



UNOFFICIAL 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.



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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, Eljah 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 21st and pass August 4th.
- 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**

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



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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.
- 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