East Curtis St.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None
- C. Consider and act on authorizing Christmas bonuses for all present full-time and part-time employees who have worked at least 3 months and are currently working. Consists of an extra eight hours pay or an eight-hour day off with pay, to be taken by the last pay period in April 2026.



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Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on authorizing the 2026 Meeting Schedule of the Newton City Council.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the 2026 Meeting Schedule of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Blake, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

- E. Consider and act on authorizing a city employee and city council Christmas gathering.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Larry Brooks, to authorize a city employee and city council Christmas gathering.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake

Nays: None

- F. Consider and act on authorizing a Special Event Liquor License Application submitted by St. Thomas for a Trivia Night Fund Raiser Event held on Saturday, February 14, 2026 from 5:00 PM – 12:00 AM.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Special Event Liquor License Application submitted by St. Thomas for a Trivia Night Fund Raiser Event held on Saturday, February 14, 2026 from 5:00 PM – 12:00 AM.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac

Nays: None

- G. Consider and act on authorizing the Special Event Application submitted by Rauch's Jewelry for Rauch's Christmas Traditions on Friday, December 5, 12, and 19, 2025 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Special Event Application submitted by Rauch's Jewelry for Rauch's Christmas Traditions on Friday, December 5, 12, and 19, 2025 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

12. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Lights in the Park begins this weekend. Thank you to our city guys for working very hard to get everything ready. We had the 6th graders out last weekend helping, so thank you students. Everyone be sure to get out and see the lights this year.

Wright: No comments.

Brooks: No comments.

Lindemann: Presented the utility adjustments. Wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! I will not be at the next council meeting so I want to wish everyone a Happy Advent. Thank you to the city departments for their work on Lights in the Park. The lights are a wonderful tradition in Newton, and I appreciate all the city guys for stepping up and taking on the extra task. Would still like to see the Capital Development Fund abolished and lower property taxes.

Blake: Happy Thanksgiving!

Swick: Wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving!

City Attorney: Enjoy the turkey! Happy Thanksgiving!



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City Treasurer: Happy Thanksgiving!

City Clerk: Happy Thanksgiving!

13. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **December 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- **Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM.**

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:22 PM.

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

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:29 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Swick announced that during closed session the council discussed personnel, potential litigation and sale of real estate.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Submitted by:

Maggie McDonald, City Clerk

ACCOUNTS PAYABLES November 19, 2025

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Total Community Development	\$0.00
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ZONING

Total Zoning	\$0.00
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BAT

Total Bat	\$0.00
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GOLF

Total Golf	\$0.00
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STREET

ARAB Termite & Pest Control	\$50.00
Bradford Supply Company	\$63.21
CCI Redi Mix Inc	\$803.55
Card Service Center	\$161.49
Cintas	\$111.25
Jasper Clothiers	\$314.25
Kirchner Building Centers	\$4.99
Lorenz Supply Company	\$163.80
Newton Part Supply Inc	\$300.18
Wabash Valley Service Company	\$341.48
Total Street	\$2,314.20

POLICE

ARAB Termite & Pest Control	\$30.00
CCI Redi Mix Inc (garage approach)	\$1,769.00
County of Jasper	\$7,800.19
Card Service Center (\$9.15 Police Grant)	\$92.14
Cintas Corporation	\$405.70
Clint Crossen Inspection Services	\$1,250.00
Mike Fischer (Hollinshead Carpenter Lot)	\$50.00
Hometown Register	\$40.30
Jasper Clothiers	\$6.98
Kirchner Building Centers	\$34.95
Kemper Technology Consulting	\$52.00
Lorenz Supply Company	\$71.78
Karen Long	\$40.00
Murphy Masonry Inc (retaining wall)	\$695.50
Kelsey Muska	\$350.00
Kim Muska	\$350.00
Ray O'Herron	\$151.53
Wabash Valley Service Company	\$695.76
Weber Heap Ayres & Greene PC	\$1,300.00
Steve Woody Polygraph Examiner	\$350.00
Total Police	\$15,535.83

CEMETERY

	\$0.00
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PARK

Card Service Center (lights in the park)	\$404.77
Dollar General Corporation	\$11.75
Jasper Clothiers	\$125.00
Kirchner Building Centers (4.14 lights in the park)	\$79.24
Lorenz Supply Company	\$75.95
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$24.90
Newton Part Supply Inc (lights in the park)	\$113.69
Sloan Implement Company Inc	\$712.77
Wabash Valley Service Company	\$176.50
Total Park	\$1,724.57

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

American Solutions for Business	\$207.15
ARAB Termite & Pest Control	\$30.00
CCI Redi Mix Inc (back steps)	\$1,354.00
Card Service Center	\$2,232.90
Dollar General Corporation	\$55.80
Hometown Register	\$47.09
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$5.67
Kirchner Building Centers	\$447.04
Kemper Technology Consulting	\$615.50
Lorenz Supply Company	\$71.78
Merz Heating & Air Conditioning Inc (gas line)	\$2,985.00
Kelsey Muska	\$350.00
Kim Muska	\$350.00
Newton Part Supply Inc	\$20.99
Pitney Bowes Inc	\$33.96
Weber Title Inc	\$560.00
Weber Heap Ayres & Greene PC	\$200.00
Total General Administration	\$9,566.88

POOL

ARAB Termite & Pest Control	\$30.00
CCI Redi Mix Inc	\$170.50
Dollar General Corporation	\$53.05
SCP Distributors LLC dba Rec Supply	\$1,867.43
Total Pool	\$2,120.98

TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS \$31,262.46

EMA

County of Jasper	\$909.57
Total EMA	\$909.57

MFT

3 Sisters Logistics LLC	\$8,181.01
Total MFT	\$8,181.01

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

County of Jasper	\$1,408.08
SCIRP DC	\$150.00
Total Capital Development	\$1,558.08

TIF

Hometown Register	\$72.00
Weber Heap Ayres & Greene PC	\$250.00
Total TIF	\$322.00

TOTAL SPECIALS \$10,970.66

ELECTRIC

Anixter Inc	\$5,796.83
ARAB Termite & Pest Control	\$50.00
Birch Auto Service & Towing	\$147.00
Brownstown Electric Supply	\$18,150.00
Card Service Center	\$2,717.48
Cintas	\$69.12
Drake-Scruggs Equipment	\$886.85
Echo Electric	\$1,197.99
GH Customs & Repair GHC LLC	\$201.26
Hometown Register	\$85.25
Jasper Clothiers	\$50.85
JM Test Systems LLC	\$157.75
Kirchner Building Centers	\$134.53
Mobile Communications America	\$2,994.10
Newton Part Supply Inc	\$299.95
Nussmeyer Tree Service, LLC	\$14,625.00
Online Information Services	\$14.94
1000 Bulbs	\$1,351.73
Pitney Bowes Inc	\$33.96
Vision Metering LLC	\$500.00
Wabash Valley Service Company	\$506.27
TOTAL ELECTRIC	\$49,970.86

WATER

American Solutions for Business	\$259.35
Bradford Supply Company	\$514.60
Birch Auto Service & Towing	\$1,026.00
CCI Redi Mix Inc	\$1,539.20
Card Service Center	\$1,260.03
EJ Water Cooperative Inc	\$36.00
Hawkins Inc	\$309.96
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	\$2,712.56
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$18.99
Midwest Meter Inc	\$4,297.00
Newton Part Supply Inc	\$34.68
Online Information Services	\$14.93
Pitney Bowes Inc	\$33.96
South Central FS Inc	\$32.64
Wabash Valley Service Company	\$90.48
TOTAL WATER	\$12,180.38

WWT

ARAB Termite & Pest Control	\$35.00
Certified Balance & Scale	\$1,788.00
Card Service Center	\$1,221.04
Jasper Clothiers	\$72.00
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$12.33
Lakeside Equipment Corporation	\$1,140.00
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$68.77
Newton Part Supply Inc	\$83.39
Online Information Services	\$14.93
Pitney Bowes Inc	\$33.96
Schulte Supply	\$1,167.67
Vandevanter Engineering	\$25,709.62
Wabash Valley Service Company	\$455.09
TOTAL WWT	\$31,801.80

TOTAL PAYABLES = \$136,186.16

General Fund

Verizon Wireless	\$108.03
Ameren Illinois	\$276.02
Michael & Vicki Mullen	\$5,173.00
Jamie Stang	\$1,000.00
Risk Management Association	\$350.00
AT & T Mobility	\$256.97
Purchase Power	\$252.43
Caterpillar Financial Services Corp.	\$2,401.15
William Heap	\$150.00
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	\$388.88
MCC Network Services, LLC.	\$1,117.85
City of Newton	\$2,281.19
Municipal Clerks of Illinois	\$190.00
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	\$13,945.52

INS A

Standard Insurance Company-Life	\$182.00
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	\$182.00

Payroll

State Disbursement Unit	\$86.76
Standard Insurance Company	\$218.30
AFLAC	\$1,095.77
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Specials

Luminare Health Benefits	\$2,693.44
City of Newton	\$334.11
Michael & Vicki Mullen	\$9,494.22
Risk Management Association	\$65,293.31
James Zuber	\$10,000.00
Symetra Life Insurance Company	\$28,824.00
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	\$116,639.08

TIF

Frohning Brothers Inc.	\$11,720.00
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	\$49.99
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	\$11,769.99

Electric

Verizon Wireless	\$144.10
Ameren Illinois	\$85.57
Newton Post Office	\$210.60
Risk Management Association	\$19,782.51
Purchase Power	\$252.44
Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation	\$2,401.16
Norris Electric Cooperative	\$135.25
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	\$142.96
City of Newton	\$688.32
MCC Network Services, LLC.	\$116.43
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	\$23,959.34

Water

Verizon Wireless	\$36.01
Ameren Illinois	\$102.94
Newton Post Office	\$210.60
Risk Management Association	\$11,733.81
Purchase Power	\$252.44
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	\$59.99
City of Newton	\$2,920.30
MCC Network Services, LLC.	\$116.43
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	\$10.00
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	\$15,442.52

WWT

Verizon Wireless	\$85.39
Ameren Illinois	\$99.79
Newton Post Office	\$210.60
Risk Management Association	\$9,284.71
Purchase Power	\$252.44
City of Newton	\$6,457.74
MCC Network Services, LLC.	\$116.43
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	\$16,507.10

Total Prepays = \$199,846.38