



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

April 18, 2023

A Stakeholders Meeting for the Energy Transition Community Grant will be Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 5:30 PM. The stakeholder meeting is to allow the public a chance to provide input on how the funds Newton is receiving will be spent. These funds are being awarded due to the closure of the Newton Coal Plant in 2026.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor
Mayor Kuhl 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: Rosetta M. York, City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris
Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, and Clerk Rosetta M. York
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Item #7 add Brian Muska, Item # 10 Correct the Resolution # to 23-06, item # 11 add a Park Department PO for Aquatic Center
Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Glumac, to adopt the amended agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of April 4, 2023:
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Alderman Harris review of the pre-pays in the amount of \$142,101.95 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and made a motion to approve the pre-pays and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of \$96,815.83. Brooks seconded the motion.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:
Brian Muska presented:
Summary For April 10, 2023 JEDI Meeting
 - 31 Business visits from March 9, 2023 to April 10,2023
 - Those 31Businesses have a total of 288 employees for an average of 9.3 employees per business
 - Of the 288 employees,10 Independent Contractors, 21 Self Employed, 244 FT/PT, 13 Summer Help
 - 18 Businesses out of the 31 or 58% have job openings
 - Currently 39 job openings within those 31businesses which equates to 1.26 openings per business
 - Paid wages collected for 20 different jobs equate to an average hourly wage of \$15.06 per hour or an annual income of \$30,240.48
 - Attended Economic Development Tools Workshop on March 17,2023
 - Met with JJI Judy McClure and Jason Kuhl on March 9, 2023
 - Met with the Chamber on March 10 (Lea, Sarah, and Doug)
 - Compiled the spread sheet with suggested data: Business name, contact person, contact number, email address, mailing address, number of employees, starting wage, open/available positions, long term goals, and Ideas on how Jasper County Economic Development can assist your business.
 - Met with Will Frost of East Point Energy on March 21, 2023 and discussed Top 4 potential properties for the project.
 - Working with Judy McClure putting together information packet on the Five Aprils subdivision - Recent Hershey expansion in Robinson could have employees looking for potential housing within the area.
 - Picked up check from JJI at Peoples State Bank for Economic Development Coordinator position - Gave check to Ryan at the April 10, 2023 meeting.
 - Spoke with and emailed Jeff Owens WEIU-TV several times to discuss the potential film of Newton "This is our Story"
 - Met with a few businesses to supply information pertaining to the B2B (Back 2 Business) grant application process that opens from April 5 to May 10,2023
 - Was asked by Sheryl Brummer to join the CEO class on April 4,2023 as a "shark" for their "shark tank" experience with the class. Attended this event at 7:00am on April 4.
 - Was asked by Chad Farley to join the CEO board by attending the first meeting on April 21, 2023.
 - Mailing address needs to be added on to the Enterprise Zone Application, currently have only the street address but in the event of a P.O. Box the application needs the mailing address.



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8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Finance/Audit Committee Meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Lindemann: Finance/Audit Committee Meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Present: RJ Lindemann, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Rosie York, Tyler Weber, RJ Lindemann, Marlene Harris, Gayle Glumac

Meeting called to order: 6:00

- TIF application for Borgic's Designs was discussed. It was recommended to award \$5,000
- TIF application for Donna Allison was discussed. It was recommended to award her 3,087.50
- The city was informed they were not liable for an incident by the post office
- An insurance compensation incident was brought to the city's attention. It was questioned whether the city would get involved to cover what insurance wouldn't. It was decided to avoid involvement.
- It was questioned whether the way the city is reporting highly compensated employees correctly. It was decided our current method of reporting is adequate.
- Water utility rates were discussed
- A new roof for the water plant was discussed. Tyler would like a budget adjustment to be made
- Budgets for the city were discussed

Meeting adjourned: 7:10 pm

R.J. Lindemann, Chairman

9. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Consider and act on 2023-24 City of Newton balanced budget.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Glumac, authorize the 2023-24 City of Newton balanced budget.

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

Nays: None

b. Consider and act on TIF application for Borgic Designs.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Harris, to authorize TIF application for Borgic Designs for reimbursement funds of \$5,000.00.

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

Nays: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Consider and act on entering into the Engineering Agreement with Connor and Connor for Jourdan St. Sidewalk Project (Section 23-00052-00-SW).

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Glumac, authorize the Engineering

Agreement with Connor and Connor for Jourdan St. Sidewalk Project (Section 23-00052-00-SW).

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

Nays: None

b. Consider and act on Maintenance Engineering Agreement BLR 05520 for project 23-00000-00-GM.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Harris, authorize Maintenance Engineering Agreement BLR 05520 for project 23-00000-00-GM.

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

Nays: None

c. Consider and act on Estimate of Maintenance Costs (annual general maintenance supplies) form BLR 14222.

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Wright, to authorize the Estimate of Maintenance Costs (annual general maintenance supplies) form BLR 14222.

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

Nays: None

d. Consider and act on the annual 23-06 Resolution for MFT Street Maintenance Program.

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Brooks, to pass the annual 23-06 Resolution for MFT Street Maintenance Program

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

Nays: None

e. Consider and act on Special Event Application for Strong Girls and Boys Run on May 11, 2023 between 8:45 and 10:30 AM.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Wright, to authorize Special Event

Application for Strong Girls and Boys Run on May 11, 2023 between 8:45 and 10:30 AM.

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

Nays: None



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11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: "It is just a beautiful day."

Wright: "Like RJ mentioned earlier, I am surprised at how much information was gathered so quickly with Brian Muska. It's really good. I'll definitely look into it."

Brooks: No comments

Lindemann: A big thank you for Melissa being awesome. Really appreciate the work on the budgets. (Melissa responded I am not the only one in my office. There are two other ladies that help.) Well, the whole department.

Presented the council the billing adjustment report that he had reviewed and approved.

Blake: I will also thank Melissa's office for their work on the budget. That's all I've got.

Harris: I'll go along with that also. I wanted to say the street department is starting to work on sidewalk on Washington Street, and it's looking pretty good.

City Attorney: No comments

City Treasurer: No Comments

City Clerk: 2 POs: Electric Department PO # 15-30 and 1 Park Department PO for Aquatic Center Driving boards.

Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to authorize Electric Department purchase order # 00015-30 to AJ Welding for new truck bed, toolboxes and installation for \$6,303.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion was made by Wright, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Park Department purchase order for the Aquatic Center's two new diving boards from Recreation Supply Co. for \$12,279.00.

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

Nays: None

Mayor:

- Thank you, Melissa and to your team in the Treasury Department. Budgets are approved so you can breathe a sigh of relief. Thank you very much for your time and work. and thank you to the other women in your department as well.
- Brian Muska. Thank you. As Kaleb and others commented on the amount of information that you put in front of us this evening is astonishing. You're doing a heck of a job. If there is anything that you need from us don't hesitate to ask.
- Jasper County and City of Newton have 39 jobs currently open, out of only 31 businesses. Invite them to apply for those jobs and invite them to our town because there is opportunity here.
- On Committee appointments, if you have any suggestions, I will be appointing them at May 2nd meeting.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **May 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: None

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York

ACCOUNTS PAYABLES April 19, 2023

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.

Total Zoning \$750.00
\$750.00

BAT

Kirchner Building Centers

Total Bat \$52.63
\$52.63

GOLF

Kirchner Building Centers

Total Golf \$52.64
\$52.64

STREET

Birch Auto Service & Towing	\$850.00
Bradford Supply Company	\$1,257.99
Card Service Center	\$398.47
Cintas	\$130.21
Deere Credit, Inc.	\$3,464.05
Effingham Asphalt Co.	\$787.50
Jasper Clothiers	\$54.00
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$37.41
Kirchner Building Centers	\$1,646.96
Lorenz Supply Co.	\$103.74
Martin's IGA	\$51.90
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$29.80
Smithenry Grain LLC.	\$5,219.16
Terminix International	\$28.33
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$1,254.97
Total Street	<u>\$15,314.49</u>

POLICE

AT & T/FirstNet	\$256.92
Backwoods Lawn Service	\$40.00
Card Service Center	\$738.61
Cintas Corporation	\$117.61
Cintas	\$98.79
County of Jasper	\$11,469.63
Clint Crossen	\$1,175.00
Jasper Clothiers	\$39.00
Jansen's Heating & Air Conditioning	\$159.00
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$9.10
Kemper Technology Consulting	\$1,200.00
Lorenz Supply Co.	\$34.53
Kelsey McClure	\$311.54
Kim Muska	\$311.54
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$13.98
Ray O'Herron	\$1,945.75
Office Essentials	\$199.79
Red Warrior Tactical, LLC.	\$831.72
Terminix International	\$30.00
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$560.00
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$1,414.28
Total Police	<u>\$20,956.79</u>

CEMETERY

Backwoods Lawn Service	\$1,860.00
Yager Backhoe Service	\$600.00
Total Cemetery	<u>\$2,460.00</u>

PARK

Backwoods Lawn Service	\$585.00
Card Service Center	\$356.04
Kirchner Building Centers	\$139.13
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$10.00
Wabash Valley Service Company	\$82.00
Total Park	<u>\$1,172.17</u>

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Card Service Center	\$19.18
Eastern Illinois University	\$70.00
Jansen's Heating & Air Conditioning	\$159.00
Kemper Technology Consulting	\$791.45
Kirchner Building Centers	\$78.95
Lorenz Supply Co.	\$34.54
Kelsey McClure	\$311.54
Kim Muska	\$311.54
Office Essentials	\$171.91
Terminix International	\$30.00
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$568.75
	<u>\$2,546.86</u>

POOL

Card Service Center	\$111.62
Kirchner Building Centers	\$7.37
Martin's IGA	\$7.47
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$126.58
	<u>\$253.04</u>

TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS

\$43,558.62

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Backwoods Lawn Service	\$30.00
	<u>\$30.00</u>

Total Capital Development

TIF

Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$87.50
	<u>\$87.50</u>

Total TIF

TOTAL SPECIALS

\$117.50

ELECTRIC

Alliance Tractor LLC.	111.99
Anixter Inc.	\$7,035.66
BHMG Engineers, Inc.	\$1,348.14
Bridgewell Resources LLC.	\$24,060.00
Brownstown Electric Supply	\$1,914.50
Card Service Center	\$147.24
Cintas	\$37.24
Deere Credit, Inc.	\$3,464.05
Gingers' Gardens & Gifts	\$63.49
Grainger	\$292.80
Jasper Clothiers	\$125.00
JM Test Systems	\$581.77
Kirchner Building Centers	\$33.97
Online Information Services	\$28.81
Terminix International	\$28.33
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$1,016.82
	<u>\$40,289.81</u>

Total Electric

WATER

Birch Auto Service & Towing	77.05
Hawkins, Inc.	\$402.63
Illinois EPA Laboratory	\$1,737.73
IMCO Utility Supply Co.	\$1,709.00
Midwest Meter, Inc.	\$2,853.00
Online Information Services	\$23.81
Schulte Supply, Inc.	\$288.80
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	\$33.98
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$657.21
	<u>\$7,783.21</u>

Total Water

<u>WWT</u>	
A-J Welding & Steel, Inc.	\$17.40
Bradford Supply Company	\$468.19
Cintas	\$88.02
Huddleston Supply, Inc.	\$25.92
Kirchner Building Centers	\$275.65
Martin's IGA	\$31.14
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$38.50
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$299.77
Online Information Services	\$28.82
Rex Vault & Mausoleum Service, Inc.	\$130.00
City of Robinson WWTF	\$128.00
Rob Schafer Repair	\$653.40
Schulte Supply, Inc.	\$740.34
Terminix International	\$28.34
USA BlueBook	\$754.18
Vandevanter Engineering	\$583.81
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$75.00
Wabash Valley Service Company	\$700.21
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Total WWT	\$5,066.69

TOTAL PAYABLES= \$96,815.83

Prepays April 19, 2023

General Fund

William Heap \$300.00
Sparklight \$689.41
DRA, LLC dba Parklanes \$4,000.00
LIUNA National (Industrial) Pension Fund \$2,623.56
Mike Schackmann \$20.03
Ameren Illinois \$860.52
City of Newton \$900.74
Newton Library \$2,355.83
Verizon Wireless \$98.18
Rosie York \$90.00
Illinois Juvenile Officers Association \$425.00

\$12,363.27

INS A

The Standard \$201.29
Standard Insurance Company \$175.00

\$376.29

Payroll

State Disbursement Unit \$86.76
Local 1197 Union Secretary Treasurer \$880.00
The Standard \$284.02
Standard Insurance Company \$111.76
NCPERS Group Life Insurance \$96.00

\$1,458.54

Specials

City of Newton \$13.80
Trustmark Health Benefits, Inc. \$1,217.81

\$1,231.61

TIF

3B General Contracting LLC - Kenneth Belcher \$4,950.00
JEDI \$50.00
Newton Elite Fitness \$305.44
Shiv Inc. \$14,867.63
Rosie York \$90.00

\$20,263.07

Electric

Norris Electric Coop. \$135.25
Sparklight \$115.57
Ameren Illinois \$243.90
Newton Post Office \$182.29
Lane Bradley \$328.65
AJ Schafer \$22.13
City of Newton \$266.22
Illinois Power Marketing \$98,327.21

\$99,621.22

WATER

Ameren Illinois \$390.31
Sparklight \$86.26
Newton Post Office \$182.29
City of Newton \$1,169.27
UPS \$43.15

\$1,871.28

WWT

Sparklight \$97.25
Ameren Illinois \$222.35
Newton Part Office \$182.29
City of Newton \$4,414.80

\$4,916.69

Total Prepays =

\$142,101.97