



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
October 20, 2026

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 Mayor Joshua Kuhl
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Mayor Joshua Kuhl
3. ROLL CALL: Maggie McDonald, City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, Larry Brooks, and Mike Swick
Also present: Attorney William Heap and City Clerk Maggie McDonald
Absent: Alderman Kaleb Wright, Alderman RJ Lindemann, Alderman Eric Blake and Treasurer Melissa Brooks
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adopt the proposed agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Swick, Kuhl
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of October 6, 2026.
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Larry Brooks, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2026 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brooks, Swick, Kuhl, Glumac
Nays: None
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:
Mayor Kuhl reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$315,377.69 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and asks for a motion to approve the pre-pays and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of \$159,569.62. Motion was made by Mike Swick and seconded by Gayle Glumac.
Ayes: Swick, Kuhl, Glumac, Brooks
Nays: None
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **None**
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
 - Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes October 14, 2026 6:00 PM – 6:53 PM

Present: Melissa Brooks, Josh Kuhl, Larry Brooks, Kaleb Wright, Gayle Glumac, Mike Swick, Maggie McDonald, Amy Tarr, Matt Tarr, Anne Marie Clark, CJ Handy

- Anne Marie Clark, with Kemper CPA Group, presented the city's fiscal year 2025–2026 audit to the Council. No audit adjustments or issues requiring modification of the opinion were reported.
- Mrs. Clark emphasized the purpose and importance of the city's tort funds.
- Mrs. Clark noted that the city's TIF District is scheduled to expire in 2031.
No recommendations were made regarding the TIF audit.

Alderman Lindemann arrived at 6:20 PM.



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Anne Marie Clark, CJ Handy and Amy Tarr left at 6:25 PM.

- The committee reviewed the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (IML RMA) quote for workers' compensation, liability, and property coverage, as well as the Luminare health benefits quote. Consensus of the committee was to proceed with both quotes.
- Dumpster Reimbursement Application for 506 Liberty was discussed. It was recommended by majority of the committee to award the reimbursement in the amount of \$6,125.

Adjourned at 6:53 PM

Submitted by: Maggie McDonald City Clerk

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing the 2025 Annual IDOT Compliance Review of Motor Fuel Tax Funds.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the 2025 Annual IDOT Compliance Review of Motor Fuel Tax Funds.

Ayes: Kuhl, Glumac, Brooks, Swick

Nays: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Audit.

Motion was made by Larry Brooks, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Audit.

Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Swick, Kuhl

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing the 2025-2026 TIF Fiscal Year Audit.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the 2025-2026 TIF Fiscal Year Audit.

Ayes: Brooks, Swick, Kuhl, Glumac

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on authorizing the Illinois Municipal League (IML) Risk Management Association (RMA) proposal for the City of Newton Property, Liability and Work Compensation Insurance Coverages in the amount of \$115,992.89.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize the Illinois Municipal League (IML) Risk Management Association (RMA) proposal for the City of Newton Property, Liability and Work Compensation Insurance Coverages in the amount of \$115,992.89.

Ayes: Swick, Kuhl, Glumac, Brooks

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on authorizing Luminare Health Benefits for a one-year agreement to administer the medical and dental benefit plans for the City of Newton in the amount of \$36,975.



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Ayes: Kuhl, Glumac, Brooks, Swick

Nays: None

- E. Consider and act on authorizing the Dumpster Reimbursement Application submitted for 506 Liberty for reimbursement in the amount of \$6,125, as recommended by majority of the Finance and Audit Committee.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize tabling the Dumpster Reimbursement Application submitted for 506 Liberty for reimbursement in the amount of \$6,125, as recommended by majority of the Finance and Audit Committee, to the November 4, 2026 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Swick, Kuhl

Nays: None

11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: The week of November 2nd will kick off setup for Lights in the Park. If you have a display, be sure to come get it set up, as Lights in the Park will begin on November 21st. Please visit the Lights in the Park Facebook page for the link to sign up to volunteer to work the donation shed.

Brooks: Very nice weather we are having.

Swick: Lafayette Street is now open to through traffic, and the Street Department expects to wrap up the bridge project soon. Great work by the department in getting this project completed. It was also mentioned that the city may want to begin looking ahead at the budget for a new dump truck.

The Sewer Department completed the sewer project on East Reynolds Street last week. Thank you, Scott and Jake, for all your hard work.

Our Water Department has also faced several unforeseen challenges over the past several weeks. I cannot say enough about how well everyone has worked together to address these issues and get them resolved. Jennifer has done a great job, and she expressed her appreciation to all the guys who stepped in to help, as well as to Mayor Kuhl for his assistance.

It is extremely encouraging to see our city departments working together and stepping up when help is needed. That kind of teamwork makes a real difference, and it is great to see.

City Attorney: No comments.

City Clerk: 1 PO



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1. Park Department PO to Sycamore Engineering for boiler modifications at the Newton Aquatic Center in the amount of \$6,158.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize the Park Department PO to Sycamore Engineering for boiler modifications at the Newton Aquatic Center in the amount of \$6,158.

Ayes: Brooks, Swick, Kuhl, Glumac

Nays: None

Everyone please make note that the next council meeting will be WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026 due to the upcoming election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Mayor: Leaf pickup will begin November 1st. Please make sure your leaves are placed close to the curb and are free of brush, limbs, sticks, and other debris. The brush dump remains open for those items.

As Gayle mentioned, the Lights in the Park season is quickly approaching. Please plan to begin setting up your displays the week of November 2nd. We look forward to another great season.

I have several shout outs I want to make this evening to recognize the hard work happening throughout our city.

First, as I mentioned earlier, I want to recognize our Treasurer, Melissa Brooks, and her team, Rachel McVicar and Stacy Gray. They work incredibly hard to keep our audits in order and help make Anne Marie's job easier each year. A tremendous amount of time and effort goes into preparing for our audits, and I sincerely appreciate all they do.

Our Street Department recently completed the Lafayette Street Bridge Project, and they did a phenomenal job. It is great to see our team successfully completing projects of this magnitude in house. Great work, and thank you for your efforts.

I also want to recognize Scott and Jake in our Sewer Department for their work on the sewer main installation project on East Reynolds.

Our Water Department has faced some extremely challenging circumstances lately, and Jennifer, along with our new employee, Alex, and as always, Adam, have done an outstanding job handling those challenges. I cannot say enough good things about how they have managed these situations.

I also want to recognize our Electric Department, Matt, Garrett, and Lane and our ladies Amy, Brenda, and Maggie in our front office for all you guys do.

I am incredibly proud to see our employees working together, supporting one another, and tackling the many large projects and challenges that have come our way. It takes a team effort to keep this city moving forward, and we are fortunate to have such good people serving our community. I am very proud to be part of this organization and to represent the men and women who work so hard for the City of Newton.



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It's a great time to be a Newton Eagle!

Congratulations to our girls' tennis team on becoming Little Illini Conference Champions. That is a tremendous accomplishment!

Our volleyball team plays Paris Thursday evening. With a win, they will claim the Little Illini Conference Championship outright. For those who may not know, over the past 11 years, our volleyball girls have won at least a share of the conference title in 10 of those years, with what I believe to be seven outright championships. That is an impressive record of consistency and success. Congratulations on another outstanding season! Our football team is headed to the playoffs for the first time in several years, which is very exciting! Bye week this week, but we look forward to seeing everyone back out next Friday night to cheer them on.

Congratulations as well to our Cross Country Team on its success this season, and good luck to our soccer team as it begins regional play.

Finally, I want to recognize Braydon Wise and EESN Broadcasting. They have become a tremendous asset to Newton by providing live coverage of our local sporting events. Their work makes it possible for more people in our community to follow and support our student athletes, and we appreciate everything they do.

Congratulations to all our athletes, coaches, and teams. You continue to give our community plenty of reasons to be proud!

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Purchase of Real Estate, Sale of Real Estate

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

Ayes: Brooks, Swick, Kuhl, Glumac

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:20 PM.

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

Ayes: Swick, Kuhl, Glumac, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:40 PM.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to adjourn the meeting.



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Ayes: Kuhl, Glumac, Brooks, Swick

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Submitted by:
Maggie McDonald
City Clerk