



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
November 21, 2023

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: City Clerk Maggie McDonald
Absent: Attorney William Heap and Treasurer Melissa Brooks
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to adopt the proposed agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of November 7, 2023.
Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 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 \$305,640.46 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 \$175,026.31. 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:
 - **Police/Building Permit Committee Meeting Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM.**

Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 8, 2023 6:00 PM – 7:05 PM

Present: Joshua Kuhl, Riley Britton, Mike Swick, Eric Blake, Larry Brooks, Maggie McDonald, Melissa Brooks

- The Police and Building Permit Committee went into Executive Session to interview and discuss new employment in the Police Department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Michael Swick – Chairman

9. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on authorizing the American Legion, Borgic Designs and the Jasper Co. Chamber to display Veterans banners around the Newton square.
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright to authorize the American Legion, Borgic Designs and the Jasper Co. Chamber to display Veterans banners around the Newton square.
Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks
Nays: None
 - B. Consider and act on authorizing the City of Newton to pay for the first round of hardware for the Veterans banners, with an estimated cost of \$805.
Motion was made by Larry Brooks, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the City of Newton to pay for the first round of hardware for the Veterans banners, with an estimated cost of \$805. This will be funded out of the Beautification Fund.
Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann
Nays: None



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- C. Consider and act on authorizing the hiring of Sean Brody as a full-time officer to the Newton Police Department with a start date of December 5, 2023, as recommended by the Police and Building Permit Committee.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Larry Brooks, to authorize the hiring of Sean Brody as a full-time officer to the Newton Police Department with a start date of December 5, 2023, as recommended by the Police and Building Permit Committee.

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

Nays: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on authorizing the 2024 Newton City Council Meeting Schedule.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the 2024 Newton City Council Meeting Schedule.

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

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing Christmas bonuses for all present full-time and part-time employees who have worked at least 3 months and are currently working, consisting of an extra eight hours pay or an eight hours day off with pay, to be taken by the last pay period in April 2024.

Motion was made by Eric Blake, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize Christmas bonuses for all present full-time and part-time employees who have worked at least 3 months and are currently working, consisting of an extra eight hours pay or an eight hours day off with pay, to be taken by the last pay period in April 2024.

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

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on authorizing city employee and council Christmas gathering.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Mike Swick, authorizing city employee and council Christmas gathering.

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

Nays: None

- D. Discuss Riverside Cemetery Mapping Initiative and proposal.

Brad Benefiel, with the Park Department, was contacted last week about updating our cadastral data at Riverside Cemetery. Further research and discussion will be gathered before a final decision is made to move forward with the update.

- E. Consider and act on Special Event Application for Rauch's Christmas Traditions that will be held Friday evenings on December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd from the hours of 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Special Event Application for Rauch's Christmas Traditions that will be held Friday evenings on December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd from the hours of 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Rauch's Jewelry.

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

Nays: None

11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Everyone have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Wright: Thank you to the Street Department for their leaf pickup service.

Brooks: Happy Thanksgiving.

Lindemann: Presented utility adjustments. Happy Thanksgiving and stay grateful.

Blake: No Comments.

Swick: Have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. Would like more information on trying to get the characters of Holly Jolly brought back into our community.

City Clerk: Discussed city/county website. Happy Thanksgiving. Shout out to the Street Department for all the hard work with leaf pickup.

Mayor: Read aloud a Thank You letter from Mrs. Hildabrand and residents of Hickory Dr. for the landscaping beautification project done by the students of St. Thomas, Mr. Stork, Jordy



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Connor, the city and all involved. Congratulations to the 8th grade students of St. Thomas for the Hometown Hero Award presented by the Chamber. As always, thank you to all our city employees. Get out and check out the square, it looks very nice. Lastly, lots of prayers going out to those in our community. I hope everyone takes this time to reflect and be thankful. Happy Thanksgiving.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- **Electric Committee Meeting Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM.**
- **Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting Tuesday, December 5, 2023 5:45 PM.**

13. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Submitted by:

Maggie E. McDonald, City Clerk