



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. VAN BUREN St.

NEWTON, IL 62448

August 6, 2024

- **Public Hearing for Vacating an Alley running East and West between Lots 2 & 3 in Block 17 of the Original Town Subdivision in the City of Newton, Illinois on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 5:30 PM.**

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: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and City Clerk Maggie McDonald

4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: (Amend 8H. Amount should be \$4,691.80 for the second payment. Add Gary Lindemann to Public Comments. Add Potential Litigation to Executive Session.)

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to adopt the amended agenda.

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

Nays: None

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of July 16, 2024.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2024 meeting of the Newton City Council.

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

Nays: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Fire Chief Gary Lindemann:** There have been concerns and complaints of a building imposing a possible fire hazard risk. The Fire Chief will be working with the Fire Marshall and the City on resolving the issue.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

- **Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Monday, July 29, 2024 at 5:30 PM.**

Finance/Audit Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, July 29, 2024 5:31 PM – 5:51 PM

Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM.

- TIF application for BM Enterprises was discussed. It was recommended by the committee they be awarded \$5,441.25.
- TIF application for Joe's Italian Foods was discussed. \$642.50 was the recommended award amount by the committee.
- TIF application process for Wad It Up Transport was discussed. Doug was given direction on how to proceed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Those in attendance: **RJ Lindemann – Chairman**, Josh Kuhl, Melissa Brooks, Gayle Glumac, Maggie McDonald, Mike Swick, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake, Kaleb Wright, Josh Ochs, Doug Weddell, Theresa Leohr and John Stone

- **Street and Alley Committee Meeting on Monday, July 29, 2024 immediately following the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.**

Street and Alley Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, July 29, 2024 5:51 PM – 6:39 PM

Present: Gayle Glumac, Melissa Brooks, Josh Ochs, Mike Swick, Josh Kuhl, Maggie McDonald, RJ Lindemann, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake, John Stone, Gordan Yager, Doug Weddell and Theresa Leohr

Meeting began at 5:51 PM.

- Gordan Yager owns property at 204 N. Lafayette and 206 N. Lafayette. There is currently an alley that runs East and West dividing the two properties. He asked the council to vacate the alley separating the two lots.



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- Doug Weddell would like an access from the South property to the North property of his new business location at 1107 S. Van Buren. He would like the access to be off S. Jackson St. Culvert additions, requirements, sizing and pricing were discussed.
- It was brought to Mr. Weddell's attention that he will need a separate line ran for any oil drainage. He can not have oil drain to a septic tank. This will require an 8" line. John Stone will be getting estimates.
- A few different options for the retention pond at 11159 E. 875th St. were discussed. The Street Department is going to find out which berm is lower, North or South, and address the issue accordingly.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM

Submitted by:

Mike Swick - Chairman

- **Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting on Monday, July 29, 2024 immediately following the Street and Alley Committee Meeting.**
(Waiting on minutes)

- **Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on Monday, August 5, 2024 at 5:15 PM.**

Finance/Audit Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, August 5, 2024 5:15 PM – 5:26 PM

Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM.

- The dumpster reimbursement and demolition reimbursement applications for Gordan Yager were discussed.
- It was recommended to proceed with the dumpster reimbursement rather than the demolition reimbursement program.

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Those in attendance: **RJ Lindemann – Chairman**, Melissa Brooks, Gayle Glumac, Maggie McDonald, Mike Swick, Larry Brooks, John Stone, Tyler Weber and Matt Tarr

- **Park, Pool and Cemetery Committee Meeting on Monday, August 5, 2024 at 5:30.**

Park, Cemetery and Pool Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, August 5, 2024 5:30 PM – 5:51 PM

Present: Gayle Glumac, RJ Lindemann, Mike Swick, Melissa Brooks, Maggie McDonald, Tyler Weber, Matt Tarr, John Stone, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake, Kent McKinney and Richard Burton

Meeting started at 5:30 PM

- The OSLAD Grant was discussed. The grant has a maximum amount of up to \$600,000. The committee chairman, city engineer and department heads will be prioritizing a list of updates and new additions to Peterson Park for the grant application. Deadline to apply for the grant is September 13, 2024.
- The committee will be getting quotes for painting a pickleball court.
- The pool will close on Labor Day, September 2, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM

Submitted by:

Gayle Glumac - Chairman

- **Electric Committee Meeting on Monday, August 5, 2024 immediately following the Park, Pool and Cemetery Committee Meeting.**

Electric Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, August 5, 2024 5:52 PM – 6:25 PM

Present: Gayle Glumac, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Matt Tarr, Maggie McDonald, Eric Blake and Mike Swick

Meeting was called to order at 5:52 PM.

- With Matt Tarr's diligent work, he was able to install one of the new Pulse Connex KYZ read meters at our Decatur St. substation. This is for the real time data readings.
- The Electric Department has updated wiring at the little pavilion at Peterson Park.
6:00 PM
- Gayle Glumac made a motion to go out of open session and into executive session to discuss Personnel. Mike Swick seconds the motion.
6:25 PM
- Gayle Glumac made a motion to go out of executive session and back into open session. Mike Swick seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.



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Submitted by:

Gayle Glumac – Chairman

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing an Agreement with IDOT and the Indiana Rail Road for Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements on S. 1st Ave., Sycamore St. and West End Ave.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize tabling the Agreement with IDOT and the Indiana Rail Road for Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements on S. 1st Ave., Sycamore St. and West End Ave to the September 17, 2024 Newton City Council Meeting.

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

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing TIF Application submitted by Kevin and Amy Short in the amount of \$5,000.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the TIF Application submitted by Kevin and Amy Short in the amount of \$5,000 as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

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

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on authorizing TIF Application submitted by BM Enterprise in the amount of \$5,441.25.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the TIF Application submitted by BM Enterprise in the amount of \$5,441.25 as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

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

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on authorizing TIF Application submitted by Joe's Italian Foods in the amount of \$642.50.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the TIF Application submitted by Joe's Italian Foods in the amount of \$642.50 as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

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

Nays: None

- E. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 24-11, Vacating the Alley Between Lots 2 & 3 in Block 17 of the Original Town Subdivision in the City of Newton.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Ordinance 24-11, Vacating the Alley Between Lots 2 & 3 in Block 17 of the Original Town Subdivision in the City of Newton.

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

Nays: None

- F. Consider and act on authorizing the City Attorney to proceed with vacating the alley running East and West between Lots 3 & 5 in Block 13 of the Original Town Subdivision.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with vacating the alley running East and West between Lots 3 & 5 in Block 13 of the Original Town Subdivision.

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

Nays: None



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- G. Consider and act on authorizing the city to solicit bids for new siding at City Hall.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the city to solicit bids for new siding at City Hall.

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

Nays: None

- H. Consider and act on authorizing the Engineer Payment Estimate #2, Final Estimate, in the amount of \$4,691.80 to McCarthy Improvement Company for the West Jourdan St. Sidewalk Project.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Engineer Payment Estimate #2, Final Estimate, in the amount of \$4,691.80 to McCarthy Improvement Company for the West Jourdan St. Sidewalk Project.

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

Nays: None

- I. Consider and act on authorizing the invoice from Stone & Waggoner, PLLC in the amount of \$77,561.24 for work on the TIF funded South Van Buren Watermain Rehab Project.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the invoice from Stone & Waggoner, PLLC in the amount of \$77,561.24 for work on the TIF funded South Van Buren Watermain Rehab Project.

Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: Lindemann

- J. Consider and act on authorizing the Engineer Payment Estimate #1 to Kieffer Bros. Construction Co. in the amount of \$182,381.04 for the TIF funded South Van Buren Watermain Rehab Project.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Engineer Payment Estimate #1 to Kieffer Bros. Construction Co. in the amount of \$182,381.04 for the TIF funded South Van Buren Watermain Rehab Project.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Blake

Nays: Lindemann

- K. Consider and act on authorizing a Grant Management Agreement with South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission (SCIRPDC) for the Energy Transition Community Grant Phase 2.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize a Grant Management Agreement with South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission (SCIRPDC) for the Energy Transition Community Grant Phase 2.

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

Nays: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing Riley Britton's Letter of Resignation.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize Riley Britton's Letter of Resignation effective August 17, 2024.

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

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing Jeremy Haycraft's Letter of Resignation.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize Jeremy Haycraft's Letter of Resignation effective August 11, 2024.



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Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on authorizing one employee from the City Clerk's office to attend the Clerk's Institute in Bloomington, Illinois, on October 6-11, 2024. Cost will include enrollment, hotel and allowable expenses.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize one employee from the City Clerk's office to attend the Clerk's Institute in Bloomington, Illinois, on October 6-11, 2024. Cost will include enrollment, hotel and allowable expenses.

Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks
Nays: None

10. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Thanked Chief Britton and Officer Haycraft for their years of service. Appreciate all Riley has put in volunteering with the Strong Boys and Strong Girls on the Run. Shout out to Brenda Phillips and all her excessive work she has been putting in with the power supplier. We are fortunate to have someone that does their homework, digs in, asks questions, understands and is accurate with all these different numbers. Thank you to Josh Ochs for helping me this week with a few situations. Everyone was very pleased with the outcome and the way he handled the issues.

Wright: Thanked Chief Britton and Officer Haycraft for their service. Wish them well at their new jobs.

Brooks: No comments.

Lindemann: Encourages everyone to visit cityofnewtonil.com. The URL has received a beautiful update. Voiced opposition to the Capital Development Fund.

Blake: No comments.

Swick: No comments.

City Attorney: No comments.

City Treasurer: No comments.

City Clerk: (1 PO)

1. Water Dept PO# 6542 to Viking Industrial Painting in the amount of \$7,400.00 for inspection, cleanout and repairs to the South water tower.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize Water Department PO# 6542 to Viking Industrial Painting in the amount of \$7,400.00 for inspection, cleanout and repairs to the South water tower.

Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann
Nays: None

The new website is now live. Go check it out! Wish Riley and Jeremy the best on their future endeavors.

Mayor: Thanked Chief Britton for his years of service with the Newton Police Department and two years serving as our Chief of Police. He is very detail oriented and knowledgeable when it comes to the investigation side of law enforcement. Mr. Haycraft is just shy of twenty years of service with the Newton Police Department. Thank you for all your years serving the department and the residents of this community. Brenda Phillips, thank you for going above and beyond as we move forward into new challenges with the electrical contract. Amy, Melissa, and your teams, for all your continued work. Utility departments, thank you, for continuing to push forward, knocking out several projects as we battle the last of these summer months in this heat and rain. Thoughts and well wishes to all our educators, students, bus drivers and parents as the start of school is next Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **August 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:



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- **Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the County Annex Building.**
- **Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 5:30 PM for Vacating an Alley running North and South between Lots 5 & 6 and 7 & 8 in Block 13 of the Original Town Subdivision in the City of Newton, Illinois.**

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss personnel and potential litigation to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

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

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:33 PM.

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

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

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 6:55 PM.

Mayor Kuhl announced that during closed session the council discussed personnel and potential litigation.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Submitted by:

Maggie E. McDonald, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maggie E. McDonald".