



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
January 16, 2024

- **Personnel Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 5:15 PM.**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor
Mayor Joshua Kuhl called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Joshua Kuhl.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Mayor Joshua Kuhl.
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 Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to adopt the amended agenda. Personnel was added to Executive Session.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of January 2, 2024.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to approve the minutes of the January 2, 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-pays in the amount of \$212,583.34 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 \$151,680.64. Kaleb Wright seconded the motion.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

- **Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:30 PM.**

Finance/Audit Committee Meeting Minutes, Monday, January 8, 2024, 5:30 PM – 6:03 PM.

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

- Demolition Reimbursement Application policies were discussed. The majority of the committee did not feel that the city should withhold reimbursements for receipts provided containing the labor of the applicants or their family members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm

Those in attendance: RJ Lindemann – Chairman, Eric Blake, Mike Swick, Maggie McDonald, Larry Brooks, Tyler Weber, Josh Kuhl, Eric Blake, Gayle Glumac, Kenneth Belcher, Elizabeth Belcher, Melissa Brooks

- **Electric Committee Meeting Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

Electric Committee Meeting Minutes, Monday, January 8, 2024, 6:03 PM – 7:20 PM

Present: Gayle Glumac, Joshua Kuhl, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake, Mike Swick, Melissa Brooks, Maggie McDonald, Matt Tarr, Amy Tarr, Brenda Phillips, Jeff Vance, Mike Schackmann, Tyler Weber

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

- The City of Newton has now taken over the Lights in the Park. Last week, all the lights were taken down and picked up by owners or stored away. The process went smoothly with the extra help pulled together from all the city departments.
- Some changes and different options of operation for the following year were discussed. The idea of setting up a separate committee for the Lights in the Park was brought to the table. Different opportunities for future storage use were also presented.
- Different locations for a new substation were considered.
- Matt Tarr, Electric Department Head, presented several benefits a new bucket truck could convey to their department. It can take up to 3 years to receive the new truck if decided to purchase.
- The Electric Department is looking into sending one employee to back-to-back lineman school training.
- Possibility of new policies put in place involving supply interruption liabilities were discussed.



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Mike Schackmann and Tyler Weber left the meeting at 6:51 PM.

Jeff Vance joined the meeting at 6:51 PM.

- Gayle Glumac asked for a motion to go out of open session and into closed session, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to discuss municipal power.
- Gayle Glumac asked for a motion to go out of closed session and back into open session, seconded by RJ Lindemann, at 7:19 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Submitted by:

Gayle Glumac – Chairman

- **Personnel Committee Meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 5:15 PM.**
(Waiting on Minutes)

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **NONE**

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing the City Attorney to move forward with a city limit property disconnection at 8665 N. St. HWY 130 and 8679 N. St. HWY 130.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac to authorize tabling the City Attorney to move forward with a city limit property disconnection at 8665 N. St. HWY 130 and 8679 N. St. HWY 130.

Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing the disbursement of funds to 3B General Contracting for a Demolition Reimbursement Application for 706 Fairground.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the disbursement of funds to 3B General Contracting for a Demolition Reimbursement Application for 706 Fairground in the amount of

\$15,000.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: Lindemann

- C. Consider and act on authorizing the disbursement of funds to Mike Fischer for a Demolition Reimbursement Application for 304 W. Curts St.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the disbursement of funds to Mike Fischer for a Demolition Reimbursement Application for 304 W. Curts St. in the amount of \$8,080.92.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Swick

Nays: Lindemann

- D. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 24-01 pertaining to Water Well Maximum Setback Zones.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindeman, to pass Ordinance 24-01 pertaining to Water Well Maximum Setback Zones.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on sending Newton City Attorney to the IML Spring Municipal Attorney Seminar in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, on March 7, 2024, for a total amount of \$225 plus allowable expenses.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize sending the Newton City Attorney to the IML Spring Municipal Attorney Seminar in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, on March 7, 2024, for a total amount of \$225 plus allowable expenses.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac Wright

Nays: None

11. STATEMENTS BY:



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Glumac: Everyone be safe. The roads are slick.

Wright: It's supposed to stay below 20 degrees the rest of the week, everyone stay safe.

Brooks: No Comments.

Lindemann: Reviewed the utility adjustments. Voiced opposition on Capital Development Fund.

Swick: No Comments.

City Attorney: No Comments.

City Treasurer: Presented appropriation changes:

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to make the three (3) following appropriation changes:

1. **General Fund: General Administration (9000-27), to move \$3,000 from Contingency Fund to Training Expense (5450-27).**
2. **General Fund: Pool (9000-28), to move \$5,000 from the Contingency Fund to Equipment Repair (5600-28).**
3. **Specials: EMA (9000-52), to moved \$3,000 from the Contingency Fund to EMA Miscellaneous Expense (7000-52).**

Ayes: Lindemann, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

We are working on budgets and hope to have them to department heads by end of month.

City Clerk: No Comments.

Mayor: Everyone stay safe and warm. If anyone would need anything during these bitter cold days, please reach out to myself or city hall. In the meantime, think Spring! It will be here before we know it.

12. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: NONE

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss personnel 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 6:24 PM.

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

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:03 PM.

Mayor Kuhl announced that during closed session the council discussed Personnel.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Submitted by:

Maggie E. McDonald, City Clerk

ACCOUNTS PAYABLES January 17, 2024

STREET

A-J Welding and Steel Inc.	\$67.25
Jasper Clothiers	\$381.50
Jasper County Health Department	\$180.00
Kirchner Building Centers	\$13.98
Lorenz Supply Co.	\$103.74
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$383.51
Wabash Valley Service Company	\$62.33
Total Street	\$1,192.31

POLICE

Bergbower Excavation	240.00
Cintas Corp.	135.24
Cintas	\$152.58
County of Jasper	\$7,825.53
Clint Crossen	\$1,400.00
Galls, LLC.	\$26.05
Grainger	\$1,154.04
Hinckley Springs	\$44.95
Jasper Clothiers	\$160.00
Jasper County Health Dept.	\$883.00
Kemper Technology Consulting	\$69.00
Kirchner Building Centers	\$11.94
Lorenz Supply Company	\$92.19
Kelsey McClure	\$311.54
Kim McClure	\$311.54
Ray O'Herron	\$1,759.15
Wabash Valley Service Company	\$978.21
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$656.25
Total Police	\$16,211.21

CEMETERY

Yager Backhoe Service	\$600.00
Total Cemetery	\$600.00

PARK

Birch Auto Service & Towing	\$866.00
Gingers' Gardens & Gifts	\$51.00
Jasper County Health Dept.	\$120.00
Steve Jones Plumbing	\$859.38
Kirchner Building Centers	\$116.02
McCoy Heating & Air Conditioning	\$655.70
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$70.86
Total Park	\$2,738.96

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Civic Systems, LLC.	\$390.50
Jasper County Credit Bureau	\$60.00
Jasper County Health Dept.	\$60.00
Kemper Technology Consulting	\$608.21
Lorenz Supply Company	\$92.20
Kelsey McClure	\$311.54
Kim Muska	\$311.54
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$131.25
Total General Administration	\$1,965.24

TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS \$22,707.72

EMA

County of Jasper	\$836.27
Total EMA	\$836.27

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$100.00
SCIRP & DC	\$797.15
Total Capital Development	\$897.15

TIF

Hometown Register	\$139.50
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$43.75
Total TIF	\$183.25

TOTAL SPECIALS	\$1,916.67
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ELECTRIC

Alliance Tractor LLC.	\$75.00
Anixter, Inc.	\$16,729.77
BHMG Engineers, Inc.	\$11,446.60
Brownstown Electric Supply	\$22,050.02
Civic Systems, LLC.	\$390.50
Cummins Sales and Service	\$776.86
Jasper County Health Dept.	\$360.00
Jason Allen Tree Service	\$1,100.00
JM Test Systems	\$349.25
Kirchner Building Centers	\$44.00
Martin's IGA	\$46.31
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$1,065.99
Online Information Services	\$18.88
T & R Electric Supply Co., Inc.	\$27,081.07
Vance Power and Energy Consulting, LLC.	\$10,114.16
Wabash Valley Service Company	\$643.42
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene, P.C.	\$437.50
TOTAL ELECTRIC	\$92,729.33

WATER

Alliance Tractor LLC.	\$19.71
B\S Investments	\$500.00
Civic Systems LLC.	\$390.50
Deere Credit, Inc	\$7,141.56
Hach Company	\$138.43
Hawkins, Inc.	\$363.06
iWater, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Jasper Clothiers	\$361.50
Jasper County Health Dept.	\$180.00
Kirchner Building Centers	\$12.99
Office Essentials	\$14.68
Online Information Services	\$18.88
Schulte Supply	\$129.84
St. Thomas Catholic Church	\$4,000.00
UPS	\$23.54
Wabash Valley Service Company	\$241.55
TOTAL WATER	\$15,536.24

WWT

A-J Welding & Steel Inc.	\$130.12
C and C Pumps & Supply	\$65.89
Cintas	\$70.93
Civic Systems, LLC.	\$390.50
Coe Equipment, Inc.	\$1,468.82
Crawford Hydraulics	\$245.96
Deere Credit, Inc	\$7,141.56
Jasper Clothiers	\$867.95
Jasper County Health Dept.	\$240.00
Steve Jones Plumbing	\$37.87
Kirchner Building Centers	\$55.43
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$2.00
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$198.45
Online Information Services	\$18.88
City of Robinson WWTF	\$128.00
USA BlueBook	\$7,281.54
Vandevanter Engineering	\$184.89
Wabash Valley Service Company	\$261.89
TOTAL WWT	\$18,790.68

TOTAL PAYABLES =	\$151,680.64
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Prepays January 17, 2024

General Fund

Jeremy Haycraft	\$116.44
Ramon Kocher Construction	\$2,189.86
Verizon Wireless	\$1.71
The Municiple Clerks of Illinois	\$150.00
Ameren Illinois	\$708.91
Sparklight	\$311.72
LIUNA National (Industrial) Pension Fund	\$4,299.05
Pitney Bowes Bank, Inc - Purchase Power	\$251.25
MCC Network Services, LLC	\$752.26
Amy Tarr	\$43.17
Police Dept. Petty Cash	\$53.15
City of Newton	\$941.31
Newton Library	\$1,757.77
Southwestern IL Law Enforcement & Commission	\$170.00
AT&T Mobility	\$256.92
	\$12,003.52

INS A

The Standard	\$194.01
Standard Insurance Co.	\$182.00
	\$376.01

Payroll

NCPERS Group Life Ins.	\$208.00
State Disbursement Unit	\$86.76
The Standard	\$279.82
Standard Insurance Co	\$106.60
AFLAC	\$951.50
	\$1,632.68

Specials

Luminare Health Benefits	\$832.24
City of Newton	\$48.79
Symetra Life insurance	\$33,164.00
	\$34,045.03

Electric

Ameren Illinois	\$180.02
Norris Electric Coop	\$135.25
Sparklight	\$115.57
Newton Post Office	\$189.07
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc, Purchase Power	\$251.25
City of Newton	\$393.30
Illinois Municipal Utilities Association	\$3,644.97
Online Information Services	\$19.87
Illinois Power Marketing	\$97,904.91
	\$102,834.21

Water

Hacker Well & Pump	\$32,310.00
Tyler Weber	\$66.00
IL Rural Water Association	\$190.00
Verizon Wireless	\$20.72
Ameren Illinois	\$272.64
Sparklight	\$97.25
Newton Post Office	\$189.07
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc -Purchase Power	\$251.25
City of Newton	\$1,386.61
Online Information Services	\$19.87
3B General Contracting LLC	\$22,500.00
	\$57,303.41

WWT

Verizon Wireless	\$49.22
Ameren Illinois	\$176.38
Sparklight	\$97.25
Newton Post Office	\$189.07
Pitney Bowes Inc - Purchase Power	\$251.25
City of Newton	\$3,563.48
Online Information Services	\$19.86
Tractor Supply Credit	\$41.97
	\$4,388.48

Total Prepays =

\$212,583.34