



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL  
108 N. VAN BUREN St.  
NEWTON, IL 62448  
May 5, 2026

- **Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 5:45 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 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**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:  
**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to adopt the proposed agenda.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of April 21, 2026.  
**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026 meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac**  
**Nays: None**
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **None**
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
  - Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 5:45 PM.

**Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes May 5, 2026 5:45 PM – 6:00 PM**

Present: RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake, Larry Brooks, Joshua Kuhl, Gayle Glumac, Melissa Brooks, Mike Swick, Bill Heap, Bill Burke, Josh Ochs, Brent Benefiel and Maggie McDonald

- Bill Burke's TIF Application was discussed. It was decided to table the application discussion until May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourned at 6:00 PM

Submitted by: **RJ Lindemann - Chairman**

8. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Consider and act on awarding the bid for the Electric Line D Material Bid.  
**Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to accept the bid submitted by Fletcher Reinhardt in the amount of \$102,671.69 for the Electric Line D Material Project.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright**  
**Nays: None**



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- B. Consider and act on authorizing to revoke the Demolition Reimbursement Program.  
**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize revoking the Demolition Reimbursement Program.**  
**Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks**  
**Nays: None**
- C. Consider and act on authorizing the purchase of the 2024 Caterpillar Backhoe Loader Model 420-07XE in the amount of \$75,762.31. This will be split between the Electric Department and Street Department.  
**Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the purchase of the 2024 Caterpillar Backhoe Loader Model 420-07XE in the amount of \$75,762.31. This will be split between, 50/50 between the Electric Department and Street Department.**  
**Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann**  
**Nays: Blake**
- D. Consider and act on authorizing the invoice from Fenceworx in the amount of \$36,000 for the ETCG fencing project at the pickleball courts.  
**Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the invoice from Fenceworx in the amount of \$36,000 for the ETCG fencing project at the pickleball courts.**  
**Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake**  
**Nays: None**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted for 110 S. Van Buren St.  
**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to table authorizing the TIF Application submitted for 110 S. Van Buren St. by United Country Burke Auction and Realty until the May 19, 2026 meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick**  
**Nays: None**
  - B. Consider and act on authorizing the appointment of Committee Chairman and Committee Members.  
**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the appointment of Committee Chairman and Committee Members.**  
**Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac**  
**Nays: None**
  - C. Consider and act on authorizing the appointment of Department Heads.



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**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to table authorizing the appointment of Department Heads until after Executive Session.**

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

**Nays: None**

- D. Consider and act on authorizing a three year Planned Maintenance Agreement (2026, 2027, 2028) with Cummins Sales and Service for full service inspection and load bank testing on our generators located at City Hall, the Sewer Plant and the Water Plant, in the amount of \$15,432.48.

**Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize a three year Planned Maintenance Agreement (2026, 2027, 2028) with Cummins Sales and Service for full service inspection and load bank testing on our generators located at City Hall, the Sewer Plant and the Water Plant, in the amount of \$15,432.48.**

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

**Nays: Lindemann**

- E. Consider and act on authorizing Sean Brody's Letter of Resignation.

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize Sean Brody's Letter of Resignation.**

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

**Nays: None**

**10. STATEMENTS BY:**

**Glumac:** Rain, rain, rain. Lots of rain.

**Wright:** No comments.

**Brooks:** No comments.

**Lindemann:** Thanked the council for abolishing the Demolition Reimbursement Program. Wants to abolish the Capital Development Fund.

**Blake:** No comments.

**Swick:** Brenda received a call from a contractor about dumping trees from the courthouse project out to our city brush dump. Josh Ochs and I will follow up with Shannon Woodard.

**City Attorney:** Gave update on mortgage foreclosure at 1009 S. Van Buren.

**City Treasurer:** No comments.

**City Clerk: 4 PO's:**

1. Electric Department PO#44-30 to T&R Electric for six 25 KVA Pole Mount Transformers, six 50 KVA Pole Mount Transformers and one 500 KVA Pad Mount Transformer in the total amount of \$28,042.



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**Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize the Electric Department PO#44-30 to T&R Electric for six 25 KVA Pole Mount Transformers, six 50 KVA Pole Mount Transformers and one 500 KVA Pad Mount Transformer in the total amount of \$28,042.**

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

**Nays: None**

2. Electric Department PO#45-30 to Midwest Electric Transformer Services for two 25 KVA Single Phase Pad Mount Transformers, two 50 KVA Single Phase Pad Mount Transformers and six 100 KVA Single Phase Pole Mount Transformers in the total amount of \$25,660.

**Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the Electric Department PO#45-30 to Midwest Electric Transformer Services for two 25 KVA Single Phase Pad Mount Transformers, two 50 KVA Single Phase Pad Mount Transformers and six 100 KVA Single Phase Pole Mount Transformers in the total amount of \$25,660.**

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

**Nays: None**

3. Street Department PO#1004-02 to Van Dyke Metal Culverts, Inc. for two 60' poly coated culverts for the replacement of the bridge on S. Lafayette St. in the amount of \$29,880.

**Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Street Department PO#1004-02 to Van Dyke Metal Culverts, Inc. for two 60' poly coated culverts for the replacement of the bridge on S. Lafayette St. in the amount of \$29,880.**

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

**Nays: None**

4. Park Department PO #6394 to Helm Mechanical for evaluation of the Newton Pool equipment and investigation of the air bubble issue in the amount of \$4,000.

**Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Park Department PO #6394 to Helm Mechanical for evaluation of the Newton Pool equipment and investigation of the air bubble issue in the amount of \$4,000.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Mayor:** Congratulations to Officer Holmes on graduating from the police academy with high scores. We are proud to welcome him to the Newton Police Department.



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Welcome the Burke family to Newton.

Parklanes has sold. Be watching for opening dates and upcoming announcements.

The last day of school is May 22, and the Newton City Pool will open for the season on May 23, 2026, at noon. Swimming lessons and water aerobics will once again be offered this summer. Please check the City website and the Newton Aquatic Center Facebook page for schedules and registration details.

The grand opening for Equip-It, Inc. will be held on May 16. Stop by and see what this new business has to offer our community.

Today, the City officially closed on the sale of Industrial Park property. We are excited to see future development opportunities in that area.

Applications for the Water Plant Operator position have now closed, and submitted applications will be reviewed in the coming weeks.

**11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM**

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel and Potential Litigation**

**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, 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: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks**

**Nays: None**

Open session suspended at 6:30 PM.

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

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

**Nays: None**

Open session resumed at 7:33 PM.

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

- 9C. Consider and act on authorizing the appointment of Department Heads.

**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to table authorizing the appointment of Department Heads to the May 19, 2026 meeting of the Newton City Council.**

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

**Nays: None**

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**



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

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

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.**

Submitted by:  
Maggie McDonald  
City Clerk