



**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**108 N. VAN BUREN St.**  
**NEWTON, IL 62448**  
**December 19, 2023**

**Finance and Audit Committee Meeting was held at 5:30 PM.**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor

**Mayor Joshua Kuhl called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.**

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Larry Brooks.

**Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks.**

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:

**Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to adopt the amended agenda. Municipal Power was added to Executive Session.**

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

**Nays: None**

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of December 5, 2023.

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to approve the minutes of the December 5, 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 \$246,452.26 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 \$175,054.00. 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:

- **Finance/Audit Committee Meeting Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 5:30 PM.**  
**(Waiting on minutes)**

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on appointing Mayor Pro Temp to sign TIF Redevelopment Agreement for Double K 23, LLC approved on October 3, 2023.

**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac to appoint Mayor Pro Temp Mike Swick to sign TIF Redevelopment Agreement for Double K 23, LLC approved on October 3, 2023, for only this limited, specific purpose.**

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

**Nays: None**

- B. Consider and act on authorizing increased cyber security coverage through IML Risk Management Association in the amount of \$1,511.00.



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**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize increased cyber security coverage through IML Risk Management Association in the amount of \$1,511.00.**

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

**Nays: None**

- C. Consider and act on authorizing a 3-year proposal agreement with Kemper CPA Group for the annual audit and annual TIF audit.

**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize a 3-year proposal agreement with Kemper CPA Group for the annual audit and annual TIF audit.**

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

**Nays: None**

- D. Consider and act on authorizing the City of Newton as the official administrator over Lights in the Park moving forward.

**Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the City of Newton as the official administrator over Lights in the Park moving forward.**

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

**Nays: Blake**

- E. Consider and act on authorizing the City Attorney to move forward with Ordinance pertaining to Water Well Setbacks.

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the City Attorney to move forward with Ordinance pertaining to Water Well Setback.**

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

**Nays: None**

- F. Consider and act on authorizing 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 Mike Swick, 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 in Newton, Illinois.**

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

**Nays: None**

- G. Consider and act on sending a Newton Police Officer to attend the full-time Southwestern Illinois Police Academy starting January 8, 2024 with an estimated cost of \$6,695, plus allowable expenses, and a graduation date of April 26, 2024.

**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize sending a Newton Police Officer to attend the full-time Southwestern Illinois Police Academy starting January 8, 2024 with an estimated cost of \$6,695, plus allowable expenses, and a graduation date of April 26, 2024.**

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



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**Nays: None**

- H. Consider and act on passing Ordinance No. 23-17 Amending the Pay Schedule for the Electric Department Head to \$25.99 per hour.

**Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, on passing Ordinance No. 23-17 Amending the Pay Schedule for the Electric Department Head to \$25.99 per hour.**

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

**Nays: Blake**

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Consider and act on passing Ordinance No. 23-18 Regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act.

**Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to pass Ordinance No. 23-18 Regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act.**

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

**Nays: None**

- B. Consider and act on passing Resolution 23-12 A Resolution of Support for a State of Illinois Community Block Grant.

**Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to pass Resolution 23-12 A Resolution of Support for a State of Illinois Community Block Grant.**

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

**Nays: None**

- C. Consider and act on authorizing a Grant Writing Services Agreement with South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission (SCIRPDC) for the Community Development Block Grant.

**Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize a Grant Writing Services Agreement with South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission (SCIRPDC) for the Community Development Block Grant.**

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

**Nays: None**

**11. STATEMENTS BY:**

**Glumac:** Merry Christmas to everyone! Hope everyone gets to enjoy their families over the holiday season.

**Wright:** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Hope you all enjoy time with your family ringing in the new year.

**Brooks:** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Lindemann:** Went over the utility adjustments. Merry Christmas, remember what the holiday season is all about.

**Blake:** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Swick:** Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Hope everyone gets to enjoy time with family.



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**City Attorney:** Merry Christmas to all and have a Blessed New Year!

**City Treasurer:** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I am now a grandma to a new precious baby girl.

**City Clerk:** Informed the council of the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and Award Nomination form. Brought the council up to speed with the new website proposal from Imagine This. Talked about possibly attending the winter seminar Clerks Training Program. **(1 PO)**

- Wastewater PO# 11 USA Blue Book for a Hach DR3900 Spectrophotometer in the amount of \$6,750.00.

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the Wastewater PO# 11 to USA Blue Book for a Hach DR3900 Spectrophotometer in the amount of \$6,750.00.**

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

**Nays: None**

Merry Christmas!

**Mayor:** First and foremost, I want everyone around the table to know how thankful I am for your time and dedication you continually give, to not only your position here, but to your outside lives and your families. Thank you to every one of our city employees. I hope this holiday season gives you time to relax, reflect and recharge. As another year passes and we embrace the upcoming, please enjoy the moment, with family, your children and elders, as time goes faster and faster. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

**12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Finance and Audit Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 5:30 PM.**

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Potential Litigation, Litigation and Municipal Power**

**Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss potential litigation, litigation and municipal power pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.**

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

**Nays: None**

Open session suspended at 6:55 PM.

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

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

**Nays: None**

Open session resumed at 7:45 PM.

Mayor Kuhl announced that during closed session the council discussed potential litigation, litigation and municipal power.



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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Nays: None**

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Submitted by:

Maggie E. McDonald, City Clerk