



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL  
108 N. VAN BUREN St.  
NEWTON, IL 62448  
November 21, 2023

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 Gayle Glumac.  
**Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Gayle Glumac.**
3. ROLL CALL: Maggie McDonald, City Clerk  
**Physically present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake and Mike Swick**  
**Also present: City Clerk Maggie McDonald**  
**Absent: Attorney William Heap and Treasurer Melissa Brooks**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:  
**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to adopt the proposed agenda.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of November 7, 2023.  
**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2023 meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac**  
**Nays: None**
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
**Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$305,640.46 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 \$175,026.31. Mike Swick seconded the motion.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright**  
**Nays: None**
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **NONE**
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
  - **Police/Building Permit Committee Meeting Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM.**

**Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 8, 2023 6:00 PM – 7:05 PM**

Present: Joshua Kuhl, Riley Britton, Mike Swick, Eric Blake, Larry Brooks, Maggie McDonald, Melissa Brooks

- The Police and Building Permit Committee went into Executive Session to interview and discuss new employment in the Police Department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

**Michael Swick – Chairman**

9. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Consider and act on authorizing the American Legion, Borgic Designs and the Jasper Co. Chamber to display Veterans banners around the Newton square.  
**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright to authorize the American Legion, Borgic Designs and the Jasper Co. Chamber to display Veterans banners around the Newton square.**  
**Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks**  
**Nays: None**
  - B. Consider and act on authorizing the City of Newton to pay for the first round of hardware for the Veterans banners, with an estimated cost of \$805.  
**Motion was made by Larry Brooks, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the City of Newton to pay for the first round of hardware for the Veterans banners, with an estimated cost of \$805. This will be funded out of the Beautification Fund.**  
**Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann**  
**Nays: None**



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- C. Consider and act on authorizing the hiring of Sean Brody as a full-time officer to the Newton Police Department with a start date of December 5, 2023, as recommended by the Police and Building Permit Committee.

**Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Larry Brooks, to authorize the hiring of Sean Brody as a full-time officer to the Newton Police Department with a start date of December 5, 2023, as recommended by the Police and Building Permit Committee.**

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

**Nays: None**

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing the 2024 Newton City Council Meeting Schedule.

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the 2024 Newton City Council Meeting Schedule.**

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

**Nays: None**

- B. 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, consisting of an extra eight hours pay or an eight hours day off with pay, to be taken by the last pay period in April 2024.

**Motion was made by Eric Blake, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize Christmas bonuses for all present full-time and part-time employees who have worked at least 3 months and are currently working, consisting of an extra eight hours pay or an eight hours day off with pay, to be taken by the last pay period in April 2024.**

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

**Nays: None**

- C. Consider and act on authorizing city employee and council Christmas gathering.

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Mike Swick, authorizing city employee and council Christmas gathering.**

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

**Nays: None**

- D. Discuss Riverside Cemetery Mapping Initiative and proposal.

**Brad Benefiel, with the Park Department, was contacted last week about updating our cadastral data at Riverside Cemetery. Further research and discussion will be gathered before a final decision is made to move forward with the update.**

- E. Consider and act on Special Event Application for Rauch's Christmas Traditions that will be held Friday evenings on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from the hours of 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Special Event Application for Rauch's Christmas Traditions that will be held Friday evenings on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from the hours of 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Rauch's Jewelry.**

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

**Nays: None**

11. STATEMENTS BY:

**Glumac:** Everyone have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

**Wright:** Thank you to the Street Department for their leaf pickup service.

**Brooks:** Happy Thanksgiving.

**Lindemann:** Presented utility adjustments. Happy Thanksgiving and stay grateful.

**Blake:** No Comments.

**Swick:** Have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. Would like more information on trying to get the characters of Holly Jolly brought back into our community.

**City Clerk:** Discussed city/county website. Happy Thanksgiving. Shout out to the Street Department for all the hard work with leaf pickup.

**Mayor:** Read aloud a Thank You letter from Mrs. Hildabrand and residents of Hickory Dr. for the landscaping beautification project done by the students of St. Thomas, Mr. Stork, Jordy



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Connor, the city and all involved. Congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of St. Thomas for the Hometown Hero Award presented by the Chamber. As always, thank you to all our city employees. Get out and check out the square, it looks very nice. Lastly, lots of prayers going out to those in our community. I hope everyone takes this time to reflect and be thankful. Happy Thanksgiving.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **December 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- **Electric Committee Meeting Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM.**
- **Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting Tuesday, December 5, 2023 5:45 PM.**

13. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

**Nays: None**

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Submitted by:

Maggie E. McDonald, City Clerk

ACCOUNTS PAYABLES November 22, 2023

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CCI Redi Mix	\$2,242.00
Kirchner Building Centers	\$365.81
Total Community Development	\$2,607.81

ZONING

Card Service Center	\$4.97
Total Zoning	\$4.97

BAT

Kirchner Building Centers	\$492.72
	\$492.72

GOLF

Kirchner Building Centers	\$492.72
Total Golf	\$492.73

STREET

Birch Auto Service & Towing	\$1,661.00
Bradford Supply Company	\$1,412.70
Card Service Center	\$57.64
Key Equipment & Supply Co.	\$962.44
Kirchner Building Centers	\$67.14
Terminix International	\$31.66
Van Dyke Metal Culverts, Inc.	\$1,292.00
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$928.76
Total Street	\$6,413.34

POLICE

Ben Tire Toledo Warehouse	1,345.88
Birch Auto Service & Towing	1,166.55
Card Service Center	\$2,631.13
Cintas	\$37.31
Cintas Corporation	\$135.24
CJ's Performance & Access.	\$8,940.82
County of Jasper	\$8,393.06
Clint Crossen	\$1,525.00
Gall's	\$246.63
Hinckley Springs	\$58.94
Kemper Technology Consulting	\$184.00
Lorenz Supply Co.	\$91.07
McClane Motor Sales, Inc.	\$220.65
Kelsey McClure	\$389.43
Kim Muska	\$389.42
Ray O'Herron	\$1,708.35
Red Warrior Tactical, LLC	\$154.97
Terminix International	\$35.00
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$965.89
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$612.50
Total Police	\$29,231.84

CEMETERY

Backwoods Lawn Service	\$1,860.00
BnP Construction, LLC	\$1,607.58
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$28.49
Kirchner Building Centers	\$526.70
Niebrugge Lumber Co.	\$1,175.03
Robards Plastery Inc.	\$9,300.00
Total Cemetery	\$14,497.80

PARK

Backwoods Lawn Service	\$1,010.00
Card Service Center	\$1.24
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$0.27
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$250.76
Total Park	\$1,262.27

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Card Service Center	\$853.17
Dollar General	\$20.20
Hometown Register	\$434.84
Kemper Technology Consulting	\$504.00

Gen Adm Cont.	
Lorenz Supply Co.	\$91.07
Kelsey McClure	\$389.42
Kim Muska	\$389.43
Pitney Bowes Inc.	\$33.96
Terminix International	\$35.00
Total General Administration	<u>\$2,751.09</u>

<u>POOL</u>	
Card Service Center	\$16.79
Grainger	\$1,459.72
Sparklight Business	\$12.50
USA BlueBook	\$402.49
Total Pool	<u>\$1,891.50</u>

**TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS** \$59,646.07

<u>EMA</u>	
County of Jasper	\$365.45
Total EMA	<u>\$365.45</u>

<u>MFT</u>	
Hometown Register	\$192.00
Total MFT	<u>\$192.00</u>

<u>TORT</u>	
Trustmark Health Benefits, Inc.	\$1,082.38
	<u>\$1,082.38</u>

<u>CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u>	
Backwoods Lawn Service	\$60.00
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$583.25
Total Capital Development	<u>\$643.25</u>

<u>TIF</u>	
Card Service Center	\$78.40
Connor & Connor	\$9,673.29
Hometown Register	\$341.00
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$335.00
Total TIF	<u>\$10,427.69</u>

**TOTAL SPECIALS** \$12,710.77

<u>ELECTRIC</u>	
Anixter Inc.	2,013.98
BHMG Engineers, Inc.	17,698.39
Birch Auto Service & Towing	\$46.00
Brownstown Electric Supply	\$10,176.45
Card Service Center	\$79.46
Evapco	\$575.40
Fastenal	\$174.96
JM Test Systems	\$348.98
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$16.05
Kirby Risk Corp.	\$472.31
Kirchner Building Centers	\$174.11
Martin's IGA	\$73.92
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$538.00
Online Information Services	\$28.74
Progressive Chemical & Lighting, Inc.	\$390.55
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$33.96
Springfield Electric Supply	\$1,735.85
Terminix International	\$31.67
Vance Power & Energy Consulting, LLC	\$10,540.00
Vision Metering, LLC.	\$500.00
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$1,132.18
Winterland, Inc.	\$464.00
<b>TOTAL ELECTRIC</b>	<u>\$47,244.96</u>

WATER

Alliance Tractor LLC.	910.00
Birch Auto Service & Towing	101.33
Bradford Supply Company	447.30
Card Service Center	162.37
EJ Water Cooperative, Inc.	\$2,952.40
Hawkins, Inc.	\$211.77
IMCO Utility Supply	\$194.00
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$57.34
Kirchner Building Centers	\$1.30
Midwest Meter, Inc.	\$1,579.00
Online Information Services	\$28.75
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$33.96
R.E. Pedrotti Company, Inc.	\$22,328.75
Schulte Supply	\$1,696.68
Smithenry Grain LLC.	\$2,622.43
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$570.32
<b>TOTAL WATER</b>	<b>\$33,897.70</b>

WWT

A-J Welding & Steel, Inc.	\$7.90
Card Service Center	\$143.23
Certified Balance & Scale	\$1,875.00
Cintas	\$99.16
Crawford Hydraulics	\$1,444.14
Grainger	\$2,700.00
Hawkins, Inc.	\$1,546.35
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$72.05
Kirchner Building Centers	\$59.99
Madison Maintenance Supplies	\$106.00
Martin's IGA	\$31.14
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$158.37
Online Information Services	\$28.75
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$33.96
City of Robinson WWTF	\$128.00
Terminix International	\$31.67
Utility Pipe Sales Co.	\$11,718.76
USA Blue Book	\$665.49
Verizon Wireless	\$71.65
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$605.20
<b>TOTAL WWT</b>	<b>\$21,526.81</b>

**TOTAL PAYABLES = \$175,026.31**

**General Fund**

Maggie McDonald	\$249.78
Sandy Dhom	\$72.05
Ameren Illinois	\$638.33
Adam Bridges	\$76.97
Verizon Wireless	\$100.15
Sparklight	\$311.72
International Institute of Municipal Clerks	\$185.00
Treasurers Petty Cash	\$48.64
Galena Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram	\$41,601.00
LIUNA National (Industrial) Pension Fund	\$2,441.90
City of Newton	\$1,172.54
Purchase Power	\$251.25
A&T Mobility	\$256.92
MCC Network Services LLC	\$752.16
William Heap	\$150.00
Secretary of State	\$165.00
RMA	\$350.00
Municipal Clerks of Illinois	\$165.00
Adam Deckard	\$30.63
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	\$35.88
Jeremy Haycraft	\$37.19
Brenda Phillips	\$32.62
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	\$49,124.73

**INS A**

The Standard	\$194.01
Standard Insurance Co.	\$175.00
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	\$369.01

**Payroll**

AFLAC	\$951.50
State Disbursement Unit	\$130.14
Local 1197 Secretary Treasurer	\$1,672.00
Standard Insurance Co.	\$248.02
NCPERS Group Life Ins.	\$96.00
Abby McCann	\$107.50
Standard Insurance Co. - vision	\$106.60
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	\$3,311.76

**Specials**

Trustmark Health Benefits, Inc.	\$1,437.69
City of Newton	\$13.81
RMA	\$63,151.44
The Indiana Railroad	\$250.00
Symetra Life Ins.	\$33,345.00
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	\$98,197.94

**TIF**

Mike Niemerg	\$198.00
JEDI	\$2.00
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	\$200.00

**Electric**

Ameren Illinois	\$140.98
Petty Cash - Treasurer	\$2.76
Newton Post Office	\$187.72
Sparklight	\$115.57
City of Newton	\$394.26
Pitney Bowes - Purchase Power	\$251.25
Norris Electric Coop.	\$135.25
RMA	\$11,213.57
Matt Tarr	\$38.58
Illinois Power Marketing	\$98,125.26
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	\$110,605.20

**Water**

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	\$10.00
Ameren Illinois	\$222.52
Verizon Wireless	\$20.72
UPS	\$13.04
Petty Cash - Treasurer	\$2.80
Connor & Connor	\$19,817.50
Newton Post Office	\$187.72
Purchase Power	\$251.25
City of Newton	\$1,523.15
Sparklight	\$100.09
RMA	\$8,670.25
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	\$30,819.04

**WWT**

Ameren Illinois	\$193.29
Verizon Wireless	\$49.22
Petty Cash - Treasurer	\$2.78
Newton Post Office	\$187.73
Sparklight	\$97.25
City of Newton	\$4,756.76
Purchase Power	\$251.25
RMA	\$7,474.50
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**Total Prepays =** 

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