



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
September 1, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER: Attorney William Heap
City Attorney William Heap called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Mike Swick
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Mike Swick
3. ROLL CALL: Maggie McDonald, City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks and Mike Swick
Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and City Clerk Maggie McDonald
Absent: Mayor Joshua Kuhl, Alderman RJ Lindemann and Alderman Eric Blake
4. City Attorney William Heap appoints Alderman Michael Swick as Mayor Pro Tem.
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to appoint Alderman Michael Swick as Mayor Pro Tem.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Swick
Nays: None
5. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adopt the proposed agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Swick
Nays: None
6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of August 18, 2026.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2026 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Swick, Glumac
Nays: None
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **None**
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
 - Street and Alley / Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

**Street and Alley / Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 26, 2026
6:00 PM – 7:22 PM**

Present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Melissa Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Mike Swick, Josh Kuhl, Maggie McDonald, John Stone, Josh Ochs, Amy Tarr, Scott Rubsam, Jennifer Holland and Eric Blake

Meeting began at 6:00 PM.

- Two quotes for the storm culvert replacement on Hickory Dr. and Kibler Condos were presented and discussed. The committee recommended moving forward with a 48-inch concrete pipe. Several utilities are located directly over the project area and will need to be rerouted. Vehicular traffic rerouting is also still being evaluated. City departments will work with the City Engineer to complete the necessary surveys, easements, rerouting plans, and project plans. Once the project is bid, construction is anticipated to begin within approximately 8–10 weeks. MFT funds will be used to cover the project costs.
- Considerations raised at the previous Council meeting regarding the proposed vacation of two alleys were discussed. The committee recommended removing the north section of the north-south alley between Reynolds and Curtis Streets from consideration and further evaluating the trees located in the south section. The committee will proceed with the east-west alley vacation at this time. Additional considerations will be addressed during upcoming budget discussions.
- Jennifer and the City Engineer developed options and obtained quotes for extending water service to residents on N. 1300th Street. The city will proceed with the homeowner's request and move forward with the proposed service extension.
- The Water Department has begun hydrant flushing. During the process, it was discovered that approximately 20% of the hydrants within a four-block area are not functioning properly. Jennifer expressed concern about the spacing and distance between some hydrants. These issues will be evaluated and addressed as soon as possible. Jennifer also mentioned a she would like to establish a yearly budgeting line and schedule for hydrant inspections, repairs, and maintenance.
- Josh Ochs updated the committee that all utility lines have been relocated for the Lafayette St. Bridge Project, allowing the city to proceed with its work. Once the current work at Five Aprils is completed, crews will move forward with the Lafayette Street Bridge Project.



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- Scott Rubsam presented pictures of the Yager Lift Station and discussed his concerns regarding the condition of the facility. The lift station is in poor condition and requires significant repairs. Scott will work with Vandevanter Engineering to obtain an updated repair quote. The project is expected to be a significant expense. The possibility of selling the Griffith Ground to help offset the cost was mentioned.
- We are still waiting for the boring company to let us know when the W. Reynolds new sewer main project will begin.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM

Submitted by: **Mike Swick – Chairman**

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 immediately following the Street and Alley / Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting.

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes August 26, 2026 7:23 PM – 8:01 PM

Present: RJ Lindemann, Mike Swick, Melissa Brooks, Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Joshua Kuhl, Eric Blake and Maggie McDonald

- TIF Applications for Blake Schroedter were discussed. We will be reaching out to Blake for more details.
- TIF Application for Brian Brummer was discussed. The majority of the committee recommended to revise his TIF application to be paid up front.

Adjourned at 8:01 PM

Submitted by: **RJ Lindemann – Chairman**

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Open sealed bids for Earl Dufrain, Peterson Park and Riverside Cemetery 2027 Mowing Season.

2027 Mowing Season Project				
Bid Opening September 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM				
		Peterson	Earl Dufrain	Riverside Cemetery
1	Galloway Mowing Service		\$375.00	
2	Baird Land Management	\$590.00	\$110.00	\$800.00
3	Johnny Newkirk	\$800.00	\$100.00	\$800.00
4	Triple M Mowing	\$675.00	\$125.00	\$875.00
5	Billy Goat Lawn Service	\$800.00	\$200.00	\$800.00

- B. Consider and act on awarding the bid for the Earl Dufrain 2027 Mowing Season Project.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to award the bid for the Earl Dufrain 2027 Mowing Season Project to Triple M Mowing in the amount of \$125.00 at a rate per mow.

Ayes: Brooks, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on awarding the bid for the Peterson Park 2027 Mowing Season Project.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to award the bid for the Peterson Park 2027 Mowing Season Project to Triple M Mowing in the amount of \$675.00 at a rate per mow.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on awarding the bid for the Riverside Cemetery 2027 Mowing Season Project.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to award the bid for the Riverside Cemetery 2027 Mowing Season Project to Triple M Mowing in the amount of \$875.00 at a rate per mow.



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Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Swick

Nays: None

- E. 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 was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the obligation of surplus TIF funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the Washington St. Sidewalk Replacement Project.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

- F. Consider and act on authorizing Pay Estimate #2 to B & T Drainage in the amount of \$16,398 for the Watermain Upgrade Project between Hutton Dr. and Homestead.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize Pay Estimate #2 to B & T Drainage in the amount of \$16,398 for the Watermain Upgrade Project between Hutton Dr. and Homestead.

Ayes: Brooks, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

- G. Consider and act on authorizing Pay Estimate #2 to B & T Drainage in the amount of \$31,843 for the Courthouse Water Service Line Project.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Larry Brooks, to authorize Pay Estimate #2 to B & T Drainage in the amount of \$31,843 for the Courthouse Water Service Line Project. This will be billed to the County of Jasper for reimbursement. Due upon receipt.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

- H. Consider and act on authorizing the Pay Estimate #2 to B & T Drainage in the amount of \$54,159.59 for the TIF funded E. Reynolds Watermain Replacement Project.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize Pay Estimate #2 to B & T Drainage in the amount of \$54,159.59 for the TIF funded E. Reynolds Watermain Replacement Project.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Swick

Nays: None

- I. Consider and act on authorizing Invoice #2 to Stone and Waggoner in the amount of \$2,540 for the Watermain Upgrade Project between Hutton Dr. and Homestead.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize Invoice #2 to Stone and Waggoner in the amount of \$2,540 for the Watermain Upgrade Project between Hutton Dr. and Homestead.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Swick

Nays: None

- J. Consider and act on authorizing Invoice #2 to Stone and Waggoner in the amount of \$4,776 for the Courthouse Water Service Line Project.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize Invoice #2 to Stone and Waggoner in the amount of \$4,776 for the Courthouse Water Service Line Project. This will be billed to the County of Jasper for reimbursement. Due upon receipt.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

- K. Consider and act on authorizing Invoice #2 to Stone and Waggoner in the amount of \$7,736.99 for the TIF funded E. Reynolds Watermain Replacement Project.



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Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize Invoice #2 to Stone and Waggoner in the amount of \$7,736.99 for the TIF funded E. Reynolds Watermain Replacement Project.

Ayes: Brooks, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

- L. Consider and act on authorizing the Agreement with Stone and Waggoner for the Hickory Dr., Kibler Condos Storm Culvert Replacement Project.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Agreement with Stone and Waggoner for the Hickory Dr., Kibler Condos Storm Culvert Replacement Project.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

- M. Consider and act on authorizing the Invoice to Triple A Asbestos Services in the amount of \$1,000 for the asbestos inspection at 805 Foster St.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Invoice to Triple A Asbestos Services in the amount of \$1,000 for the asbestos inspection at 805 Foster St.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Swick

Nays: None

- N. Consider and act on authorizing the Invoice to Triple A Asbestos Services in the amount of \$1,900 for asbestos abatement at 805 Foster St.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Invoice to Triple A Asbestos Services in the amount of \$1,900 for asbestos abatement at 805 Foster St.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

- O. Consider and act on authorizing the Invoice to H & K Excavating & Trucking in the amount of \$9,100 for the Demolition Project at 805 Foster St.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Larry Brooks, to authorize the Invoice to H & K Excavating & Trucking in the amount of \$9,100 for the Demolition Project at 805 Foster St.

Ayes: Brooks, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

- P. Consider and act on authorizing to amend the TIF Application payout submitted for 101 S. Jackson St. by BS Square, LLC., for 15% of the total project cost, up to the amount of \$14,891.95, with reimbursement to be issued as a one-time payment upon completion of the project and will not be included in the annual TIF increment reimbursement.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright. Motion dies for lack of seconded motion.

- Q. Consider and act on authorizing the Invoice to Courts and Cracks for crack and paint repairs at the basketball court and two tennis courts in the amount of \$5,900.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Invoice to Courts and Cracks for crack and paint repairs at the basketball court and two tennis courts in the amount of \$5,900.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Swick

Nays: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing two employees from the Electric Department to attend the Brownstown Electric Supply Co. Regulator/Capacitor Class in



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Brownstown, IN on October 8, 2026. Class is free, only cost will be hotel and allowable expenses.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Larry Brooks, to authorize two employees from the Electric Department to attend the Brownstown Electric Supply Co. Regulator/Capacitor Class in Brownstown, IN on October 8, 2026. Class is free, only cost will be hotel and allowable expenses.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing the city clerk to attend the Clerk Academy in Bloomington, IL on October 7-9, 2026. Cost is \$550 plus hotel and allowable expenses.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the city clerk to attend the Clerk Academy in Bloomington, IL on October 7-9, 2026. Cost is \$550 plus hotel and allowable expenses.

Ayes: Brooks, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Everyone stay cool and be sure to drink lots of water. Be sure to take care of your pets in this heat as well. This is the last weekend the pool will be open, so get out and enjoy! Have a Happy Labor Day weekend!

Wright: No comments.

Brooks: Drink lots of water.

City Attorney: Updated council on the petition for demolition at 205 Harris St.

City Treasurer: No comments.

City Clerk: 5 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 Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, 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: Brooks, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

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 to Vandevanter Engineering for the Hooker Lift station upgrades in the total amount of \$27,406.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

3. Park Department PO#6398 to Consolidated Pipe and Supply for a 440 SMEA ADA drinking fountain at the pickleball courts in the amount of \$4,495.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Park Department PO#6398 to Consolidated Pipe and Supply for a 440 SMEA ADA drinking fountain at the pickleball courts in the amount of \$4,495.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Swick



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Nays: None

4. Water Department PO#2604 to Consolidated Pipe and Supply for materials to fix 3 fire hydrants, plus the addition of 1 hydrant, in the amount of \$13,871.00.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Water Department PO#2604 to Consolidated Pipe and Supply for materials to fix 3 fire hydrants, plus the addition of 1 hydrant, in the amount of \$13,871.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

5. Water Department PO#2605 to Consolidated Pipe and Supply for a Hydrover HYD Buddy and 48" Adjustable Gate Valve Key in the amount of \$4,940.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Water Department PO#2605 to Consolidated Pipe and Supply for a Hydrover HYD Buddy and 48" Adjustable Gate Valve Key in the amount of \$4,940.

Ayes: Brooks, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Tem Michael Swick: Terribly hot out, everyone be careful in this heat. Wish everyone a safe and Happy Labor Day!

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Electric Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM.
- Public Hearing for the City of Newton ITEP Grant on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 5:30 PM.
- Public Hearing to Vacate Alley on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 5:45 PM.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Submitted by:

Maggie McDonald

City Clerk