UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
November 17, 2026

- **Public Hearing to Vacate Certain Alleys Within the City of Newton on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 5:30 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, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann and Mike Swick
   Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and City Clerk Maggie McDonald
   Absent: Mayor Joshua Kuhl and Alderman Eric Blake
4. Attorney William Heap appoints Alderman Mike Swick as Mayor Pro Tem.
   Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to appoint Alderman Mike Swick as Mayor Pro Tem.
   Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Lindemann, Swick
   Nays: None
5. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Amend Agenda adding Potential Litigation to Executive Session.
   Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adopt the amended agenda.
   Ayes: Wright, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac
   Nays: None
6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of November 4, 2026.
   Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to approve the minutes of the November 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 $157,594.25 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 $130,043.40. Kaleb Wright seconded the motion.
   Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Lindemann
   Nays: None
8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **None.**
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: **None.**

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Alderman Larry Brooks arrives at 6:03 PM.

10. OLD BUSINESS:
11. NEW BUSINESS:
    A. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 26-13 Vacating Certain Alleys Within the City of Newton.
    Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Ordinance 26-13 Vacating Certain Alleys Within the City of Newton.
    Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Swick
    Nays: Lindemann
    B. Consider and act on authorizing the 2027 Meeting Schedule of the Newton City Council.
    Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the 2027 Meeting Schedule of the Newton City Council.
    Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac
    Nays: None
    C. Consider and act on authorizing Christmas bonuses for all present full-time and part-time employees who have worked at least 3 months and are currently working. Consists of an extra eight hours pay or an eight-hour day off with pay, to be taken by the last pay period in April 2027.
    Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize Christmas bonuses for all present full-time and part-time employees who have worked at least 3 months and are currently working. Consists of an extra eight hours pay or an eight-hour day off with pay, to be taken by the last pay period in April 2027.
    Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright
    Nays: None
    D. Consider and act on authorizing a city employee and city council Christmas gathering.
    Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize a city employee and city council Christmas gathering.
    Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks
    Nays: None
    E. Consider and act on authorizing the Special Event Application submitted by the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce for Nighttime Christmas Light Parade to be held on Saturday, December 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the Special Event Application submitted by the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce for Nighttime Christmas Light Parade to be held on Saturday, December 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM.
Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann
Nays: None

12. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: I would like to thank the 6th grade students from Newton Elementary for their help this past weekend with Lights in the Park. They also did a wonderful job cleaning up the putt-putt area, and it looks great!
I would also like to extend a big thank-you to everyone who volunteered their time and efforts to make the Veterans Day Program a success. Your dedication and community involvement are greatly appreciated!
Wright: Happy Thanksgiving!
Brooks: The Veterans Day Program and all the flags was very nice.
Lindemann: I would first like to apologize to the residents of Newton regarding agenda item 10A. If you have any questions, please reach out to me. I do think this is a good idea, but I apologize for any miscommunications the city may have had. I believe every alley should be addressed individually, one item at a time, allowing residents to ask questions as we went.
I would also like to express my support for abolishing the Capital Development Fund.
Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! Praise God!
Swick: The Veterans Day Program was another wonderful event. I have heard several comments about how great the location was having the program at the High School.
Happy Thanksgiving!
City Attorney: The Veterans Day flags the community sets out is a moving experience. I have a staff member that displays 4 flags. It is a beautiful sight.
City Treasurer: The flags on Veterans Day are just beautiful. Happy Thanksgiving!
City Clerk: Happy Thanksgiving!

13. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, December 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM
SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Monday, November 30, 2026 at 6:00 PM.
14. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Purchase of Real Estate and Potential Litigation

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss purchase of real estate and potential litigation pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None

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Open session suspended at 6:13 PM.

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

Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:26 PM.

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

15. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Submitted by:
Maggie McDonald, City Clerk