



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
July 7, 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 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
Eric Blake arrived at 6:05 PM.
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: **AMEND: Add Personnel and Potential Litigation to Executive Session.**
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to adopt the amended agenda. Adding Personnel and Potential Litigation to Executive Session.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of June 16, 2026.
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2026 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick
Nays: None
Abstain: Glumac
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
 - **Mitch Hardiek with Milano and Grunloh:** Mitch discussed with the Council a potential opportunity to apply for ITEP Grant funding. The proposed project would include the development of a pathway along the former railway bed currently owned by the city. The city will further evaluate potential route options, project scope, and possible match funding opportunities.
 - **Alan Beard:** Mr. Beard continues to experience drainage and flooding issues on his property. The city expanded the retention pond last year; however, the issue has persisted. City representatives will meet with the City Engineer and Township officials to further evaluate the situation and discuss potential solutions to alleviate the drainage concerns.
 - **Barb Long:** Ms. Long has also experienced drainage and flooding issues at her residence. The city received an excessive amount of rainfall in recent weeks, contributing to significant drainage concerns throughout the community. Ms. Long, along with neighboring residents, noted that they had not experienced this level of flooding prior to the construction of Sarah Bush. City representatives will continue evaluating the situation, discussing potential solutions, and help identify any available resources that may assist Ms. Long with conditions that have resulted from this rain.
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
 - Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 5:45 PM.
Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes July 2, 2026 5:30 PM – 6:42 PM
Present: RJ Lindemann, Larry Brooks, Mike Swick, Melissa Brooks and Maggie McDonald
 - TIF Application for BS Square LLC was discussed. It was recommended by the committee to approve the application for \$3,900.

Gayle Glumac arrived at 5:45 PM

 - Appropriations for the fiscal year 26/27 was discussed. It was recommended to approve the appropriations at the July 21 council meeting.
 - TIF surplus for 25/26 fiscal year was discussed.
 - TIF extension possibilities were discussed for the Griffith Ground in particular.

Adjourned at 6:42 PM



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Submitted by: **RJ Lindemann – Chairman**

- Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting Minutes July 2, 2026 6:00 PM – 7:12 PM

Present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Mike Swick, Eric Blake, Jim Riddle and Melissa Brooks

- The committee moved to go out of open session and into executive session to interview for the Police Department. Mike Swick made the motion, Gayle Glumac seconded.
- Mike Swick made the motion to go out of executive session and back into open session. RJ Lindemann seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM

Submitted by: **Kaleb Wright - Chairman**

- Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting Minutes July 6, 2026 6:30 PM – 7:18 PM

Present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, Mike Swick, Joshua Kuhl, Jim Riddle and Maggie McDonald

- The committee moved to go out of open session and into executive session to interview for the Police Department. Gayle Glumac made the motion, Mike Swick seconded.
- Mike Swick made the motion to go out of executive session and back into open session. Gayle Glumac seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM

Submitted by: **Kaleb Wright - Chairman**

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 26-08 Amending Chapter 36-4-2 Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Ordinance 26-08 Amending Chapter 36-4-2 Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax.

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

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing the invoice submitted by Courts and Cracks in the amount of \$21,665 for the ETCG painting project at the pickleball courts.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the invoice submitted by Courts and Cracks in the amount of \$21,665 for the ETCG painting project at the pickleball courts.

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

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on authorizing the invoice submitted by Double B's Land Management in the amount of \$9,990 for the 311 S. Jackson St. Demolition Project.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the invoice submitted by Double B's Land Management in the amount of \$9,990 for the 311 S. Jackson St. Demolition Project.

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

Nays: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted for 101 S. Jackson St. by BS Square, LLC in the amount of \$3,900, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Motion was made RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the TIF Application submitted for 101 S. Jackson St. by BS Square, LLC in the amount of \$3,900, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

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

Nays: None



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- B. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 26-09 Authorizing a Contract Agreement with Loewenstein & Smith, P.C. for Legal Services Relating to the City's Electric System.
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to pass Ordinance 26-09 Authorizing a Contract Agreement with Loewenstein & Smith, P.C. for Legal Services Relating to the City's Electric System.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick
Nays: None
- C. Consider and act on passing Resolution 26-10 Granting a One-Year Extension of Time to Construct a Residence on Lot 4 in Five Aprils Subdivision. Extension deadline will be October 1, 2027.
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to pass Resolution 26-10 Granting a One-Year Extension of Time to Construct a Residence on Lot 4 in Five Aprils Subdivision. Extension deadline will be October 1, 2027.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac
Nays: None
- D. Consider and act on authorizing the 2026 MFT Street and Maintenance Program bid for 10,490 gallons of BIT Material AC-5 submitted by Lee Kintner and Sons in the amount of \$41,435.50. (Bid letting was held on June 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Newton City Hall.)
Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the 2026 MFT Street and Maintenance Program bid for 10,490 gallons of BIT Material AC-5 submitted by Lee Kintner and Sons in the amount of \$41,435.50. (Bid letting was held on June 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Newton City Hall.)
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None
- E. Consider and act on authorizing the 2026 MFT Street and Maintenance Program bid for 420 tons of Seal Coat AGG CA-16 crushed stone submitted by 3 Sisters Logistics in the amount of \$10,416. (Bid letting was held on June 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Newton City Hall.)
Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the 2026 MFT Street and Maintenance Program bid for 420 tons of Seal Coat AGG CA-16 crushed stone submitted by 3 Sisters Logistics in the amount of \$10,416. (Bid letting was held on June 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Newton City Hall.)
Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks
Nays: None
- F. Consider and act on authorizing the 2026 MFT Street and Maintenance Program bid for 300 tons of CA-6 submitted by 3 Sisters Logistics in the amount of \$7,140. (Bid letting was held on June 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Newton City Hall.)
Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the 2026 MFT Street and Maintenance Program bid for 300 tons of CA-6 submitted by 3 Sisters Logistics in the amount of \$7,140. (Bid letting was held on June 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Newton City Hall.)
Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann
Nays: None
- G. Consider and act on authorizing the 2026 MFT Street and Maintenance Program bid for 75 tons of Salt submitted by 3 Sisters Logistics in the amount



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of \$9,637.50. (Bid letting was held on June 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Newton City Hall.)

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the 2026 MFT Street and Maintenance Program bid for 75 tons of Salt submitted by 3 Sisters Logistics in the amount of \$9,637.50. (Bid letting was held on June 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Newton City Hall.)

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

Nays: None

- H. Consider and act on authorizing the city to partner with Milano and Grunloh Engineers to apply for the ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) Grant.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to table authorizing the city to partner with Milano and Grunloh Engineers to apply for the ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) Grant to the July 21, 2026 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Blake, Swick

Nays: Lindemann

- I. Consider and act on authorizing one Alderman and the City Clerk to attend the IML Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois from September 17-18, 2026. Cost will be \$225 plus hotel and allowable expenses.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize one Alderman and the City Clerk to attend the IML Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois from September 17-18, 2026. Cost will be \$225 plus hotel and allowable expenses.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Blake, Swick, Glumac

Nays: Lindemann

- J. Consider and act on authorizing the Special Event Application submitted by the Embarras River Tourism Council to host Rural Roots Music Event on the West side of the square on Thursday, July 23, 2026 from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize the Special Event Application submitted by the Embarras River Tourism Council to host Rural Roots Music Event on the West side of the square on Thursday, July 23, 2026 from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

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

Nays: None

- K. Consider and act on authorizing the Special Event Application submitted by the American Legion to host Jeepin for Vets Jeep Run on Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 AM. Parking on the square may be used.

Motion was made by Eric Blake, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Special Event Application submitted by the American Legion to host Jeepin for Vets Jeep Run on Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 AM. Parking on the square may be used.

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

Nays: None

10. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Honey Do is in full swing again! We have completed 14 jobs already. I want to thank all of our volunteers, everyone who donated and the churches for providing us lunch. I can never say enough about this wonderful organization.

Wright: No comments.

Brooks: No comments.

Lindemann: God Bless America! I send my apologies to Barb Long. Feel the Capital Development Fund should be abolished.



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Blake: No comments.

Swick: Send my condolences to the family and friends of Dave Dhom.

City Attorney: No comments.

City Clerk: 1 PO Water Department

1. Water Department PO#2601 to All Service Contracting Corp. for core samples, analytical testing, filter evaluation and a 14" x 18" mainway gasket in the amount of \$3,272.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the Water Department PO#2601 to All Service Contracting Corp. for core samples, analytical testing, filter evaluation and a 14" x 18" mainway gasket in the amount of \$3,272.

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

Nays: None

Mayor: Echo Gayle on the Honey Do group. Every year we are fortunate enough to watch these people shine through by helping those in need throughout our community. Thank you to all those who played a part in the 250th Celebration in Ste. Marie over the holiday weekend. What an amazing turnout and wonderful time celebrating America. Big thank you to Maggie and Gayle on all their work involving our new pickleball courts. I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy them, they look fantastic. I also want to send my condolences to the family of Dave Dhom. He was a staple of this community and he will be missed by many.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: July 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Street and Alley Committee Meeting on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 5:30 PM.
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Monday, July 20, 2026 immediately following the Street and Alley Committee Meeting.

12. 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 and potential litigation pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

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

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 7:15 PM.

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

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

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:44 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 Kaleb Wright, to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Submitted by:

Maggie McDonald

City Clerk