



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
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NEWTON, IL 62448
September 15, 2026

- **Public Hearing for the City of Newton Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) "Railway to Recreation" Grant Application on Tuesday, September 15, 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, September 15, 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 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, RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake and Mike Swick
Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and City Clerk Maggie McDonald
4. **ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Amend: Add John Stone to Public Comments.**
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to adopt the amended agenda, adding John Stone to Public Comments.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick
Nays: None
5. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of September 1, 2026.**
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Mike Swick, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2026 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac
Nays: None
Abstain: Blake
6. **APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**
Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$225,638.88 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 \$276,892.02. Kaleb Wright seconded the motion.
Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks
Nays: None
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: John Stone provided an update on the status of the Hickory Dr., Kibler Condos Storm Culvert Replacement Project. Project plans and easement acquisition are still in progress. They are also continuing to determine the appropriate routing for the existing water and sewer lines.**



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8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

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

Electric Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 8, 2026 6:00 PM – 7:02 PM

Present: Gayle Glumac, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Mike Swick, Melissa Brooks, Maggie McDonald, Amy Tarr, Brenda Phillips, John Phillips and Matt Tarr

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

- RJ and Gayle highlighted points from the meeting with Norris Electric. Pros and cons were discussed.
- Matt Tarr provided an update on the city's substations and current system needs. He explained that a comprehensive substation analysis would identify necessary upgrades and improvements to ensure the substations are adequately equipped to meet the city's current and future needs. The committee reached a consensus to proceed with the substation analysis.
- Verizon will be installing a 5G antenna.
- The boring project on the south side of Curtis Street is anticipated to begin the following week.
- Keeping AED machines on the Electric Department vehicles for emergency response purposes was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Submitted by: **Gayle Glumac – Chairman**

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 immediately following the Electric Committee Meeting.

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes September 8, 2026 7:02 PM – 8:16 PM

Present: RJ Lindemann, Mike Swick, Melissa Brooks, Larry Brooks, Gayle Glumac, Maggie McDonald, Amy Tarr and Joshua Kuhl

- Newton signs were discussed, quotes are very similar, we'll be voting next Tuesday. Amy Tarr left the meeting.
- TIF Application for Blake Schroedter was discussed. It was recommended to award him \$5,000. Josh Kuhl arrived at 7:14 PM.
- TIF incentives were discussed. The council is changing the guidelines on the upper limits to award up to \$25,000 (with 15% as a guideline) of project costs up front for projects over \$100,000. Projects remain at the discretion of the council.
- Dumpster reimbursements were discussed. It was decided that all dumpster related expenses may be eligible as long as tonnage receipts and landfill tickets are included.
- The committee recommended we pay off the pool bond early.
- Revolving loan for JEDI was discussed. It was decided to have JEDI come and explain the idea more in depth.

Adjourned at 8:16 PM

Submitted by: **RJ Lindemann – Chairman**

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 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 was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to pass 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.



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

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on passing Resolution 26-14 a Resolution of Support for the City to Apply for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Resolution 26-14 a Resolution of Support for the City to Apply for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Blake

Nays: Lindemann

- C. Consider and act on authorizing the 2027 Mowing Season Project Agreement with Triple M Mowing.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the 2027 Mowing Season Project Agreement with Triple M Mowing.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Swick

Nays: Lindemann, Blake

- D. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted by BS Square, LLC for 101 S. Jackson St. 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, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the TIF Application submitted by BS Square, LLC for 101 S. Jackson St. 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, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Swick, Glumac

Nays: Lindemann, Blake

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted for 120 W. Washington St., as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize the TIF Application submitted for 120 W. Washington St. up to the amount of \$5,000, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: Lindemann



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- B. Consider and act on authorizing quote to reface the Welcome to Newton signs.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Eric Blake, to authorize the quote to Effingham Signs and Graphics in the amount of \$2,772 to reface the Welcome to Newton signs.

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

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on authorizing the quote to Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$135,396.64 for repairs at the Yager Lift Station.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the quote to Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$135,396.64 for repairs at the Yager Lift Station.

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

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on passing Resolution 26-15 Authorizing the Redemption and Payment of All Outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016, in Relation to the Newton Aquatic Center.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to pass Resolution 26-15 Authorizing the Redemption and Payment of All Outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016, in Relation to the Newton Aquatic Center.

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

Nays: None

- E. Consider and act on authorizing a Fall City Wide Cleanup to be held on Friday, October 2, 2026 and Saturday, October 3, 2026. (Unmanned dumpsters will be located in the back parking lot of City Hall. No electronics and no tires.)

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize a Fall City Wide Cleanup to be held on Friday, October 2, 2026 and Saturday, October 3, 2026. (Unmanned dumpsters will be located in the back parking lot of City Hall. No electronics and no tires.)

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

Nays: None

- F. Consider and act on authorizing the Special Event Application submitted by Newton Community High School for the 2026 Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 25, 2026 from 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Special Event Application submitted by Newton



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Community High School for the 2026 Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 25, 2026 from 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM.

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

Nays: None

- G. Consider and act on passing Resolution 26-16, Resolution for the 2026 Homecoming Parade.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to pass Resolution 26-16, Resolution for the 2026 Homecoming Parade.

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

Nays: None

- H. Consider and act on authorizing the Special Event Application submitted by Parklanes to host a Cruise for Cancer and Raffle for the Jasper County Cancer Support Group on Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Special Event Application submitted by Parklanes to host a Cruise for Cancer and Raffle for the Jasper County Cancer Support Group on Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM.

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

Nays: None

11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Wish all the kiddos a safe and fun Homecoming. Wish Parklanes good luck with their event.

Wright: No comments.

Brooks: No comments.

Lindemann: Presented utility adjustments. Hoped everyone had a nice Labor Day Weekend. Wish everyone a happy homecoming week. Voiced opposition to the Capital Development Fund.

Blake: No comments.

Swick: No comments.

City Attorney: No comments.

City Treasurer: No comments.

City Clerk: 1 PO

1. Wastewater/Water Department PO#12 to Equip-It, Inc. for a Stihl GS 461 concrete cutter saw for total amount of \$2,499, split \$1,249.50 each from the Water and Wastewater Departments.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Wastewater Department PO#12 to Equip-It, Inc. for a Stihl



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GS 461 concrete cutter saw for total amount of \$2,499, split \$1,249.50 each from the Water and Wastewater Departments.

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

Nays: None

Gave update from Brenda Phillips in the clerk's office. The fire, smoke and co2 detectors are all hooked up and in working order.

Mayor: Echo everyone on well wishes for homecoming week. The art on the windows looks great. Look forward to welcoming the 50 year and 25 year classes back to Newton as they return to help celebrate Homecoming. Next week we are supposed to start seeing some relief of the heat, hopefully. Lastly, I want to thank the city employees for all the extra work they have put in this past week.

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

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- City Insurance Committee Meeting on Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss potential litigation and purchase of real estate, pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

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

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:51 PM.

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

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

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:07 PM.

Mayor Kuhl announced that during closed session the council discussed potential litigation and purchase of real estate.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Submitted by:

Maggie McDonald, City Clerk