



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
August 20, 2024

- **Public Hearing 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 on Tuesday, August 20, 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 Kaleb Wright.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Kaleb Wright.
- 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: Alderman Eric Blake
- 4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adopt the amended agenda. (Add Theresa Leohr to Public Comments. Add Personnel and Potential Litigation to Executive Session.)
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick
Nays: None
- 5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of August 6, 2024.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Mike Swick, to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2024 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac
Nays: None
- 6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:
Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-paids in the amount of \$274,743.74 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 \$251,404.04. Kaleb Wright seconded the motion.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Theresa Leohr: Addressed the council asking for an update on the placement of a sign for her business, West End Reception and Events. The location where West End is wanting their sign is a right-of-way to Kennedy Dr. The owner of the right-of-way parcel of land is currently unknown. Ms. Leohr was advised by the city attorney to do a title search to find out exactly who owns the said parcel of land and proceed accordingly.
- 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: **None**
- 9. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Opening of sealed bids for the 2008 Vac Truck.
 - B. Consider and act on awarding bid for 2008 Vac Truck.
Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to award the bid for the 2008 Vac Truck to Kieffer Bros. Construction in the amount of \$40,000.
Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks
Nays: None
 - C. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 24-12 Vacating the 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.



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- Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Ordinance 24-12 Vacating the 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.
Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann
Nays: None
- D. Consider and act on authorizing the Dumpster Reimbursement Application for 204 N. Lafayette.
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Dumpster Reimbursement Application for 204 N. Lafayette.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick
Nays: None
- E. Consider and act on authorizing the disbursement of funds in the amount of \$2,500 to First Baptist Church for the Dumpster Reimbursement Application submitted for 205 N. Church St.
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the disbursement of funds in the amount of \$2,500 to First Baptist Church for the Dumpster Reimbursement Application submitted for 205 N. Church St.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac
Nays: None
- F. Consider and act on authorizing the invoice to Moran Economic Development in the amount of \$11,433.69 for services amending the Enterprise Zone.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the invoice to Moran Economic Development in the amount of \$11,433.69 for services amending the Enterprise Zone.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None
10. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. Consider and act on authorizing an Agreement to Purchase with Patrick and Justina Earnest, the buyer, and the City of Newton, the seller, of Lot 4 in Five Aprils Crossing.
Motion was made by Larry Brooks, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize an Agreement to Purchase with Patrick and Justina Earnest, the buyer, and the City of Newton, the seller, of Lot 4 in Five Aprils Crossing.
Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks
Nays: None
- B. Consider and act on authorizing a Grant Writing Agreement with South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission (SCIRPDC) for the OSLAD Grant.
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize a Grant Writing Agreement with South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission (SCIRPDC) for the OSLAD Grant in the amount of \$2,500.
Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann
Nays: None
- C. Consider and act on passing Resolution 24-07 Concerning Closed Session Minutes.



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Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize tabling Resolution 24-07 Concerning Closed Session Minutes until after Closed Session.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on passing Resolution 24-08 Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings between August 2022 – January 2023.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize tabling Resolution 24-08 Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings between August 2022 – January 2023 until after Closed Session.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

- E. Consider and act on passing Resolution 24-09 for the Fall Festival Parade on September 14, 2024.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Mike Swick, to pass Resolution 24-09 for the Fall Festival Parade on September 14, 2024.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

- F. Consider an act on authorizing AJ Schafer's letter of resignation.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize AJ Schafer's letter of resignation.

Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

- G. Consider and act on authorizing the Mayor to attend the IML Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois on September 19-21, 2024 in the amount of \$325.00 plus hotel and allowable expenses.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the Mayor to attend the IML Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois on September 19-21, 2024 in the amount of \$325.00 plus hotel and allowable expenses.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

- H. Consider and act on authorizing one City of Newton Police Officer to attend the University of Illinois Police Training Institute on September 9-13, 2024. Cost is \$525 plus hotel and allowable expenses.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Larry Brooks, to authorize one City of Newton Police Officer to attend the University of Illinois Police Training Institute on September 9-13, 2024. Cost is \$525 plus hotel and allowable expenses.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick

Nays: None

11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Thank you to Scott Avenue Church and everyone that participated in JC First and Upcycle. This is a great way for the kids to kick start the school year. The pool will close September 2. Thank you to our employees this season. On average, we had 45 participants for our aerobics classes. Thank you all for another successful year.

Wright: No comments

Brooks: Was contacted by residents with concerns about skunks in town. The city can not send someone out to an owner's private property to try and catch skunks due to liability reasons. The city will be addressing the skunk issue at Dufrain Park, and if you need a referral for pest control at your private residence, please call City Hall.



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Lindemann: Presented the utility adjustments. Welcome everyone back to school and the best of luck to the new School Resource Officer. Voiced opposition to the Capital Development Fund.

Swick: The Street Department has been out painting around the square. Thank you to all involved helping on this project. It looks great.

City Attorney: No comments.

City Treasurer: Appropriation Changes:

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the two following appropriation changes:

- 1. General Fund Cemetery: To move \$100.00 from Contingency Fund (9000-24) to Miscellaneous Expense (7000-24).**
- 2. General Administration: To move \$1,000.00 from the Contingency Fund (9000-27) to Building Repair (5630-27).**

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

We are looking at October for the completion of the audit.

City Clerk: (1 PO) for the Water Department

1. Water Department PO# 6543 to Hawkins and Company for a maintenance service call on the Chlorine Generator in the amount of \$3,600.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Water Department PO# 6543 to Hawkins and Company for a maintenance service call on the Chlorine Generator in the amount of \$3,600.

Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

Mayor: Thank you, AJ Schafer, for your time and dedication to the City of Newton and the Electric Department over the last three years. Wish you well on your future endeavors. The pool will be closing on September 2. Thank you to all our employees who kept the pool up and running this season, and our patrons who visited the pool. Thank you to our city employees involved in the painting around the square and for coming in on Sunday to get this job completed before our Fall Festival. The first ever BBQ Competition, sponsored by the American Legion, will be held at the fairgrounds this weekend. Media Night is Friday night. School sporting events have started. Be sure to show your support for all of our local athletes.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Electric Committee Meeting on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 5:30 PM.
- Personnel Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 6:00 PM.
- Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Closed Session Minutes, Personnel and Potential Litigation

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

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:29 PM.



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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, Swick

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:01 PM.

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

10 C. Consider and act on passing Resolution 24-07 Concerning Closed Session Minutes.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to pass Resolution 24-07 Concerning Closed Session Minutes.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

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Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

14. 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 7:03 PM.

Submitted by:

Maggie McDonald, City Clerk

ACCOUNTS PAYABLES August 21, 2024

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Connor Landscaping	\$192.00
Total Comm. Dev.	\$192.00

ZONING

Card Service Center	\$1.27
Total Zoning	\$1.27

GOLF

Doll's Inc.	\$486.72
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$3.88
Total Golf	\$490.60

STREET

Card Service Center	\$170.69
CCI Redi-Mix	\$710.00
Cintas	\$75.00
CNH Industrial Accounts	\$5,464.53
4 Pings Trucking, Inc.	\$892.07
Hometown Register	\$258.85
Kirchners Building Centers	\$119.52
Lorenz Supply Company	\$197.10
Martin's IGA	\$63.88
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$126.76
Newton Part Supply	\$412.04
South Central FS	\$67.50
The Sherwin-Williams Co.	\$435.45
Smithenry Grain LLC	\$5,493.07
Michael Todd & Company	\$1,681.11
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$503.15
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$430.00
Total Street	\$17,100.72

POLICE

Backwoods Lawn Service	200.00
Clint Crossen	1,475.00
Card Service Center	78.70
Cintas	88.08
Cintas Corporation	169.04
County of Jasper	8,173.01
Mike Fischer	\$150.00
Hinckley Springs	\$29.46
ILEAS	\$60.00
Lorenz Supply Company	\$148.79
Kelsey McClure	\$389.42
Kim Muska	\$389.42
Office Three Sixty, Inc.	\$13.99
Office Essentials	\$349.99
Linda S. Pieczynski	\$82.00
P.F. Pettibone & Co.	\$1,080.85
Tarr's Squeaky Clean Car Wash, Inc.	\$195.00
Police Cont.	
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$1,241.66
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$200.00
Total Police	\$14,514.41

CEMETERY

Backwoods Lawn Service	\$4,650.00
Total Cemetery	\$4,650.00

PARK

Alliance Tractor, LLC	\$65.58
Arbor Day Foundation	\$15.00
Backwoods Lawn Service	\$2,420.00
Card Service Center	\$437.37
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$10.82
Kirchner Building Centers	\$84.69
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$2.54

Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$18.29
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$322.51
Total Park	\$3,376.80

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Card Service Center	\$41.32
Jansen's Heating & Air Conditioning	\$162.00
Kirchner Building Centers	-\$203.88
Kemper Technology Consulting	\$5,246.26
Lorenz Supply Company	\$148.79
Kelsey McClure	\$389.43
Kim Muska	\$389.43
Pitney Bowes Inc.	\$33.96
TPS Enterprise	\$192.72
Total General Administration	\$6,400.03

POOL

Card Service Center	\$422.92
Central Cigar - Candy Co.	\$134.70
Hawkins, Inc.	\$1,480.50
Heartland Coca-Cola	\$948.10
Kirchner Building Centers	\$11.45
Kim's Ice Cream, LLC	\$877.20
Lorenz Supply Company	\$187.43
MaxiSweep, Inc.	\$105.36
Martin's IGA	\$96.49
Newton Part Supply	\$11.28
Wabash Food Service	\$2,271.62
Total Pool	\$6,547.05

TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS \$53,272.88

EMA

County of Jasper	\$550.62
Total EMA	\$550.62

MFT

Effingham Asphalt	\$911.05
Lee Kintner & Sons Inc.	\$106,602.45
3 Sisters Logistics, LLC	\$23,232.71
Total MFT	\$130,746.21

Capital Development

Backwoods Lawn Service	\$150.00
Hometown Register	\$176.70
SCIRPDC	\$5,000.00
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$150.00
Total Cap. Dev.	\$5,476.70

TIF

PGAV Planners	\$370.00
Total TIF	\$370.00

TOTAL SPECIALS \$137,143.53

ELECTRIC

A-J Welding & Steel, Inc.	\$10.00
Anixter Inc.	\$761.68
BHMG Engineers	\$1,410.33
Brownstown Electric Supply	\$1,329.00
Card Service Center	\$1,043.26
Cintas	\$146.90
Drake-Scruggs Equipment	\$3,758.40
Kirchner Building Centers	\$42.84
Kirby Risk Corporation	\$518.84

Kemper Technology	\$171.59
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$49.87
Online Information Services	\$17.89
Pitney Bowes Inc.	\$33.96
Republic Services #694	\$215.00
Springfield Electric Supply Co.	\$1,433.26
T & R Electric Supply Co.	\$14,489.43
Vision Metering, LLC	\$500.00
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$672.12
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$400.00
TOTAL ELECTRIC	\$27,004.37

WATER

Bradford Supply Company	\$496.21
Card Service Center	\$1.91
EJ Water Cooperative, Inc.	\$18.00
Hach Company	\$279.30
Hawkins, Inc.	\$311.46
Huddleston Supply	\$110.00
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$8.54
Kirchner Building Centers	\$53.44
McCoy Heating & Air Conditioning	\$87.00
Water Cont.	
Midwest Meter Inc.	\$2,658.00
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$867.18
Online Information Services	\$17.89
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$33.96
R.E. Pedrotti Company Inc.	\$11,355.00
UPS	\$48.76
Vandevanter Engineering	\$7,750.00
Verizon Wireless	\$20.77
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$428.80
TOTAL WATER	\$24,546.22

WWT

Card Service Center	\$1.91
Cintas	\$61.77
CNH Industrial Accounts	\$5,464.53
Hawkins, Inc.	\$1,540.85
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$149.69
Kirchner Building Centers	\$165.32
Martin's IGA	\$31.14
Midwest Meter, Inc.	\$1,264.34
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$141.97
Online Information Services	\$17.90
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$33.96
Verizon Wireless	\$49.23
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$514.43
TOTAL WWT	\$9,437.04

TOTAL PAYABLES = \$251,404.04

Prepays August 21, 2024

General Fund

Dollar General	\$167.35
Verizon Wireless	\$100.17
Metro Communications	\$761.28
Ameren Illinois	\$1,375.51
Sparklight	\$275.10
Suzie McCann	\$125.00
Jasper County Health Dept	\$100.00
Gayle Glumac	\$92.04
Caterpillar Financial Services Corp.	\$2,401.16
City of Newton	\$4,797.20
Adam Bridges	\$134.40
AT & T Mobility	\$256.92
LIUNA National Pension Fund	\$2,701.40
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	\$86.97
Newton Library	\$373.03
James Riddle	\$64.99
Metro Communications	\$761.28
Jasper County Clerk	\$99.00
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	\$14,672.80

INS A

Standard Insurance Company	\$194.01
Standard Insurance Company - vision	\$147.00
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	\$341.01

Payroll

AFLAC	\$1,903.00
Standard Insurance Company	\$232.32
State Disbursement Unit	\$86.76
Local 1197 Secretary Treasurer	\$855.00
Standard Insurance Company - vision	\$90.44
NCPERS	\$96.00
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	\$3,263.52

Specials

Symetra Life Insurance	\$61,696.00
3B General Contracting	\$12,674.50
Illinois EPA	\$150.00
Keith Harris	\$12,352.28
Terminx	\$355.00
Luminare Health Benefits	\$1,241.16
Jasper County Treasurer	\$1,319.40
City of Newton	\$16.11
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	\$89,804.45

Electric

City of Newton	\$663.19
Jasper County Clerk	\$21.67
Illinois Power Marketing	\$154,616.71
Ameren Illinois	\$66.96
Sparklight	\$115.57
Norris Electric Cooperative	\$135.25
Caterpillar Financial Services Corp.	\$2,401.15
Newton Post Office	\$203.87
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	\$158,224.37

Water

Verizon Wireless	\$20.77
City of Newton	\$2,327.61
Jasper County Clerk	\$21.67
UPS	\$36.83
Ameren Illinois	\$90.18
Sparklight	\$97.25
Newton Post Office	\$203.87
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	\$2,798.18

WWT

Verizon Wireless	\$49.23
City of Newton	\$5,132.14
Jasper County Clerk	\$21.66
Ameren Illinois	\$75.26
Sparklight	\$97.25
Newton Post Office	\$203.87
Southern IL Wastewater Operators	\$60.00
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	\$5,639.41

Total Prepays =

 \$274,743.74