



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

March 1, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor  
**Mayor Joshua J. Kuhl called the meeting to order.**
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman R. J. Lindemann.  
**Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman R. J. Lindemann.**
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta York, City Clerk  
**Physically present: Gayle Glumac, David Brown, RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris**  
**Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta M. York**  
**Absent: Larry Brooks**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Delete #8A and #8E  
**Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brown, to adopt the amended agenda.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Lindemann, Blake, Harris**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of February 15, 2022.  
**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Blake**
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Jeff Vance  
Jeff Vance from Vistra Energy was introduced to the Council. He said he would be in the area more in the future. He had stopped by earlier to speak with the Collector and Treasurer about the PCA rates.
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Feb. 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM, Personnel Committee and at 6:20 PM Water and Wastewater  
**Blake-Personnel:**  
The committee went in to Executive Session to discuss personnel.  
The committee came out of Executive Session and adjourned the meeting  
The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM  
**Harris-Water and Wastewater:**  
Called to order at 6:44 pm
  - Shannon spoke on the grant we are going to apply for. This grant is for wastewater treatment plants for energy saving projects. The grant is due March 29<sup>th</sup>, and we agreed that Shannon needed to apply for this grant for us ASAP.
  - The plant at this time is using 2 of its 3 blowers to take care of oxidation, and mixing of the treatment basin. It has been determined that we have an airline that is leaking under the concrete drive. If we get this grant we can update our blowers and get the air leak fixed.
  - Project will cost approximately \$300,000. :The City's portion would be approximately \$60,000. It would possibly cost us that if we were to just fix the air leak, but we could get efficient blowers to save us energy with the grant.

Brent presented a letter from David and Kris Newton's lawyer. They were asking for a solution to a problem they were having, when the sewer line was blown out near their home. Brent was not aware that there was a problem. He went and spoke to the Newton's and came up with a solution. He will remove the cap on their sewer cleanout when blowing the lines next time. This should solve the problem. Adjourned at 7:44

**Mayor Kuhl left at 6:14**

**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Lindemann, to appoint David Brown as Mayor Pro Tem.**

**Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Harris, Glumac**



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Nays: None

### 8. OLD BUSINESS:

- ~~A. Consider and act on adopting 2015 International Property Maintenance Code as discussed at the last police committee meeting.~~

Shannon Woodard explained the bidding.

- B. Consider and act on bids received for Water Well #10, awarding contract to Beanland & Son of Anna, Illinois in the amount of \$245,850.00.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Lindemann, to authorize bids received for Water Well #10, awarding contract to Beanland & Son of Anna, Illinois in the amount of \$245,850.00.**

**Ayes: Blake, Harris, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Glumac, Lindemann**

**Nays: None**

- C. Consider and act on authorizing Connor & Connor to solicit an IEPA Energy Grant for the WWTF Aeration & Electrical Improvements.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Connor & Connor to solicit an IEPA Energy Grant for the WWTF Aeration & Electrical Improvements.**

**Ayes: Harris, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Glumac, Lindemann, Blake**

**Nays: None**

- D. Consider and act on Ordinance 22-03 UTILITIES 38-1-14 Connection Permits; Fees (A) Revising tap fee requirements.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to pass Ordinance 22-03 UTILITIES 38-1-14 Connection Permits; Fees (A) Revising tap fee requirements.**

**Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Glumac, Lindemann, Blake, Harris**

**Nays: None**

- ~~E. Consider and act on Ordinance 22-04 STREETS 33-4-4 Permit~~

~~Required: Applications and Fees Revising (F) Application Fees from \$500 to \$100 Adding (G) Street Cutting Deposit at \$500.~~

### 9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on Special Event Application from Waylon's Warriors to host Kick Addis Food Truck to benefit kids with cancer on March 12, 2022 starting at 11:00 AM.

**Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Lindemann, to authorize Special Event Application from Waylon's Warriors to host Kick Addis Food Truck to benefit kids with cancer on March 12, 2022 starting at 11:00 AM.**

**Ayes: Glumac, Lindemann, Blake, Harris, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown**

**Nays: None**

### 10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

**Glumac:** No Comments

**Lindemann:** No Comments, but later called a Building and Grounds with Finance Committees Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022 after the Park, Cemetery and Pool Committee around 6:30 PM.

**Blake:** No Comments

**Harris:** No Comments





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**Brown (Mayor Pro Tem):** He called at Park, Cemetery and Pool Committee meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

## City Attorney:

1. I want to go back to old business. Item #8A was deleted from the agenda tonight. Chief dropped off at my office, a copy of the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code with the idea adopting it. I had him take it off the agenda after I looked at it. It requires certain adjustments to what's in here to make it unique to the city. I've suggested to the Chief that the Police Committee needs to look through it. Just as one example in here, we have a nuisance or nuisance ordinance that deals with weeds. Well, this has a new ordinance that deals with weeds as well. The Council needs to go through and make sure they're consistent and one takes precedence over the other. There are a few items like that one. In the front of the booklet, it pretty much gives you the areas needing to be reviewed. Basically, the one that we're using now is a 2003 International Property Maintenance Code.
2. The second thing was to delete item 8E. This is a substantial change to and part of that ordinance dealing with connecting and street cutting and boring. I thought the various committees involved in the departments ought to look at this before it is adopted. So, I ask the Brenda to pass it around to them. Brenda emailed it to the mayor, Marlene and to the Street Department and told everybody to look at it before we adopt it.

**City Treasurer:** No Comments

**City Clerk:** No Comments

**Mayor Kuhl:** Mayor gave a written comment to be read: Congratulation to Chad Miller, on his future appointment to Judge. Thank him for his years of service as Jasper County State's Attorney.

## 11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM

### SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Park, Cemetery and Pool Committee meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM.
- Building and Grounds with Finance Committees Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022 after the Park, Cemetery and Pool Committee around 6:30 PM.

## 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: purchase of real estate and personnel

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Lindeman, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss purchase of real estate and personnel pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.**

**Ayes:** Lindemann, Blake, Harris, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Glumac

**Nays:** None

**Open session suspended at 6:32 PM**

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to go out of closed session and back into open session.**

**Ayes:** Blake, Harris, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Glumac, Lindemann

**Nays:** None

**Open session resumed at 7:15 PM.**

David Brown, Mayor Pro Tem, announced that during closed session the council discussed purchase of real estate and personnel.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

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

**Ayes:** Harris, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Glumac, Lindemann, Blake

**Nays:** None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta M. York**