



## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

May 4, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor  
**Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.**
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Eric Blake.  
**Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Eric Blake.**
3. ROLL CALL: Amy Tarr, Deputy City Clerk  
**Physically present: Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris**  
**Absent: Robert Reisner**  
**Also present: Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Attorney William Heap, Mayor-Elect Joshua Kuhl, Alderman-Elect RJ Lindemann and Deputy Clerk Amy Tarr**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:  
Add Tim Dasenbrock and Michael Tappendorf to #6.  
Add PO# 6520 and 6251 to #7, Clerk Comments.  
Remove Rosetta York, Kenneth Albrecht and Ed Webb from #9.  
Add JEDI Meeting to #10.  
**Motion was made by David Brown, seconded by Marlene Harris, to adopt the amended agenda.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of April 28, 2021  
**Motion was made by Larry Brooks, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021 special meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac**  
**Nays: None**
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:
  - a. **Luke Eastin & Trish Lund -- South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission (SCIRPDC)**  
**Because of COVID delays, the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant has been extended another year. We are currently working on the 6<sup>th</sup> house out of 10.**  
**Contracts are signed and a pre-construction meeting will be held on May 11, 2021 at City Hall for the Liberty Street water project.**  
**Resolution 21-07 Jasper County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is a 5-year plan that will help Jasper County, the City of Newton and the Village of Ste Marie reduce the long-term risks associated with and caused by natural hazard events and disasters.**
  - b. **Tim Dasenbrock – Hospitality Industry Representative for Area 51**  
**Tim Dasenbrock introduced himself to the new Council and explained there is a delicate balance of liquor and gaming establishments in Newton and Jasper County. He shared his contact information in case the Council ever had a question or concern he could help with.**
  - c. **Michael Tappendorf – Milano & Grunhol**  
**Updated Eagle Trail plans were presented to Council. Milano and Grunhol are waiting for approval from IDOT and have submitted permit applications to Army Corp of Engineers and IDNR. Progress, although slow, is being made.**
7. STATEMENTS BY :  
Council Members:  
**Harris: Thank you Mark.**  
**Blake: Thank you Mark.**  
**Brooks: Presented Mayor Mark Bolander with a plaque in recognition of 16 years of dedication and service to the City of Newton. The City also recognizes Robert Reisner's 20 years of dedication to the City and will take his plaque to him.**  
**It has been a pleasure working with you.**  
**Brown: Thank you to Mark and Bob for your years of serving as Mayor and Alderman. Congratulations to the new board.**



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The City pool is being filled. It is scheduled to open May 28, 2021.

Republic Service residential trash pickup day is changing. They are mailing out letters and attaching cards to totes to alert residents and businesses who will be affected by the change.

**Glumac: Thank you, Mark, for your hard work.**

**City Attorney: Thank you, Mark, for your years of service to the City of Newton.**

**City Treasurer: Thank you Mark and Robert.**

**Deputy City Clerk: PO# 6520 Water Department Hacker Well & Pump \$20,100 for cleaning Wells 7 & 8 and cleaning raw water line.**

**A motion was made by Larry Brooks, seconded by Marlene Harris to approve Water Department PO# 6520 to Hacker Well & Pump for \$20,100 to clean Wells 7&8 and clean raw water line.**

**Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown**

**Nays: None**

**PO# 6521 Water Department NAHC \$16,287.05 to install a new fence around the south water tower.**

**A motion was made by Larry Brooks, seconded by Marlene Harris, to approve Water Department PO# 6521 to NAHC to install a new fence around the south water tower.**

**Ayes: Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor: I want to thank the Council for their hard work over the years. Good luck going forward. Newton is doing great things. Just get in your car and drive around. You will see all the good that is happening.**

**8. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Consider and act on TIF application for Flo's Coffee Bar, LLC (Brady & Alissa Shull), 507 W Jourdan.**

**Motion was made by Marlene Harris, seconded by David Brown, to authorize TIF application for \$2,500.00 to Flo's Coffee Bar, LLC (Brady & Alissa Shull), 507 W Jourdan.**

**Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Blake**

**Nays: None**

**B. Consider and act on Ordinance 21-03 to amend Schedule B to Section 24-3-2 One-Way Streets or Alleys to make West Decatur Street one-way heading West from the intersection of Stanley and West Decatur to the intersection of West Decatur and Hutton.**

**Motion was made by David Brown, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to approve Ordinance 21-03 to amend Schedule B to Section 24-3-2 One-Way Streets or Alleys to make West Decatur Street one-way heading West from the intersection of Stanley and West Decatur to the intersection of West Decatur and Hutton.**

**Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris**

**Nays: None**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Swear in newly elected officials.**

**i. ~~City Clerk Rosetta York~~**

**ii. Deputy Clerk Amy Tarr swore in Mayor Joshua Kuhl.**

**iii. Deputy Clerk Amy Tarr swore in Alderwoman Gayle Glumac, Alderman Eric Blake and Alderman R.J. Lindemann**

**iv. Deputy Clerk Amy Tarr swore in Zoning Board members ~~Kenneth Albrecht, Maxine Calvert, Michael Swick and Ed Webb.~~**

**The newly elected officials who were unable to attend the May 4, 2021 meeting will be sworn in at City Hall at a later date.**

**B. Pass the gavel and seat new officials.**

**C. Recognition of out-going officials.**

**Mayor Joshua Kuhl thanked Mark Bolander (16 years as Mayor) and Robert Reisner (20 years as Alderman) for their years of service to the citizens of Newton. We also continue to keep Bob and his family in our thoughts and prayers.**



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- D. Consider and act on Resolution 21-07 adopting the update of the Jasper County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in the City of Newton.

**A motion was made by Marlene Harris, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to approve Resolution 21-07 adopting the update of the Jasper County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in the City of Newton.**

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

**Nays: None**

- E. Consider and act on hiring Sarah Carter as a part-time police officer.

**A motion was made by David Brown, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to approve hiring Sarah Carter as a part-time police officer.**

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

**Nays: None**

- F. Consider and act on hiring Ashley Ruholl as a part-time police officer.

**A motion was made by David Brown, seconded by Marlene Harris, to approve hiring Ashley Ruholl as a part-time police officer.**

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

**Nays: None**

- G. Discuss moving Committee Reports to beginning of Council Meetings.

**The council discussed moving Committee Reports before Old Business on the agenda to allow discussion before action was taken. Statements by Council will continue to fall after New Business.**

- H. Discuss Committee consolidation.

**Mayor Kuhl may combine like committees, reducing the total number and eliminating the need for so many committee meetings. He will present more information at the next council meeting.**

- I. Discuss Animal Control.

**The City of Newton is considering pulling out of the Animal Control intergovernmental agreement with Jasper County and transitioning to a per-call charge. Mayor Kuhl wants to have more conversations with the County Board before any action is taken.**

### 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

- a. Insurance Committee Meeting May 3, 2021 at 6:00 PM

#### City of Newton Insurance Meeting

May 3, 2021

Attendees

Marlene Harris, Ray Reynolds, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake, RJ Lindeman, Mike Swick Tyler Weber, Gayle Glumac, Sandy Dhom, Donna Watkins, Adam Painter, Amy Tarr, Harley Gray, AJ Schafer, Brenda Phillips, Mike Schackmann, Joshua Kuhl, Melissa Brooks, Scott Rubsman, Matt Albert.

Called to order at 6:00 pm

- Discussed options for other insurance companies and the options they may offer.

Adjourned at 7: 03

Submitted by Marlene Harris insurance Chairman

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b. JEDI Meeting May 4, 2021 at 10:30 AM

**Jasper County Economic Development, INC.**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**10:30am-12pm**

**Location: Jasper County Government Building  
County Board Room**

**204 W Washington St, Newton, IL 62448**

Attending: Amber Wakefield, Marlene Harris, Scott Bierman, Tom Brown, Jack Thompson, Sarah Kinkade, Mindy Hartke, Doug Weddell, Ron Heltsley, Larry Brooks, Amber Volk, Jason Warfel, Ben Bollman, Louis Ochs, Josh Kuhl.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Motion to approve previous March 2021 meeting minutes made by Marlene Harris, second by Jack Thompson, motion passed.
3. Welcomed newly elected City of Newton Mayor Josh Kuhl.
4. Discussed the direction of JEDI and what members would like to see. There was discussion on consolidating entities to have all under one "umbrella". Those entities will go and talk with their boards and also send Jason Warfel their bylaws to be reviewed by State's Attorney Chad Miller.
5. Motion to close meeting made by Ron Heltsley, second by Ben Bollman, and motion passed.

c. Finance Committee Meeting May 4, 2021 at 5:45 PM

**City of Newton Finance Meeting**

May 4, 2021

Present: Mark Bolander, Amber Volk, Marlene Harris, Amy Tarr, Gayle Glumac, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, RJ Lindemann, David Brown, Mike Swick, Tim Dasenbrock, Joshua Kuhl, Tyler Weber, William Heap

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM.

Amber Volk presenting a TIF application for Flo's Coffee Bar, LLC (Brady & Alissa Shull), 507 W Jourdan. They are requesting \$2,500 to replace siding and add a porch. All required paperwork is present.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Submitted by Marlene Harris Finance Chairman

11. STATEMENTS BY NEWLY SEATED OFFICIALS:

Council Members:

**Lindemann: I am excited to be here and look forward to working with everyone.**

**Mayor: Comments were made under 9.C.**

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

**Police Committee Meeting, Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

**Personnel Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate, purchase of real estate and personnel

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Open session suspended at 7:02 PM.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Open session resumed at 8:06 PM.**

**Mayor Kuhl announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate, purchase of real estate and personnel.**



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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by David Brown, seconded by Marlene Harris, to adjourn the meeting.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.**

**Submitted by Amy J. Tarr**