



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
December 5, 2023

**WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD AT 5:45 PM FOR THE
OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR ROOF AT NEWTON WATER PLANT.**

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, Eric Blake and Mike Swick
Also present: Attorney William Heap and City Clerk Maggie McDonald
Absent: Treasurer Melissa Brooks
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to adopt the amended agenda.
Litigation and Municipal Power was added to Executive Session.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of November 21, 2023.
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2023 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **None**
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

- **Electric Committee Meeting Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM.**

Electric Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, November 27, 2023, 6:00 PM – 8:31 PM

Present: Gayle Glumac, Joshua Kuhl, Matt Tarr, Amy Tarr, Brenda Phillips, Jeff Vance, William Heap, Maggie McDonald, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake, Mike Swick, Jeff Vance

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

- The Electric Committee went into Executive Session to discuss municipal power.

Electric Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:07 PM

- Future power proposals were discussed.
- Electric Committee went back into Executive Session at 8:25 PM to evaluate other related electric matters.

Electric Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Gayle Glumac - Chairman

- **Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 5:45 PM.**
Waiting on minutes.

8. OLD BUSINESS:



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- A. Consider and act on awarding bid for new roof at Newton Water Plant.
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to award bid for new roof at the Newton Water Plant to 3B General Contracting in the amount of \$44,745.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright
Nays: None
- B. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 23-XX approving the 2022 Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan and Project for Redevelopment Project Area No. 1.
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to pass Ordinance 23-XX approving the 2022 Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan and Project for Redevelopment Project Area No. 1.
Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks
Nays: None
- C. Consider and act on passing Ordinance No. 23-16 Annual Tax Levy.
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Ordinance No. 23-16 Annual Tax Levy.
Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann
Nays: None
- Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to resend line item 8B., passing Ordinance 23-XX approving the 2022 Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan and Project for Redevelopment Project Area No. 1.**
Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake
Nays: None
- Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick to table line item 8B., passing Ordinance 23-XX approving the 2022 Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan and Project for Redevelopment Project Area No.1 to the June 4, 2024 city council meeting.**
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick
Nays: None
- D. Consider and act on authorizing the Abatement Certificate for Aquatic Facility.
Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the Abatement Certificate for Aquatic Facility.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac
Nays: None
- E. Consider and act on authorizing the proposal for the City of Newton annual audit and annual TIF audit.



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Motion was made by Larry Brooks, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize seeking bid proposals for the City of Newton annual audit and annual TIF audit.

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

Nays: None

- F. Consider and act on utilizing the alley between Grace Methodist Church and the County Office Building for a beautification project.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to utilize the alley between Grace Methodist Church and the County Office Building for a beautification project contingent upon approval and involvement from Grace Methodist Church and the County of Jasper.

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

Nays: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on Symetra insurance rates for 2024.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize Symetra insurance rates for 2024.

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

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) contribution rate of 6.16% for 2024.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) contribution rate of 6.16% for 2024.

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

Nays: None

- C. Discuss property at 805 Fairground.

The property at 805 Fairground had a fire in January 2023. There has been no response from the home owners in regards to any reconstruction or clean up. Further action was discussed. A letter is being sent to home owners.

- D. Consider and act on Special Event Application from the Jasper County Chamber to host Christmas on the Square on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize Special Event Application from the Jasper County Chamber to host Christmas on the Square on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

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

Nays: None

10. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Thanked the Leachman's, the Electric Department, and all volunteers who have stepped up and contributed to making the Lights in the Park successful. All the lights on the square and throughout the City of Newton look very nice and festive.

Wright: No comments

Brooks: All the lights in town look great.



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Lindemann: Merry Christmas. Voiced opinion on abolishing the Capital Development Fund.

Blake: No comments

Swick: All the lights look really good. It continues to get better each year.

City Attorney: No comments

City Clerk:

Electric Dept. PO#22-30 for the purchase of 30 new utility poles from Bridgewell Resources in the total amount of \$22,295.00.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize the Electric Dept. PO#22-30 for the purchase of 30 new utility poles from Bridgewell Resources in the total amount of \$22,295.00.

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

Nays: None

Mayor: Thank you to Rachel McVicar and Donna Watkins for all their extra work helping out in the Treasurers Office. The Old Mill Bridge looks amazing as always, thanks to Lanette Huddleston and her crew. Voiced appreciation to Lights in the Park and all involved in making the City of Newton look merry and bright. Everyone needs to get out and enjoy all the wonderful activities that are planned for the community this holiday season.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Finance/Audit Committee Meeting
December 19, 2023 at 5:30 PM.**

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel, Litigation and Municipal Power

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

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

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:33 PM.

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

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

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:44 PM.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT:

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



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**Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks
Nays: None**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Submitted by:
Maggie E. McDonald, City Clerk