



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

November 16, 2021

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor  
**In the absence of Mayor Kuhl, Attorney Heap 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: Rosetta M. York, City Clerk  
**Physically present: Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris**  
**Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, and Clerk Rosetta M. York**

Attorney Heap called for a motion to appoint Larry Brooks as Mayor Pro Tem for tonight's meeting.  
**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to appoint Larry Brooks as Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting of the Newton City Council.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: Brooks**

- 4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Add Dale Mahaney and Bill Hoffeditz to # 7, Change item 10.d from November 29 to December 6 and add litigation and potential litigation to # 13.

**Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Harris, to adopt the amended agenda.**

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

**Nays: None**

- 5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of November 2, 2021:

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2021 meeting of the Newton City Council.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: Brooks**

- 6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

**Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$216,024.85 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 \$94,976,02. Glumac seconded the motion.**

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

**Nays: None**

- 7. PUBLIC

COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:

Honor the NCHS Cross Country team and

Dale Mahaney and Bill Hoffeditz

**Mayor Pro Tem Larry Brooks**

congratulated the NCHS Cross Country Teams for their winning season and presented them with a proclamation honoring the success.

**Attorney Bill Hoffeditz addressed the Council on behalf of Dale and Pixie Mahaney:**

He stated that Mahaney's would like to be allowed to protect the Yesterday's Pub from more damage from the weather since the fire. They are willing to work with the City to accomplish this task. They have also contacted Kale Calvert from ADG, Architecture and Design Group from Mt. Carmel, to inspect the Pub.

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Honoring Newton Community High School's**  
**2021 State of Illinois Cross Country Team**  
**November 16, 2021**

**NCHS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM HAD AN EXCEPTIONAL YEAR:**

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| Girls- 3rd in LIC conference<br>5th at Regionals<br>8th at Sectionals<br>Rylea Borgic - All Conference and All State (21st)<br>Natalie Kistner- All Conference<br><b>Girls Team:</b> Rylea Borgic, Alexis Hetzer, Natalie Kistner, Ella Radke, Taylor Slough and Lucy Yager | <b>Boys-Conference Champs</b><br>Regional Champs<br>5th at Sectionals<br>13th at State<br>Nick Zwilling- All Conference<br>Owen Mahaffey- All Conference<br>Clay Bergbower- All Conference<br>Nick Shamhart- All Conference<br>Luis Zavala- All Conference<br>Ben Street- All Conference<br><b>Boys Team:</b> Clay Bergbower, Ian Bower, Owen Mahaffey, Brock Probst, Ben Street, Isaac Street, Nick Shamhart, Luke Weber, Luis Zavala and Nick Zwilling |
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**WHEREAS**, the hard work, dedication, sportsmanship and talent of the Cross Country team of the 2021 Newton Community High School has enabled these student athletes to earn a team best and personal best records; and

**WHEREAS**, competing in the 2021 Class 1A Illinois High School Athletic Association brought honor to Newton Community High School and the City of Newton on the local and state level; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Brock Tarr and Coach Jackie Schackmann, team member parents, faculty and student body at Newton Community High School were integral in guiding the team to a winning season through their support;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor of the City of Newton, do hereby recognize and congratulate 2021 Newton Community High School Cross Country team on their outstanding accomplishment.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Mayor Joshua J. Kuhl, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Newton, Illinois on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.


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Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor  
City of Newton, Illinois



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8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Insurance Committee Meeting November 4, 2021 and Electric Committee November 8, 2021

### Harris Insurance Committee minutes:

Called to order at 6:00 pm

- Jim Closson from Risk Management Association spoke on coverages and losses for the Risk Management insurance policy we have with RMA. Policy premiums have not increased since we started with them. This will be put on the agenda to vote on to accept or reject at our next meeting.
- Melissa stated there is a \$44 premium increase for each employee on the Trustmark Health policy. This will come out of the levy.
- It was discussed that employees now pay for their individual eye care. It was proposed that the city possibly pay the \$8.24 for this monthly coverage per employee. This will be put on the agenda for the next council meeting. Adjourned at 6:46

### Glumac Electric Committee minutes:

Start 6:03

- Discussion of the new Digger Derrick truck with the representatives from Terex. How Covid has been hampering with manufacturing productivity and delivery. It has also increased the price of steel.
- A Switching arrangement agreement between the City of Newton and Ameren Illinois Company, this would allow our Electric employees to perform switching of certain switches owned by Ameren. Adjourned at 7:00 PM.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Consider and act on Lincoln's Place Fence at a cost of \$8,738.97 with the City paying \$6,738.97 of the cost.

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Lincoln's Place Fence at a cost of \$8,738.97 with the City paying \$6,738.97 of the cost.**

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

**Nays: None**

- b. Consider and act on approving Option #1 IMLRMA invoice for 2022 Property, Liability and Work Comp coverages in the amount of \$84,038.66.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to authorize approving Option #1 IMLRMA invoice for 2022 Property, Liability and Work Comp coverages in the amount of \$84,038.66.**

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

**Nays: None**

- c. Consider and act on authorizing Trustmark Health Benefits for a 1-year agreement to administer the Medical and Dental benefit plans for the City of Newton.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Brown, to authorize Trustmark Health Benefits for a 1-year agreement to administer the Medical and Dental benefit plans for the City of Newton.**

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

**Nays: None**

- d. Consider and act on the City of Newton paying their employees monthly vision insurance rate, starting on January 1, 2022, the rate will be \$7.00/month per employee.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to authorize the City of Newton paying their employees monthly vision insurance rate, starting on January 1, 2022, the rate will be \$7.00/month per employee.**

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

**Nays: None**

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consider and act on 2022 Newton City Council Meeting Schedule.

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Lindemann, to authorize 2022 Newton City Council Meeting Schedule.**

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

**Nays: None**

- b. Consider and act on Newton PD to purchase from Digital-Ally two (2) DVM-800 Complete Kits (dashboard cameras), V2 with a trade in of the old ones for a final cost of \$7,510.00.

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Lindemann, to authorize Newton PD to purchase from Digital-Ally two (2) DVM-800 Complete Kits (dashboard cameras), V2 with a trade in of the old ones for a final cost of \$7,510.00.**



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

**Nays: None**

- c. Consider and act on the Switching Arrangements Agreement between City of Newton, Illinois and Ameren Illinois Company.

**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to authorize the Switching Arrangements Agreement between City of Newton, Illinois and Ameren Illinois Company.**

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

**Nays: None**

- d. Consider and act on advertising for a part-time Deputy Collector with a deadline for the applications of ~~November 29~~ December 6, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

**Motion was made by Blake, seconded by Glumac, to authorize advertising for a part-time Deputy Collector with a deadline for the applications of December 6, 2021 at 5:00 PM.**

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

**Nays: None**

**11. STATEMENTS BY:**

**Glumac:** Thanks to everyone who put up the flags and the Christmas stars. The town looked good. Don't forget to check out the Christmas displays in Peterson Park this year.

**Brown:** I agree with Gayle. I would like to remind citizens the Street Department is vacuuming leaves.

**Mayor Pro Tem Brooks:** Thanked the Electric Department for their quick response to the last outage.

**Lindemann:** Explained to the council that he has reviewed and approved the billing adjustment report.

**Blake:** No comment

**Harris:** Congratulations to Street Department for their quick response to vacuuming leaves. They have vacuumed a lot of leaves this year.

**City Attorney:** No comment

**City Treasurer:** Appropriation changes

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Lindemann, to make the following appropriation changes General Fund Police Department:**

**900-23 from Contingency of \$1,500.00 to 5470-23 Substance Abuse Prevention,**

**900-23 from Contingency of \$15,000.00 to 5560-23 Building Improvements,**

**900-23 from Contingency of \$3,000.00 to Radio Repair.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Harris, to make the following appropriation changes General Fund General Administration:**

**900-27 from Contingency of \$14,000.00 to 5560-27 Building Improvements/Purchases,**

**900-27 from Contingency of \$1,000.00 to 5630-27 Building Repair.**

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

**Nays: None**

**City Clerk:** Newton Police Department PO # 2021-7

**Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brown, to authorize Newton Police Department purchase order #2021-7 for \$7,510.00 to United Systems.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Mayer:**

**12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: None**

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



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

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

**Nays: None**

**Open session suspended at 6:42 PM**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Open session resumed at 7:21 PM.**

Mayor Pro Tem Brooks announced that during closed session the council discussed potential litigation.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Harris, to adjourn the meeting.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta M. York**