



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
October 6, 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 Gayle Glumac
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Gayle Glumac.
3. ROLL CALL: Amy J. Tarr, Deputy Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann and Mike Swick
Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Deputy Clerk Amy Tarr
Absent: Mayor Joshua Kuhl, Alderman Eric Blake and City Clerk Maggie McDonald
4. City Attorney William Heap asks for a motion to appoint Alderman Michael Swick as Mayor Pro Tem.
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to appoint Alderman Michael Swick as Mayor Pro Tem.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann
Nays: None
5. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adopt the proposed agenda.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Glumac
Nays: None
6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of September 15, 2026.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2026 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **None**
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
 - Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2026 6:00 PM – 7:07 PM

Present: RJ Lindemann, Mike Swick, Melissa Brooks, Larry Brooks, Gayle Glumac, Maggie McDonald, Kaleb Wright, Elijah Wright, Haley Geier, Doug Weddell, Dusty Smithenry, Kevin Woods and Blake Schroedter.

- Revolving Loan Fund, administered by JEDI, was discussed. It was recommended to match the county's contribution of \$15,000.
- Blake Schroedter came to discuss his three remaining TIF applications with the city. It was recommended by the majority of the committee to approve the applications.
- The DCEO grant was discussed. The city will be reaching out to property owners to potentially find eligible projects.

Adjourned at 7:07 PM

Submitted by:

RJ Lindemann – Chairman

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

City Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 5, 2026 6:00 PM – 8:01 PM

Present: RJ Lindemann, Larry Brooks, Joshua Kuhl, Gayle Glumac, Melissa Brooks, Mike Swick, Maggie McDonald, Kate Passalacqua, Jennifer Holland, Mike Schackmann, Brenda Phillips, Amy Tarr, Adam Painter, Matt Tarr, Lane Bradley, Zoe Bradley, Jake Lindemann, Claire Lindemann, Jim Riddle, Buddy Parker, Greg Coker, Alex Wagner, Rachel McVicar, Sandy Dhom, Scott Rubsam, Josh Ochs, Harley Gray and Stacey Gray

- Kate Passalacqua, with Weis Insurance, presented a proposed new health insurance plan to city employees. Several questions regarding the proposed plan remained unanswered, and employees expressed opposition to making a change at this time. The committee will continue to evaluate health insurance options and alternative methods of funding the city's employee health insurance.



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Kate Passalacqua, Jennifer Holland, Mike Schackmann, Brenda Phillips, Amy Tarr, Adam Painter, Matt Tarr, Lane Bradley, Zoe Bradley, Jake Lindemann, Claire Lindemann, Jim Riddle, Buddy Parker, Greg Coker, Alex Wagner, Rachel McVicar, Sandy Dhom, Scott Rubsam, Josh Ochs, Harley Gray and Stacey Gray leave the meeting.

7:29 PM

- RJ Lindemann makes a motion to go into executive session, Gayle Glumac seconds the motion.

8:00 PM

- RJ Lindemann makes a motion to go out of executive session and back into open session, Gayle Glumac seconds the motion.

Adjourned at 8:01 PM

Submitted by:

RJ Lindemann - Chairman

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing the invoice to Dreyer Painting in the amount of \$36,634 for pool painting and repairs.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the invoice to Dreyer Painting in the amount of \$36,634 for pool painting and repairs.

Ayes: Lindemann, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing a one-time contribution in the amount of \$15,000 to the Revolving Loan Fund administered by Jasper Economic Development, Inc. (JEDI), as recommended by majority of the Finance and Audit Committee.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize a one-time contribution in the amount of \$15,000 to the Revolving Loan Fund administered by Jasper Economic Development, Inc. (JEDI), as recommended by majority of the Finance and Audit Committee.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted for 114 W. Washington St., as recommended by majority of the Finance and Audit Committee.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the TIF Application submitted for 114 W. Washington St. by Blake Schroedter for 15% of the total project cost, up to the amount of \$12,300, to be reimbursed yearly based on the incremental tax increase after completion of the project, as recommended by majority of the Finance and Audit Committee.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Glumac, Swick

Nays: Lindemann

- C. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted for 116 W. Washington St., as recommended by majority of the Finance and Audit Committee.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the TIF Application submitted for 116 W. Washington St. by Blake Schroedter for 50% of the total project cost, up to the amount of \$5,000, as recommended by majority of the Finance and Audit Committee.

Ayes: Brooks, Glumac, Wright, Swick

Nays: Lindemann

- D. Consider and act on authorizing the TIF Application submitted for 118 W. Washington St., as recommended by majority of the Finance and Audit Committee.



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Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the TIF Application submitted for 118 W. Washington St. by Blake Schroedter for 15% of the total project cost, up to the amount of \$10,171.95, to be reimbursed yearly based on the incremental tax increase after completion of the project, as recommended by majority of the Finance and Audit Committee.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Swick

Nays: Lindemann

- E. Consider and act on authorizing Halloween Trick-or-Treat Night for Friday, October 30, 2026 from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM, with a rain date of Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM.**

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize Halloween Trick-or-Treat Night for Friday, October 30, 2026 from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM, with a rain date of Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Homecoming was nice; what a good football game.

Wright: No comment.

Brooks: No comment.

Lindemann: Voiced opposition to the Capital Development Fund.

City Attorney: No comment.

City Treasurer: Presented three appropriation changes.

- **A motion was made by Larry Brooks, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to amend the General Fund - Police appropriations by transferring \$1,000.00 from the Police Contingency Fund (9000-23) to the Miscellaneous Expense line item (7000-23).**

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Glumac

Nays: None

- **A motion was made by Larry Brooks, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to amend the Electric Fund appropriations by transferring \$25,000.00 from the Electric Contingency Fund (9000-30) to the Equipment Rental line item (5505-30).**

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

- **A motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to amend the Water Fund appropriations by transferring \$25,000.00 from Water Contingency Fund (9000-40) to the Improvements – Distribution line item (5800-40).**

Ayes: Lindemann, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

Deputy City Clerk Amy Tarr: City Clerk Maggie McDonald would like to thank everyone who wrote letters of support for the City's 2026 "Railway to Recreation" ITEP Grant submission. We received 60 letters from the sixth-grade classes at Newton Elementary, along with 17 letters from local organizations and community members.

The Electric Department has finished installing Vision electric meters throughout town.

The Water Department has provisioned 938 Beacon water endpoints. Utility accounts beginning with 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 can now download the EyeOnWater app to monitor their water usage and set leak alert preferences. City Hall will update the City of Newton Facebook page as we complete the conversion on additional routes.

Several City utility departments have been working together at Peterson Park to pour concrete near the basketball, tennis, pickleball courts area. I appreciate everyone coming together to work on projects that improve our community facilities.



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Mayor Pro Tem Michael Swick: Our City crews have been busy. I appreciate how many projects they've been working on. Multiple departments come together to work on jobs. I've seen a lot of harmony and cooperation across departments. We haven't always had that level of teamwork, so I want to thank all of our departments not only for the work they are accomplishing, but also for the way they are working together.

I also want to thank the staff at City Hall. We don't always see or hear about everything they handle each day, but when I'm in the office, I see firsthand how many questions and requests they handle.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: October 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: None

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Ayes: Lindemann, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:22 PM.

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

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Glumac

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:41 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Swick announced that during closed session the council discussed purchase of real estate.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Submitted by:

Amy J. Tarr

Deputy Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Tarr".