OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
August 18, 2026

- **Public Hearing for the Public Infrastructure Community Development Block Grant Southeast System Watermain Rehabilitation Project on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 5:30 PM.**
- **Public Hearing to Vacate Alley Running East and West from Walnut St. to Stevens St. of Anna Stevens Subdivision in the City of Newton, Illinois, on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 5:45 PM.**
- **Public Hearing to Vacate Alley Running North and South from Reynolds St. to Curtis St. located between Walnut St. and Stevens St. of Anna Stevens Subdivision in the City of Newton, Illinois, on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 5:45 PM.**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Attorney William Heap
   Attorney William Heap called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman RJ Lindemann
   Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman RJ Lindemann
3. ROLL CALL: Maggie McDonald, City Clerk
   Physically present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, RJ Lindemann and Mike Swick
   Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and City Clerk Maggie McDonald
   Absent: Mayor Joshua Kuhl, Alderman Larry Brooks and Alderman Eric Blake
4. Attorney William Heap appoints Alderman Michael Swick as Mayor Pro Tem.
   Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright to appoint Alderman Michael Swick as Mayor Pro Tem.
   Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Lindemann, Swick
   Nays: None
5. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
   Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adopt the proposed agenda.
   Ayes: Wright, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac
   Nays: None
6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of August 4, 2026.
   Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2026 meeting of the Newton City Council.
   Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright
   Nays: None
7. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:
   Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-paids in the amount of $78,981.88 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 $242,758.67. Gayle Glumac seconded the motion.
   Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Lindemann
   Nays: None
8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **None**
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
   - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Tuesday, August 11, 2026 Special Use Permit Request – Frankie Arnone 6:00 PM – 6:22 PM

Meeting was called to order by Kenneth Albrecht at 6:00 PM.
Lanette Huddleston led in Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken, present: Jacque Cowger, Ben Borgic, Tom Clark, Lanette Huddleston, Ken Albrecht and John Stone
Absent: Twyla Harvey

Minutes from the May 12, 2026 Meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals were read and approved.

- Chairman Albrecht stated tonight's meeting is to consider a Special Use Request submitted by Frankie Arnone to establish and operate a private tattoo studio as a home occupation within a camper located on his property.
- Mr. Arnone presented his proposal to the Board. He explained that the tattoo studio would be private and operated by appointment only, with no employees other than himself. There is adequate space on the property for clients to park in the driveway without obstructing the street.
- Mr. Arnone stated that he has made significant renovations to the camper to ensure it meets State requirements and allows him to legally operate his business. He explained that approval of the Special Use Request is necessary for him to continue obtaining and maintaining his State tattoo business license. Once in operation, the tattoo studio will be subject to annual inspection by the State.
- Mr. Arnone shared his passion for his artwork and his desire to share his talent with others. He also stated that, if the Special Use Permit is granted, he will donate 5% of his sales to Honey Do Ministries in Newton, Illinois.
- There were no public statements or objections regarding the request. Following discussion, the Board expressed its support for the proposal.

Ben Borgic made the motion, Jacque Cowger seconded, to grant the Special Use Permit allowing Frankie Arnone to establish and operate a private tattoo studio as a home occupation within a camper located on his property.
Ayes: Cowger, Borgic, Clark, Huddleston, Albrecht
Nays: None
Jacque Cowger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ben Borgic seconded, the motion.
Ayes: Borgic, Clark, Huddleston, Albrecht, Cowger
Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.
Submitted by: Maggie McDonald, City Clerk

10. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discuss storm water improvements at the Kibler Condos and Hickory Dr.
The city engineer presented two quotes to the council for the proposed culvert repair. The committee will meet to review the options and determine which approach will efficiently fix the issues and the most feasible and cost-effective for the city. The city and city engineer will begin moving forward with the preliminary work, including obtaining the necessary surveys and locating existing utilities. There is also a sanitary sewer main in the vicinity that will be inspected closely to identify any repairs that may be needed while the area is under construction. The city is also working to finalize an alternate access route for residents of the Kibler Condos and Hickory Dr. to ensure continued access to the area during construction.

B. 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 dies for lack of motion.

C. Consider and act on authorizing the obligation of surplus TIF funds in the amount of $50,000 for the Washington St. Sidewalk Replacement Project.
Motion dies for lack of motion.

D. Consider and act on authorizing Pay Estimate #2 to B & T Drainage in the amount of $102,400.59. ($16,398 for the Watermain Upgrade Between Hutton Dr. and Homestead, $31,843 for the Courthouse Water Service Line, and $54,159.59 for the E. Reynolds Watermain Replacement Project).
Motion dies for lack of motion.

E. Consider and act on authorizing Invoice #2 to Stone and Waggoner in the amount $15,052.99. (2,540 for the Watermain Upgrade Between Hutton Dr. and Homestead, $4,776 for the Courthouse Water Service Line, and $7,736.99 for the E. Reynolds Watermain Replacement Project).

Motion dies for lack of motion.

F. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 26-11 Vacating the Public Alley Running East and West from Walnut St. to Stevens St. of Anna Stevens Subdivision in the City of Newton, Illinois.
   Motion dies for lack of motion.
G. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 26-12 Vacating the Public Alley Running North and South from Reynolds St. to Curtis St. of Anna Stevens Subdivision in the City of Newton, Illinois.
   Motion dies for lack of motion.
H. Consider and act on passing Resolution 26-11 a Resolution of Support for the City to Apply for the Public Infrastructure Community Development Block Grant Southeast System Watermain Rehabilitation Project.
   Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Resolution 26-11 a Resolution of Support for the City to Apply for the Public Infrastructure Community Development Block Grant Southeast System Watermain Rehabilitation Project.
   Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Lindemann
   Nays: None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consider and act on passing Resolution 26-12 Concerning Closed Session Minutes.
   Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to pass Resolution 26-12 Concerning Closed Session Minutes.
   Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Lindemann, Swick
   Nays: None
B. Consider and act on passing Resolution 26-13 Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings between September 2024 – January 2025.
   Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Resolution 26-13 Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings between September 2024 – January 2025.
   Ayes: Wright, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac
   Nays: None
C. Consider and act on authorizing two employees from the Wastewater Department to attend the Southern Illinois Wastewater Operators Association Meeting at Rend Lake on Thursday, August 20, 2026, for training and CEU Credits. Total cost for both employees is $70 plus allowable expenses.
   Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize two employees from the Wastewater Department to attend the Southern Illinois Wastewater Operators Association Meeting at Rend Lake on Thursday, August 20, 2026, for training and CEU Credits. Total cost for both employees is $70 plus allowable expenses.
   Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright
   Nays: None
D. Consider and act on authorizing one employee from the Wastewater Department to attend the Illinois Rural Water Association Hands-On Wastewater Lab Workshop and Training in Centralia, Illinois on Wednesday, August 26 & 27, 2026. Total cost is $250 plus allowable expenses.
   Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize one employee from the Wastewater Department to attend the Illinois Rural Water Association Hands-On Wastewater Lab Workshop and Training in Centralia, Illinois on Wednesday, August 26 & 27, 2026. Total cost is $250 plus allowable expenses.
   Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

E. Consider and act on authorizing the Special Event Application submitted by the Newton PTO to host a Color Run on Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Special Event Application submitted by the Newton PTO to host a Color Run on Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Lindemann

Nays: None

12. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: No comments.

Wright: No comments.

Lindemann: Presented utility adjustments. Thanked all the residents who came to the public hearing, regarding the vacation of the alleys, to voice their concerns. Apologized to B&T Drainage and Stone and Waggoner for not approving the invoices. There are some unclear charges that need to be straightened out first. Voiced opposition to the Capital Development Fund.

City Attorney: No comments.

City Treasurer: Voiced concerns regarding the $50,000 surplus TIF funds. Something needs to be decided for auditing purposes and will need to be addressed again.

City Clerk: 4 PO's

1. Wastewater Department and Street Department PO#13 to Hoerr Construction for the first phase of the sanitary sewer and storm sewer relining project. This includes the cleaning and televising of the lines. Total amount for this phase is $32,868. Split $16,434 from Wastewater and $16,434 from Street.

   Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Wastewater Department and Street Department PO#13 to Hoerr Construction for the first phase of the sanitary sewer and storm sewer relining project. This includes the cleaning and televising of the lines. Total amount for this phase is $32,868. Split $16,434 from Wastewater and $16,434 from Street.

   Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright

   Nays: Lindemann

2. Wastewater PO#12 to Vandevanter Engineering for the Hooker Lift station upgrades in the total amount of $27,406.

   Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Wastewater PO#12 o Vandevanter Engineering for the Hooker Lift station upgrades in the total amount of $27,406.

   Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Swick

   Nays: Lindemann

3. Electric Department PO#48-30 to JM Test Systems for the annual onsite testing of electrical safety equipment in the amount of $3,261.

   Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, authorize the Electric Department PO#48-30 to JM Test Systems for the annual onsite testing of electrical safety equipment in the amount of $3,261.

   Ayes: Wright, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac

   Nays: None

4. Water Department PO# 2602 to Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co for (4) 4" valves to replace fire hydrants in the total amount of ~~$3,483.48~~ $3,248.00. (tax of $235.48 was not deducted).

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Water Department PO# 2602 to Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co for (4) 4" valves needed to replace fire hydrants in the total amount of $3,248.

Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Swick: Gave update on the media filters at the Water Plant. Filters one and three were really plugged up but everything has been remedied and is now working well. I'm glad this issue was looked into, caught and fixed.

13. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **September 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM**

    SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

    - Electric Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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

    Ayes: Wright, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac

    Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Submitted by:
Maggie McDonald, City Clerk

Maggie J. McDonald

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE August 19, 2026

ZONING

Column Software PBC		$76.61
Card Service Center		$5.22
	Total Zoning	$81.83

BAT

	Total Bat	$0.00

GOLF

	Total Bat	$0.00

STREET

A-J Welding & Steel, Inc.		$256.56
Arab Termite & Pest Control		$50.00
CCI Redi-Mix		$2,592.00
Card Service Center		$2.24
Equip-It, Inc.		$29.50
Hometown Register		$165.00
Jasper Clothiers		$224.50
Kemper Techonolgy Consulting		$48.00
Kirchner Building Centers		$13.18
Murphy Masonry, Inc.		$3,451.50
Newton Part Supply, Inc.		$372.56
Wabash Valley Service Company		$670.56
	Total Street	$7,875.60

POLICE

Accuracy Firearms LLC.		$1,484.50
Arab Termite & Pest Control		$30.00
County of Jasper		$12,496.94
Cintas Corporation		$245.18
Cintas		$81.60
Campion, Barrow & Assoc. of IL		$1,019.20
Card Service Center (Police recruitment/retention grant)		$2,587.74
Derek Fischer		$200.00
Mike Fischer		$150.00
Fieldwrxs, Inc.		$437.50
Flock Group, Inc.		$6,000.00
Jasper Clothiers		$10.00
Jasper County Health Department		$216.00
Kemper Technology Consulting		$558.00
Lexipol LLC.		$7,676.50
Lorenz Supply Company		$59.51
Kelsey Muska		$350.00
Kim Muska		$350.00
Newton Foods		$6.49
Office Three Sixty, Inc.		$46.99
Ray O'Herron		$239.45
Tarr's Squeaky Clean Car Wash, Inc.		$300.00
Sarah Bush Lincoln		$75.00
Wabash Valley Service Company		$1,236.38
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.		$96.00
	Total Police	$35,952.98

CEMETERY

Denny Noblit Mowing		$2,700.00
	Total Cemetery	$2,700.00

PARK

Card Service Center		$1.49
Dollar General Corporation		$24.00
Jasper Clothiers		$209.50
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware		$24.69
Kemper Technology Consulting		$48.00
Kirchner Building Centers		$194.39
Midwest Tractor Sales		$4,493.93
Newton Part Supply, Inc.		$57.73

Denny Noblit Mowing		$1,620.00
Wabash Valley Service Company		$355.07
	Total Park	$7,028.80

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Arab Termite & Pest Control		$30.00
Cardio Partners		$274.00
Column Software PBC		$168.57
Card Service Center		$533.73
Dollar General Corporation		$23.65
Kemper Technology Consulting		$1,260.53
Lorenz Supply Company		$59.51
Kelsey Muska		$350.00
Kim Muska		$350.00
Office Three Sixty, Inc.		$46.99
	Total General Administration	$3,096.98

POOL

Arab Termite & Pest Control		$30.00
Central Cigar - Candy Co.		$432.53
Card Service Center		$20.15
Hawkins, Inc.		$2,243.12
Jasper County Health Department		$256.00
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware		$1,708.01
Kemper Technology Consulting		$48.00
Kim's Ice Cream, LLC.		$540.00
Kirchner Building Centers		$3.87
Kohl Wholesale		$2,376.27
Lorenz Supply Company		$333.87
Newton Foods		$590.44
	Total Pool	$8,582.26
	TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS	$65,318.45

MFT

Effingham Asphalt Co.		$1,087.00
Jasper County Highway Department		$3,072.38
Lee Kintner & Sons Group LLC.		$45,824.74
3 Sisters Logistics, LLC.		$17,751.34
	Total MFT	$67,735.46

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Column Software PBC		$159.00
Jasper County Treasurer		$1,563.16
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.		$432.00
	Total Capital Development	$2,154.16

TIF

Jasper County Treasurer		$1,463.90
PGAV Planners LLC.		$160.00
Vandevanter Engineering		$5,421.80
	Total TIF	$7,045.70
	TOTAL SPECIALS	$76,935.32

ELECTRIC

Anixter, Inc.		$2,537.74
Arab Termite & Pest Control		$50.00
Brownstown Electric Supply		$26,815.00
Card Service Center		$834.75
Echo Electric		$5,307.54
4 Pings Trucking, Inc.		$2,761.34
Grainger		$846.52
Jason Allen Tree Service LLC.		$8,525.00
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware		$11.38
JDC Jack Doheny Company		$21,450.00
Kemper Technology Consulting		$48.00
Kirchner Building Centers		$98.60
Newton Foods		$101.86
Newton Part Supply, Inc.		$557.75
1000 Bulbs - Service Lighting & Electrical Supplies		$2,477.84
Online Information Services		$16.91

Sternberg		$16,105.00
Vision Metering Solutions, LLC.		$600.00
Wabash Valley Service Company		$580.93
	TOTAL ELECTRIC	$89,726.16

WATER

Aqua Ops		$800.00
Bradford Supply Company		$475.31
Card Service Center		$340.63
Dollar General Corporation		$21.00
EJ Water Cooperative, Inc.		$20.00
Hawkins, Inc.		$380.35
Jasper Clothiers		$249.75
Jasper County Health Department		$108.00
Jensen Equipment Company		$71.44
Kemper Technology Consulting		$48.00
Kirchner Building Centers		$57.89
Midwest Meter, Inc.		$120.00
Newton Part Supply, Inc.		$51.36
Online Information Services		$16.91
Raco Manufacturing & Engineering Company		$400.00
Stone & Waggoner Consulting Engineers		$2,504.48
Wabash Valley Service Company		$338.05
	TOTAL WATER	$6,003.17

WWT

Arab Termite & Pest Control		$35.00
Cintas		$50.24
Card Service Center		$2.24
Equip-It, Inc.		$150.58
Industrial Chem Labs & Services Inc.		$564.86
Jasper Clothiers		$545.90
Jasper County Health Department		$186.00
Jensen Equipment Company		$256.75
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware		$67.90
Kemper Technology Consulting		$96.00
Kirchner Building Centers		$252.18
McClane Motor Sales, Inc.		$656.68
Newton Foods		$39.98
Newton Part Supply, Inc.		$51.05
Online Information Services		$16.90
Parkson Corporation		$345.00
Sloan Implement Company, Inc.		$930.02
USA BlueBook		$330.63
Wabash Valley Service Company		$197.66
	TOTAL WWT	$4,775.57

TOTAL PAYABLES = $242,758.67

Prepaids August 19, 2026

General Fund

Newton Library	$2,151.08
Verizon Wireless	$108.03
Watts Copy System	$116.48
Watts Copy System Leasing	$107.58
U.S. Postal Service	$6.00
United States Treasury	$76.80
Petty Cash Police	$5.20
Ameren Illinois	$1,235.58
William Heap	$150.00
City of Newton	$5,975.57
Purchase Power	$253.68
MCC Network Services LLC	$1,119.48
AT & T Mobility	$256.97
Edward Gonzalez Jr.	$324.37
Tiffany Keller	$1,007.55
Pitney Bowes Inc	$40.26
James Riddle	$50.63
	$12,985.26

Payroll

NCPERS	$128.00
State Disbursement Unit-Greg Coker	$86.76
State Disbursement Unit-Alex Wagner	$600.00
Local 1197 Secreatry Treasurer	$414.00
Policeman's Benevolent Labor Committee	$250.00
Standard Insurance Company-life	$254.80
	$1,733.56

Insuance A

Standard Insurance Company-life	$167.44
	$167.44

Specials

Jasper County Clerk	$81.00
City of Newton	$68.45
Illinois EPA	$150.00
Symetra Life Insurance Company	$41,996.00
Luminare Health Benefits	$3,018.34
	$45,313.79

TIF

Double K 23 LLC	$3,041.81
JEDI	$30.73
	$3,072.54

Electric

Verizon Wireless	$144.30
United States Treasury	$38.40
Ameren Illiois	$96.29
Norris Electric Cooperative	$135.25
Newton Post Office	$223.28
City of Newton	$695.04
Purchase Power	$253.69
MCC Network Services LLC	$116.64
Pitney Bowes Inc	$40.25
Theresa Coker	$130.36
	$1,873.50

Water

Verizon Wireless	$36.01
United States Treasury	$42.24
Jasper County Health Department	$30.00
Ameren Illinois	$114.85
Newton Post Office	$223.28
City of Newton	$3,382.59
Purchase Power	$253.69
MCC Network Services LLC	$116.64
Pitney Bowes Inc	$40.25
	$4,239.55

Wastewater

Verizon Wireless	$85.39
United States Treasury	$34.56
Ameren Illinois	$110.28
Newton Post Office	$223.28
City of Newton	$8,118.15
Purchase Power	$253.69
MCC Network Services LLC	$116.64
Southern Illinois Wastewater Operators	$70.00
IRWA	$250.00
Parkson Corporation (replaced payable che(	$294.00
Pitney Bowes Inc	$40.25
	$9,596.24

Total Prepaids= $78,981.88