



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

- **Public Hearing for Appropriations on Tuesday, July 21, 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 Kaleb Wright

**Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Kaleb Wright**

3. ROLL CALL: Maggie McDonald, City Clerk

**Physically present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann and Mike Swick**

**Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and City Clerk Maggie McDonald**

**Absent: Alderman Eric Blake**

4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Amend (Strike line item 10.B. from the Agenda.)

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adopt the amended agenda striking line item 10. B. from the Agenda.**

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

**Nays: None**

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of July 7, 2026.

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2026 meeting of the Newton City Council.**

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

**Nays: None**

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

**Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$115,646.98 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 \$283,400.42. Kaleb Wright seconded the motion.**

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

**Nays: None**

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **None**

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

- **Street and Alley Committee Meeting on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 5:30 PM.**

**Street and Alley Committee Meeting, Meeting Minutes Monday, July 20, 2026 5:30 PM – 5:57 PM**

Present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Mike Swick, John Stone, Josh Ochs, Barb Long, Alan Beard and Sue Beard

Meeting began at 5:30 PM.

- The committee discussed replacing the existing 24" storm sewer pipe near the Kibler Condos on Hickory Drive with a 60" pipe to improve stormwater capacity and help reduce the potential for flooding. Construction will require relocating the current entrance to the condos. The City will work with adjacent property owners to identify and establish a suitable new access route.
- The committee discussed ongoing flooding concerns on Russell Drive and reviewed potential options for redirecting stormwater flow to help alleviate the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM

Submitted by: **Mike Swick – Chairman**

- **Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Monday, July 20, 2026 immediately following the Street and Alley Committee Meeting.**

**Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes July 20, 2026 6:00 PM – 6:36 PM**

Present: RJ Lindemann, Larry Brooks, Mike Swick, Melissa Brooks, Gayle Glumac, RJ Lindemann, Kaleb Wright, Elijah Wright, Jed Earnest and John Stone

- Jed Earnest asked about straight dumpster fees being covered in our dumpster reimbursement program, rather than just tonnage. The committee will discuss at a later date.
- The ITEP Grant was discussed.
- Surplus TIF allocation was discussed. All departments have infrastructure projects needing addressed. We will finalize everything on July 21<sup>st</sup> and pass August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Tif expansion was discussed it was recommended by the majority of the committee to extend the current TIF, while revising removing certain sections of the current TIF.

Adjourned at 6:36 PM

Submitted by: **RJ Lindemann – Chairman**



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9. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 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 Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to table authorizing the city to partner with Milano and Grunloh Engineers to apply for the ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) Grant to the August 18, 2026 meeting of the Newton City Council.**

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

**Nays: None**

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 26-10 Appropriations Ordinance for the 26/27 fiscal year.

**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to pass Ordinance 26-10 Appropriations Ordinance for the 26/27 fiscal year.**

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

**Nays: None**

- ~~B. Consider and act on authorizing the hire of Beau Atkins as an officer of the Newton Police Department, contingent on passing of the POWER Test and all other evaluations, with a hire date of August 3, 2026.~~

- C. Consider and act on authorizing the Grant Writing Agreement with SCIRPDC for the Public Infrastructure Community Development Block Grant. (Southeast System Watermain Rehabilitation Project)

**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize a Grant Writing Agreement with SCIRPDC for the Public Infrastructure Community Development Block Grant. (Southeast System Watermain Rehabilitation Project)**

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

**Nays: None**

11. STATEMENTS BY:

**Glumac:** No comments.

**Wright:** No comments.

**Brooks:** No comments.

**Lindemann:** Presented utility adjustments. Voiced opposition to Capital Development.

**Swick:** No comments.

**City Attorney:** No comments.

**City Treasurer:** No comments.

**City Clerk:** Gave update on 805 Foster Demolition Project. We will post the bid invitation tomorrow and host bid opening August 4, 2026.

**Mayor:** The city's annual Street Maintenance Program is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, weather permitting. If necessary, the work will be rescheduled for Wednesday, July 29.

He also encouraged residents to attend the carnival taking place at Newton Foods this weekend and enjoy the community event.

Construction continues to progress on Dollar General located on the south end of town, with the store anticipated to open as early as next week.

Lastly, Mayor Kuhl reminded everyone to take precautions and be safe in the heat.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **August 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Park, Cemetery and Pool Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 5:30 PM.



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- Electric Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 immediately following the Park, Cemetery and Pool Committee Meeting.
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 immediately following the Electric Committee Meeting.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.**

Submitted by: Maggie McDonald,  
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maggie McDonald".

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE July 22, 2026

ZONING

Total Zoning \$0.00

BAT

Total Bat \$0.00

GOLF

Total Printing Systems \$50.00  
Total Bat \$50.00

STREET

ARAB Termite and Pest Control \$50.00  
Birch Auto Service and Towing \$50.00  
Card Service Center \$13.94  
Cintas \$135.01  
4 Pings Trucking Inc \$1,156.96  
Layton Fire Control Inc \$334.00  
Midwest Tractor Sales \$173.27  
Newton Part Supply Inc \$609.17  
Sloan Implement \$151.62  
Van Dyke Metal Culverts Inc (Lafayette Street Bridge Project) \$29,880.00  
Wabash Valley Service Company \$861.14  
Total Street \$33,415.11

POLICE

ARAB Termite and Pest Control \$30.00  
Birch Auto Service and Towing \$355.00  
County of Jasper \$7,353.97  
Card Service Center (Police Recruiement & Retention Grant=144.73) \$2,734.26  
Cintas Corporation \$245.18  
Cummins Sales and Service \$753.02  
Effingham and Teutopolis News Report Inc (Police Recruitment & Retention Grant) \$234.00  
FieldWrxs Inc \$437.50  
Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System \$60.00  
Indiana Media Group (Police Recruiement & Retention Grant) \$325.20  
Layton Fire Control Inc \$871.00  
Lorenz Supply Company \$34.69  
MPS Midwest Public Safety \$3,960.36  
Kelsey Muska \$350.00  
Kim Muska \$350.00  
PF Pettibone and Company \$680.15  
SICJTP \$700.00  
Wabash Valley Service Company \$1,409.12  
Weber Heap Ayres and Greene PC \$464.00  
Total Police \$21,347.45

CEMETERY

Denny Noblit Mowing \$3,000.00  
Total Cemetery \$3,000.00

PARK

Cardio Partners \$236.00  
Dollar General-Regions 410526 \$74.15  
Effingham Equity \$250.00  
Kirchner Building Centers \$134.10  
Layton Fire Control Inc \$97.00  
Lorenz Supply Company \$14.00  
Midwest Tractor Sales \$14.19  
Newton Part Supply Inc \$61.95  
Denny Noblit Mowing \$1,950.00  
Wabash Valley Service Company \$486.25  
Total Park \$3,317.64

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

ARAB Termite and Pest Control \$30.00  
Card Service Center \$159.90  
Cummins Sales and Service \$753.01

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Kemper Technology Consulting  | \$666.03    |
| Kemper CPA Group LLP          | \$7,031.25  |
| Layton Fire Control Inc       | \$278.00    |
| Lorenz Supply Company         | \$34.68     |
| Kelsey Muska                  | \$350.00    |
| Kim Muska                     | \$350.00    |
| Office 360                    | \$187.96    |
| United States Postal Service  | \$126.00    |
| Wabash Valley Service Company | \$73.10     |
| Total General Administration  | \$10,039.93 |

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| <b><u>POOL</u></b>                    |             |
| ARAB Termite and Pest Control         | \$30.00     |
| Central Cigar-Candy Company           | \$304.53    |
| Card Service Center                   | \$661.01    |
| Dollar General-Regions 410526         | \$10.00     |
| Hawkins Inc                           | \$4,512.42  |
| Heartland Coca Cola Bottling Company  | \$1,239.43  |
| Steve Jones Plumbig and Hardware      | \$8.72      |
| Kims Ice Cream LLC                    | \$1,458.00  |
| Kirchner Building Centers             | \$11.26     |
| Kohl Wholesale                        | \$1,636.13  |
| Layton Fire Control Inc               | \$97.00     |
| Lorenz Supply Company                 | \$230.18    |
| Newton Foods                          | \$753.55    |
| Newton Part Supply Inc                | \$33.98     |
| Progressive Chemical and Lighting Inc | \$186.28    |
| Rec Supply                            | \$39.42     |
| Total Printing Systems                | \$50.00     |
| Total Pool                            | \$11,261.91 |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS</b>            | \$82,432.04 |

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| <b><u>MFT</u></b>         |          |
| Effingham Asphalt Company | \$989.00 |
| Total MFT                 | \$989.00 |

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| <b><u>CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u></b> |            |
| SCIRP DC                          | \$1,750.00 |
| Weber Heap Ayres and Greene PC    | \$431.30   |
| Total Capital Development         | \$2,181.30 |

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| <b><u>TIF</u></b>              |            |
| Card Service Center            | \$550.00   |
| Weber Heap Ayres and Greene PC | \$168.00   |
| Total TIF                      | \$718.00   |
| <b>TOTAL SPECIALS</b>          | \$3,888.30 |

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| <b><u>ELECTRIC</u></b>                             |             |
| Anixter Inc                                        | \$7,539.26  |
| ARAB Termite and Pest Control                      | \$50.00     |
| BHMG Engineers Inc (Grid Resiliance Grant=9500.00) | \$10,182.23 |
| Brownstown Electric                                | \$3,012.04  |
| Card Service Center                                | \$2,180.76  |
| Cintas                                             | \$150.15    |
| Cummins Sales and Service                          | \$1,114.38  |
| Equip-It Inc                                       | \$1,842.29  |
| Echo Electric                                      | \$1,435.42  |
| Grainger                                           | \$276.89    |
| JM Test Systems                                    | \$526.75    |
| Kichner Building Centers                           | \$284.01    |
| Kemper CPA Group LLP                               | \$7,031.25  |
| Layton Fire Control Inc                            | \$412.00    |
| Midwest Electric Transformer Services              | \$25,660.00 |
| Newton Foods                                       | \$104.92    |
| Newton Part Supply Inc                             | \$132.69    |
| Online Information Services                        | \$31.71     |
| 1000 Bulbs                                         | \$1,062.60  |
| Sloan Implement                                    | \$169.74    |
| Vision Metering Solutions Inc                      | \$600.00    |

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| Wabash Valley Service Company | \$1,419.35         |
| <b>TOTAL ELECTRIC</b>         | <b>\$65,218.44</b> |

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| <b><u>WATER</u></b>                      |                    |
| AQUA Ops                                 | \$800.00           |
| Card Service Center                      | \$74.79            |
| Cummins Sales and Service                | \$1,589.49         |
| EJ Water Cooperative Inc                 | \$20.00            |
| Hawkins Inc                              | \$258.34           |
| Steve Jones Plumbing and Hardware        | \$7.38             |
| Kichner Building Centers                 | \$219.99           |
| Kemper Technology Consulting             | \$189.00           |
| Kemper CPA Group LLP                     | \$7,031.25         |
| Kirby Risk                               | \$1,321.62         |
| Layton Fire Control Inc                  | \$269.00           |
| Midwest Meter Inc                        | \$1,100.00         |
| Newton Part Supply Inc                   | \$187.66           |
| Online Information Services              | \$31.71            |
| RACO Manufacturing & Engineering Company | \$400.00           |
| Sarah Bush Lincoln                       | \$184.80           |
| Stone and Waggoner                       | \$4,817.59         |
| Tax Exempt Leasing Corporation           | \$45,201.73        |
| USA BlueBook                             | \$115.53           |
| Wabash Valley Service Company            | \$342.17           |
| <b>TOTAL WATER</b>                       | <b>\$64,162.05</b> |

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| <b><u>WWT</u></b>                        |                    |
| ARAB Termite and Pest Control            | \$35.00            |
| Card Service Center                      | \$17.68            |
| Cummins Sales and Service                | \$2,048.64         |
| Illinois Environmental Protection Agency | \$10,000.00        |
| Industrial Chem Labs and Service Inc     | \$428.61           |
| Steve Jones Plumbing and Hardware        | \$67.20            |
| Kemper CPA Group LLP                     | \$7,031.25         |
| Layton Fire Control Inc                  | \$339.00           |
| McClane Motor Sales Inc                  | \$31.95            |
| Midwest Tractor Sales Inc                | \$79.99            |
| Newton Foods                             | \$19.98            |
| Newton Part Supply Inc                   | \$199.00           |
| Online Information Services              | \$31.70            |
| Parkson Corporation                      | \$294.00           |
| Tax Exempt Leasing Corporation           | \$45,201.72        |
| USA BlueBook                             | \$592.35           |
| Wabash Valley Service Company            | \$885.52           |
| Weber Heap Ayres and Greene PC           | \$396.00           |
| <b>TOTAL WWT</b>                         | <b>\$67,699.59</b> |

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| <b>TOTAL PAYABLES =</b> | <b>\$283,400.42</b> |
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**General Fund**

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| William Heap               | \$150.00           |
| Amy Tarr                   | \$57.68            |
| Dollar General Corporation | \$73.80            |
| Maggie McDonald            | \$12.56            |
| James Riddle               | \$163.19           |
| Verizon Wireless           | \$108.03           |
| Ameren Illinois            | \$82.09            |
| Watts Copy Systems Leasing | \$257.58           |
| Watts Copy Systems         | \$142.43           |
| Ameren Illinois            | \$2,219.00         |
| US Postal Service          | \$92.50            |
| AT & T Mobility            | \$256.97           |
| City of Newton             | \$5,700.10         |
| MCC Network Service LLC.   | \$1,118.99         |
| Tractor Supply Credit Plan | \$879.96           |
| Newton Post Office         | \$76.70            |
| Suzie McCann               | \$266.83           |
| Birch Auto                 | \$200.00           |
| William Heap               | \$150.00           |
|                            | <u>\$12,008.41</u> |

**Electric**

|                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| T & R Electric                        | \$14,622.76     |
| Verizon Wireless                      | \$144.17        |
| Ameren Illinois                       | \$96.13         |
| Grand Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles | \$0.80          |
| Norris Electric Cooperative           | \$135.25        |
| US Postal Service                     | \$92.50         |
| Newton Post Office                    | \$212.32        |
| City of Newton                        | \$685.44        |
| MCC Network Services LLC.             | \$116.57        |
| Tractor Supply Credit Plan            | <u>\$194.98</u> |
|                                       | \$16,300.92     |

**Water**

|                                          |                 |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Verizon Wireless                         | \$36.01         |
| Ameren Illinois                          | \$115.67        |
| US Postal Service                        | \$92.50         |
| Newton Post Office                       | \$212.32        |
| Illinois Environmental Protection Agency | \$10.00         |
| City of Newton                           | \$2,783.12      |
| MCC Network Services LLC.                | <u>\$116.57</u> |
|                                          | \$3,366.19      |

**Payroll**

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|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Standard Insurance Company - vision    | \$180.88          |
| NCPERS                                 | \$128.00          |
| Local 1197 Secretary Treasurer         | \$414.00          |
| Policeman's Benevolent Labor Committee | \$250.00          |
| State Disbursement Unit                | \$86.76           |
| Standard Insurance Company - life      | \$254.80          |
| AFLAC                                  | <u>\$1,095.78</u> |
|                                        | \$2,410.22        |

**Wastewater**

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Verizon Wireless          | \$85.38         |
| Jasper County Clerk       | \$243.00        |
| Ameren Illinois           | \$110.11        |
| US Postal Service         | \$92.50         |
| Newton Post Office        | \$212.31        |
| City of Newton            | \$7,440.45      |
| MCC Network Services LLC. | <u>\$116.57</u> |
|                           | \$8,300.32      |

**Insurance A**

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Standard Insurance Company - vision | \$322.00        |
| Standard Insurance Company - Life   | <u>\$167.44</u> |
|                                     | \$489.44        |

**Total Prepays =** \$115,646.98

**Specials**

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Jasper County Clerk        | \$81.00           |
| Luminare Health Benefits   | \$2,824.94        |
| City of Newton             | \$0.54            |
| Courts & Cracks            | \$21,665.00       |
| Symetra Life Insurance Co. | \$38,210.00       |
| Double B's Land Management | <u>\$9,990.00</u> |
|                            | \$72,771.48       |