



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
April 21, 2026

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 Kaleb Wright
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Kaleb
3. ROLL CALL: Brenda Phillips, Deputy 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 Deputy Clerk Brenda Phillips
Absent: City Clerk Maggie McDonald
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adopt the amended agenda adding Potential Litigation to Executive Session.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of April 7, 2026.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2026 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-paids in the amount of 71,874.57 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and makes a motion to approve the pre-paids and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of 227,154.52. Kaleb Wright seconded the motion.
Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks
Nays: None
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
 - Electric Committee Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5:30 PM. (Waiting on minutes.)
 - Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026 immediately following the Electric Committee Meeting. (Waiting on minutes.)
 - Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026 immediately following the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting. (Waiting on minutes.)
9. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on awarding the bid for the Electric Line D Installation Bid.



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Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to award the bid for the Electric Line D Installation Project to BH Electric in the amount of \$143,050.

Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: Lindemann

- B. Consider and act on awarding the bid for the Electric Line D Material Bid.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to table awarding the bid for the Electric Line D Material Project to the May 5 meeting.

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

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on authorizing the Invoice to Hawkins & Company for the purchase of a water chlorine generator in the amount of \$41,377. This purchase is included in the 26/27 Water Department Budget.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Invoice to Hawkins & Company for the purchase of a water chlorine generator in the amount of \$41,377. This purchase is included in the Water Department Budget.

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

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on authorizing Pay Estimate #1 to B & T Drainage for the Watermain Replacement Project on E. Reynolds St. in the amount of \$205,544.85.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize Pay Estimate #1 to B & T Drainage for the Watermain Replacement Project on E. Reynolds St. in the amount of \$205,544.85.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Blake, Swick, Glumac

Nays: Lindemann

- E. Consider and act on authorizing the Invoice to Stone & Waggoner for the Watermain Replacement Project on E. Reynolds St. in the amount of \$40,562.32.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Invoice to Stone & Waggoner for the Watermain Replacement Project on E. Reynolds St. in the amount of \$40,562.32.

Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: Lindemann

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted for 202 Museum Dr. by West End Reception and Events.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the TIF Application submitted for 202 Museum Dr. by West End



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Reception and Events for 50% of the total project cost, up to the amount of \$4,787.62.

Ayes: Blake, Swick, Wright, Glumac, Brooks

Nays: Lindemann

- B. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted for 1107 S. Van Buren St. by Wad It Up Transport, Inc.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the TIF Application submitted for 1107 S. Van Buren St. by Wad It Up Transport, Inc. for 50% of the total project cost, in the amount up to \$5,000.

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

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted for 307 W. Jourdan by Meyer Funeral Home.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the TIF Application submitted for 307 W. Jourdan by Meyer Funeral Home for 50% of the total project cost, up to the amount of \$5,000.

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

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 26-02 Replacing Chapter 11 Electric System Economic Incentives 11-3-1 (A)(3) Year 6 – Graduated Industrial Rate Revenue Neutral Shift from PCA to Electric Service Charge.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to pass Ordinance 26-02 Replacing Chapter 11 Electric System Economic Incentives 11-3-1 (A)(3) Year 6 – Graduated Industrial Rate Revenue Neutral Shift of .03 from PCA to Electric Service Charge.

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

Nays: None

- E. Consider and act on passing Resolution 26-05 Resolution for MFT Street Maintenance Program.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Larry Brooks, to pass Resolution 26-05 Resolution for MFT Street Maintenance Program.

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

Nays: None

- F. Consider and act on authorizing the Estimate of Maintenance Costs for the MFT Street Maintenance Program (annual general maintenance supplies).

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Estimate of Maintenance Costs for the MFT Street Maintenance Program (annual general maintenance supplies).

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

Nays: None



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- G. Consider and act on authorizing the 2026/2027 fiscal year budget (General Fund, Electric, Water and Wastewater).
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Larry Brooks, to authorize the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget (General Fund, Electric, Water and Wastewater).
Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks
Nays: None
- H. Consider and act on authorizing the 2026/2027 fiscal year Insurance and Specials budget.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize the 2026/2027 fiscal year Insurance and Specials budget.
Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann
Nays: None
- I. Consider and act on passing Resolution 26-06 for the Interfund Loan from the General Fund to the Social Security Fund to offset the shortfall from levied funds. This loan will be paid back with interest once the levied funds are received for the year.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Mike Swick, to pass Resolution 26-06 for the Interfund Loan from the General Fund to the Social Security Fund to offset the shortfall from levied funds. This loan will be paid back with interest once the levied funds are received for the year.
Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks
Nays: Lindemann, Blake
- J. Consider and act on passing Resolution 26-07 for the Interfund Loan from the Electric Department to the Social Security Fund to offset the shortfall from levied funds. This loan will be paid back with interest once the levied funds are received for the year.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Larry Brooks, to pass Resolution 26-07 for the Interfund Loan from the Electric Department to the Social Security Fund to offset the shortfall from levied funds. This loan will be paid back with interest once the levied funds are received for the year.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Swick
Nays: Lindemann, Blake
- K. Consider and act on passing Resolution 26-08 for the Interfund Loan from the Water Department Fund to the Social Security Fund to offset the shortfall from levied funds. This loan will be paid back with interest once the levied funds are received for the year.



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Motion was made by Larry Brooks, seconded by Mike Swick, to pass Resolution 26-08 for the Interfund Loan from the Water Department Fund to the Social Security Fund to offset the shortfall from levied funds. This loan will be paid back with interest once the levied funds are received for the year.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Swick, Glumac

Nays: Lindemann, Blake

- L. Consider and act on passing Resolution 26-09 for the Interfund Loan from the Wastewater Department Fund to the Social Security Fund to offset the shortfall from levied funds. This loan will be paid back with interest once the levied funds are received for the year.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Resolution 26-09 for the Interfund Loan from the Wastewater Department Fund to the Social Security Fund to offset the shortfall from levied funds. This loan will be paid back with interest once the levied funds are received for the year.

Ayes: Brooks, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: Lindemann, Blake

- M. Consider and act on authorizing the Letter of Intent between the City of Newton and the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Illinois Routes 33 and 130 Resurfacing Project.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Letter of Intent between the City of Newton and the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Illinois Routes 33 and 130 Resurfacing Project.

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

Nays: None

- N. Consider and act on authorizing the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Newton and the Laborers' International Union of North America, the Downstate Illinois Laborers' Local 1197.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac to authorize the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Newton and the Laborers' International Union of North America, the Downstate Illinois Laborers' Local 1197.

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

Nays: None

11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Thanked the departments for all their hard work on the budgets.

Wright: None

Brooks: None



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Lindemann: Presented utility billing and payment adjustments. Happy with budgets to include budgeting a new substation. Commented the departments are leaning too high on the levy, referencing agenda items 10-I, 10-J, 10-K, and 10-L. Wants to abolish Capital development Fund.

Blake: None

Swick: Go Cubs! 6 wins in a row!

City Attorney: None

City Treasurer: Thanked everyone for help on the budgets.

Deputy Clerk: **2 PO's (Electric Department)**

1. Electric Department PO#41-30 to JDC for the rental of a backyard digger mounted on utility trailer for 56 days, plus delivery and pickup, in the amount of \$16,900.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Electric Department PO#41-30 to JDC for the rental of a backyard digger mounted on utility trailer for 56 days, plus delivery and pickup, in the amount of \$16,900.

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

Nays: None

2. Electric Department PO #43-30 to S.D. Myers for transformer oil sampling materials. The total cost, including the sampling kit and round-trip shipping for laboratory analysis, is \$3,968.00

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the Electric Department PO #43-30 to S.D. Myers for transformer oil sampling materials. The total cost, including the sampling kit and round-trip shipping for laboratory analysis, is \$3,968.

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

Nays: None

Mayor: Thanked Melissa, Rachael and Stacy in the Treasurer's Office for all their help and hard work on the budgets.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:51 PM.



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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, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:06 PM.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Submitted by:
Brenda Phillips
Deputy Clerk