



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. Van Buren St
Newton, IL 62448
May 17, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor
Mayor Kuhl called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman RJ Lindemann (absent).
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks.
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta M. York, City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac (arrived at 6:41 PM), David Brown, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris
Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, and Clerk Rosetta M. York
Absent: RJ Lindemann
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to adopt the proposed agenda.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of May 3, 2022:
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2022 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Harris, Brown
Nays: None
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Alderman Harris reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$146,82063 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and made a motion to approve the pre-pays and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of \$139.922.62. Brown seconded the motion.
Ayes: Blake, Harris, Brown, Brooks
Nays: None

 **CITY OF NEWTON
PROCLAMATION**

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:
The Mayor presented a Proclamation for 2022 Newton High School Lady Eagles Track and Field Team
Lanette Huddleston asked if the City is removing the railroad ties on Ochs St. The Eagles wants some. The Mayor said no the City is not, but the landowners where they are being piled might let them have some or know who to contact.



Photo of track team is from Kristin Radke.
Photo of award is from Facebook post.



WHEREAS, The Newton Lady Eagles are the 2022 IHSA Class 1A Sectional Champions in Girls Track & Field, on May 11, 2022.

WHEREAS, The City of Newton is very proud of the Lady Eagles accomplishments,

WHEREAS, The City of Newton commends the Lady Eagles for their teamwork, athleticism, and grace in their sport.

Now, Therefore, I, Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor of Newton, do recognize on this day, May 17th, the

LADY EAGLES 2022 CLASS 1A IHSA SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS!

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
Blake—Personnel Committee
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at about 6:00 PM

Present: Eric Blake, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Melissa Brooks, Gayle Glumac, Marlene Harris, David Brown, Daniel Wiggins, Scott Rubsam, Mike Shackmann, Amy Tarr, Donna Watkin, Rachel McVicar and Glen Reed-FMCS

Personnel Committee Meeting called to order at 6 PM. Met with Union and Mr. Reed to negotiate contract with Local 1197. Agreement was reached.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Eric Blake Chairman



In witness whereof I set my hand and Cause the seal of this City to be affixed.

Mayor 
This 17th Day of May 2022



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9. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Consider and act on 22-10 City Ordinance Amend Section 24-9-3 -Permits-Golf Carts. (This is to increase the permit renewal fee to \$60.00.)

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to pass 22-10 City Ordinance Amend Section 24-9-3 - Permits-Golf Carts. (This is to increase the permit renewal fee to \$60.00.)

Ayes: Harris, Brown, Brooks, Blake

Nays: None

- b. Consider and act on advertising for a full-time employee in the Park Department.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to authorize advertising for a full-time employee in the Park Department.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris

Nays: None

- c. Discuss the water leak at E. Decatur St. and Walnut St.

Larry: I got Shannon here to present what they found. They found a water leak on Walnut St. and Decatur St. They think the leak is under the railroad track.

Shannon and Tyler discussed and explained the leak:

- Clear water was found running into a stormwater catch basin. The water main runs north and south under the railroad on the east side of Walnut. No leaks were found by the water main. The railroad watchers said they were losing ballast rock on the other side of the tracks, and they had drain tiles running under the tracks. The leak must be under the tracks. A railroad boring permit is required to repair the leak. Shannon was contacted to assist with the project and permit application.
- Shannon asked B&T to give a quote for boring a steel incasement boring under a railroad and replace 365 feet of old cast iron main to Washington St. at a total of \$39,850. The quote is for a steel encasement bore and then boring six inch all the way up to Washington Street, doing the tie ins, reconnecting the services. It does not include any restoration, no road repair or clean up seeding and mulching.
- The application fee to apply for a railroad permit is \$1,500 to \$2,500. The permit will cost \$8,000 to \$10,000. If approved, the City has to pay a licensure fee for that crossing, which could be as much as 4 to 5 grand. We will have to pay for a RR flagman while the work's being done to monitor the rail while we're working within the railroad require distance from the rails.
- West of Van Buren St., the City has 5 water mains under the railroad. The main under West End Ave is capped until the railroad begins their West End Ave. crossing repairs which the railroad has allowed the City to piggybacked on to save money. Capping another water main could have an effect on the pressure, volume and quality of the public water supply which are health and fire protection concerns.
- A consensus was given to Connor & Connor to start the Railroad application process.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consider and act on Special Event Application for "Strong Girls/B.O.Y.S. 5K Run" sponsored by Educational/Afterschool Program on May 13, 2022.

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Brown, to authorize the Special Event Application for "Strong Girls/B.O.Y.S. 5K Run" sponsored by Educational/Afterschool Program on May 13, 2022.

Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Harris, Brown

Nays: None

- b. Consider and act on one Police Department employee attending Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy starting June 6, 2022 with a total of 80 hours to complete the training, fee is \$1,190 plus allowable expenses.

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Brooks, to authorize one Police Department employee attending Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy



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Ayes: Blake, Harris, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

11. STATEMENTS BY:

Brown: No Comments

Brooks: No Comments

Blake: No Comments

Harris: Gayle asked me, since she's not here, to thank everyone for the help for the Strong Girls Run Street Department, for mowing and fixing the potholes, the police department for helping with traffic. And she said, everything went great.

Explained to the council that she has reviewed and approved the billing adjustment report.

City Attorney: "Dave, I think your committee needs to do some work to assist us. We're going to adopt the 2015 International Residential Code. And I have the old statute to the old one. Last time we adopted it, there were some changes made in the book that I think your committee needs to review to see if we're going to make the same changes. So, I brought you a copy of that, and I don't know if you've had a chance to look at this or not. There's three of them."

"Let me just pass this down. This is the portion of the ordinance that I've copied for you to look at with this code and then tell me if we're doing the same thing or adjustments need to be made, then I can make the ordinance out of it. That's all I have."

City Treasurer: No Comments

City Clerk: 1 Police Department PO # 2022-2 to Barlow Lock and Security \$14,265.00.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Brooks, to authorize Police Department PO # 2022-2 to Barlow Lock and Security \$14,265.00.

Ayes: Harris, Brown, Brooks, Blake

Nays: None

Mayor:

1. Citywide cleanup is this weekend, Friday and Saturday, May 20th and 21st.
2. Congratulations to the high school girls track team and also the local junior highs, Saint Thomas won their sectional and the Jasper County Junior High. So, a lot of good things are going on.
3. Summer ball, first week of games start next week.
4. Today the volunteers were planting the flowers on the square. The First National Bank of Olney is taking over the flower program. Chris Newton is to be in charge of daily watering. I commend them. Thanks to Jordan Conner for deciding which flowers. He was helping the volunteer group today. I greatly appreciate their work.

Gayle Glumac arrived at 6:41 PM



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- 5. I had the opportunity to be a starter at the Strong Boys and Strong Girls 5K on Friday. It was super-hot. The kids did an excellent job. Several kids the heat kind of got to them at one time there were four boys with their head in one trash can.

The 5K was in tribute of Gayle's husband, Randy Shamhart. After the run, everyone met at the school. Mrs. Tharp thanked the volunteers, parents and students. She acknowledged Gayle for her work at school with all of the students and especially the Strong Girls and B.O.Y.S program.

- 6. Gayle, the City would like to give you this certificate to commend you for your energy and dedication to the elementary school and their programs. Thank you. Good job.



CITY OF NEWTON
CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
FOR
GAYLE GLUMAC

I would like to commend Gayle Glumac for her energy and dedication to the Newton Elementary after school program, Strong Girls and B.O.Y.S. and their annual 5K Run.



In Witness Whereof, I do hereby affix my Official signature, and the Official Seal of the City of Newton, Illinois on this 17th day of May, 2022.

Joshua J. Kuhl
 Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor

Glumac Comments: "I just wanted to thank all the city people from our city utilities all the way to the police department and everybody who had a hand in that day. I appreciate everything that they did for the kids. It's a great day to see them set a goal and accomplish a goal. This was one of our biggest groups. We had 90 kids. That was awesome. It's a sight to see. I appreciate the parents all coming out. They were lined up from start to finish, so I appreciate the support the town gives. Just an awesome day. It makes me very proud of Newton. Very proud. Thank you."

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **June 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM**
 SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: **None**

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: **None**

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to adjourn the meeting.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris
Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.
Submitted by Rosetta M. York