



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

June 15, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor
Mayor Joshua Kuhl called the meeting to order.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman David Brown.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman David Brown.
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: Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Attorney William Heap and Clerk Rosetta M. York
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: #13 add potential litigation
Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to adopt the amended agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of June 1, 2021:
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Lindemann, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
Abstain: Blake
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Alderman Harris reviewed the pre-paids in the amount of \$143,351.15 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and made a motion to approve the pre-paids and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of \$138,474.98. Lindemann seconded the motion.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: None
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Consider and act on Committees and Committee Chairpersons appointments by the Mayor.
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to approve Committees and Committee Chairpersons appointments by the Mayor.
Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks
Nays: None

Shannon Woodard from Connor & Connor explained 8b and 8c before the vote.
 - b. Consider and act on Partial Pay Estimate #1 due B&T Drainage in the amount of \$202,471.00, for Liberty Street Water project.
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to authorize a Partial Pay Estimate #1 due B&T Drainage in the amount of \$202,471.00, for Liberty Street Water project.
Ayes: Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann
Nays: None
 - c. Consider and act on Design & Inspection Invoice due Connor & Connor in the amount of \$34,216.85, for Liberty Street Water project.
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Lindemann, to authorize paying Design & Inspection Invoice due Connor & Connor in the amount of \$34,216.85, for Liberty Street Water project.
Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake
Nays: None

Shannon Woodard from Connor & Connor and Tyler Weber explained 8d before the vote.
 - d. Consider and act on Liberty Street project addition to include Curtis Street (Liberty to Stevens St) valued at \$20,000.
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to authorize Liberty Street project addition to include Curtis Street (Liberty to Stevens St) valued at \$20,000.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
 - e. Consider and act on re-bidding for the Well #10 project. (No bids were received with the first letting.)
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Glumac, to authorize advertising a re-bidding for the Well #10 project.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None



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- f. Discuss City Councils findings on Eagle Trail Project and Bucket donations for Eagle Trail.

The Mayor spoke of 2 emails of support from Newton Residents:

- a. Name: Travis Wyatt
Subject: Please do not cancel Newton River Walk project!!!
Message: Please do not cancel the Newton River Walk project. My family & I truly enjoy biking, jogging & walking the trails.
b. Name: Ryan Millsap
Subject: Riverwalk
Message: I want to show my support and speak for many others in continuing the River Walk.

Mayor said he talked with some members of ERTC. They were miss represented in the last council meeting of their support of the Riverwalk, but they did purchase some benches for the trail.

Alderman Lindemann reported he had distributed a survey letter in his ward. He had 83% negative responses to the Riverwalk and 43% were negative to the first Eagle Trail. When asked the total number of respondents, he said 24. (Note: The City Clerk's office has no records of the surveys or the results. The only record the clerk's office has is this copy of the letter Alderman Lindemann hand delivered.)

Alderwoman Glumac reported she went door to door and talked with several people. Most of the people were happy with the Eagle Trail as it is. Many people are surprised by how many people use the trail. She also explained that there will probably be an increase in the cost to build the Riverwalk because building material have increased. Additionally, the maintenance of the trail would be at the City's expense. All of the people she talked with were against the project and thought the City could use the money differently.

Hello! My name is RJ Lindemann, one of your two Aldermen in Ward 3. There has been discussion on the council, sparked by Mayor Kuhl and I, about bringing an end to the Eagle Trail River Walk Project. I personally don't believe that it is a fiscally responsible thing to be spending taxpayer money on, and I don't intend to spend taxpayer money any differently than I would spend my own. However, I don't want to use my position on the council to push forward an idea that the majority of my ward disagrees with. As a result of this, I have decided to call an unofficial referendum for the voters of Ward 3. I have made a google form which can be found here: https://forms.gle/8ofeMq7HsnukQRqV6 The city's total expense for the next phase of the walk has been estimated to be between \$300,000 on the low end to \$450,000 on the high end. If you would like an opportunity to express your opinion about how your property taxes and sales taxes are spent, I encourage you to fill out this survey. Once again, the survey link can be found here: https://forms.gle/8ofeMq7HsnukQRqV6 Best wishes, [Signature]

Alderman Brooks asked, "Are we sure how much this is going to run over?" Maybe we should wait and see the final plan from the engineers with an exact cost in for the project.

Mayor responded that nothing is set in stone and that the bid letting will probably be late this Fall or next year. There is no guarantee on the building material expenses. I am not having this discussion to throw out this project. We are elected to represent the citizens. We are to see if this is a viable project for taxpayers of this community. We will be 100% liable for the expenses that have already been paid. He then asked if there were any other concerns. The council mentioned other citizen comments, such as being by the river late at night and the money should be spent on a park district or sidewalks.

There has been \$75,000 to \$80,000 in pledges and donations. The donation buckets at locations in town will be impossible to return. The pledges will not be collected and the donations will be returned if the projected is not done. We are interested in two things: tourism and the quality of life. Will the Riverwalk add to what the city has and at what cost? When redoing the boat ramp was mentioned at the walk through with Milano and Grunloh, several people were very interested in a better ramp.



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9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consider and act on two Newton Police employees to attend Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program with fees of \$2,000/attendee for MTU 15 training, \$50/attendee for P.O.W.E.R. test training and other allowable expenses.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to authorize two Newton Police employees to attend Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program with fees of \$2,000/attendee for MTU 15 training, \$50/attendee for P.O.W.E.R. test training and other allowable expenses.

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

Nays: None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: None

STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: No comments

Brown: No comments

Brooks: No comments

Lindemann: Thank you to the survey respondents.

Blake: No comments

Harris: Presented Billing Adjustments and Payment Adjustments reports.

City Attorney: No comments

City Treasurer: No comments

City Clerk: No comments

Mayor:

- The Liberty St. project is getting done quickly.
- Thank you to Park Department employees for getting the Miniature Golf power washed so quick in response to a citizen request.
- The old jail is demolished. The utilities will soon be installed. It will go quickly.
- Kemper Audit was at City Hall for a week. They will be back next week for the TIF Audit.
- The Public Hearing for the TIF Amendment was on June 8. That went well. The citizens went away with better understanding of the amendment.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: None

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation and personnel

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

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

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:58 PM

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

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

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:31 PM.

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

Blake asked if anything had been done about the cats on Goble St.
No one knew.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York

ACCOUNTS PAYABLES June 16, 2021

BAT

Master Pitching Machine, Inc.	\$79.38
Card Service Center	\$76.00
Total Bat	\$155.38

GOLF

Card Service Center	\$23.95
Total Golf	\$23.95

STREET

Alliance Tractor LLC.	\$20.76
Beverlin Oil Company, Inc.	\$438.69
Card Service Center	\$268.11
Hometown Register	\$66.65
Kirchner Building Centers	\$53.94
Lorenz Supply Company	\$68.24
Martin's IGA	\$22.14
McClane Motor Sales, Inc.	\$400.00
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$133.62
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$639.54
Terminix International	\$26.66
Michael Todd & Company, Inc.	\$1,875.95
Van Dyke Metal Culverts, Inc.	\$840.96
Total Street	\$4,855.26

POLICE

Accuracy Firearms LLC.	\$55.98
Ad Hatters	\$54.00
Al's Tire Mart, Inc.	\$90.00
Backwoods Lawn Service	\$80.00
Gwen Baker	\$219.22
Ben Tire Toledo Warehouse	\$513.28
Birch Auto Service & Towing	\$116.00
Blue 360 Media	\$228.74
Card Service Center	\$299.98
Cintas	\$87.79
Cintas Corp.	\$80.80
County of Jasper	\$6,599.72
Clint Crossen - Crossen Inspection Services	\$650.00
Dash Medical Gloves	\$225.90
Mike Fischer	\$389.72
Steve Jones Plumbing	\$180.23
McClane Motor Sales, Inc.	\$820.78
Nartec, Inc.	\$530.00
NexGen Wireless	\$15.00
Office Essentials	\$92.86
Ray O'Herron Co, Inc.	\$218.78
P.F. Pettibone & Co.	\$26.00
SDS - System Development Services, Inc.	\$746.02
Technology Management Rev Fund	\$221.35
Terminix International	\$26.67
Verizon Wireless	\$108.16
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene P.C.	\$673.75
Total Police	\$13,350.73

CEMETERY

Backwoods Lawn Service	\$4,620.00
Total Cemetery	\$4,620.00

PARK

Backwoods Lawn Service	\$2,685.00
Beverlin Oil Company, Inc.	\$559.43
Card Service Center	\$17.90
Kirchner Building Centers	\$29.57
Lorenz Supply Company	\$173.80
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$10.69
Total Park	\$3,476.39

POUND

County of Jasper \$823.32
Total Pound \$823.32

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Gwen Baker \$219.22
Card Service Center \$13.50
Kirby Risk Corp. \$139.80
Lorenz Supply Company \$69.52
Miller Office Equipment \$556.33
Office Essentials \$223.38
Terminix International \$26.67
Total Printing Systems \$117.00
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene P.C. \$271.25
Total General Administration \$1,636.67

POOL

Borgic Designs \$260.50
Card Service Center \$731.32
Central Cigar - Candy Co. \$565.59
Heartland Coca-Cola Bottling Co. \$527.07
Hawkins, Inc. \$1,024.56
Lauren Higgs, Lifeguard Instructor \$806.60
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware \$2.08
Kim's Ice Cream, LLC. \$384.00
Kirchner Building Centers \$193.13
Lorenz Supply Company \$176.84
Martin's IGA \$23.96
Office Essentials \$9.84
Recreation Supply Co. \$111.93
Terminix International \$45.00
Wabash Foodservice \$1,030.62
Total Pool \$5,893.04

TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS \$34,834.74

EMA

County of Jasper \$823.24
Total EMA \$823.24

MFT

Larry Heuermann Trucking \$546.88
Total MFT \$546.88

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Amber A Go Go \$1,000.00
Backwoods Lawn Service \$150.00
Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC. \$444.55
Total Capital Development \$1,594.55

TIF

Andy's Landscape & Lawn \$1,155.00
Connor & Connor \$17,993.00
Hometown Register \$399.90
PGAV Planners LLC. \$10,267.62
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene P.C. \$297.50
Total TIF \$30,113.02

EAGLE TRAIL

Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC. \$1,778.19
Total Eagle Trail \$1,778.19

TOTAL SPECIALS \$34,855.88

ELECTRIC

Alliance Tractor LLC. \$111.68
Anixter, Inc. \$959.70
Beverlin Oil Company, Inc. \$125.17
BHMG Engineers \$160.20

Elec. Cont.	
JM Test Systems	\$361.00
Kirchner Building Centers	\$19.36
Midwest Electric Transformer Services	\$35,878.00
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$54.36
Office Essentials	\$26.61
Online Informationa Services	\$62.40
Pennington Chevrolet-Buick	\$73.00
Progressive Chemical & Lighting, Inc.	\$1,328.01
Telecommunications & Elect of So. IL.	\$94.15
Terminix International	\$27.50
Wayne's Tree Service	\$9,450.00
Total Electric	\$48,731.14

WATER

Beverlin Oil Company, Inc.	\$107.49
B & T Drainage, Inc.	\$1,200.00
Bradford Supply Co.	\$403.66
Card Service Center	\$85.59
Connor & Connor	\$1,320.00
Hach Company	\$445.11
Hawkins, Inc.	\$267.34
Hometown Register	\$96.10
IRWA-Illinois Rural Water Assoc.	\$253.20
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$9.86
Kirchner Building Centers	\$190.23
Midwest Meter, Inc.	\$2,993.00
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$58.61
Overhead Door Company	\$474.00
UPS	\$37.95
Total Water	\$7,942.14

WWT

Beverlin Oil Company, Inc.	\$105.31
Bradford Supply Co.	\$192.87
Cintas	\$75.07
Connor & Connor	\$1,320.00
Larry Heuerman Trucking	\$571.88
Hirter's Sandblasting Co.	\$3,000.00
Huddleston Supply Inc.	\$32.98
IRWA - Illinois Rural Water Assoc.	\$253.20
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$92.77
Kirchner Building Centers	\$212.80
Martin's IGA	\$35.94
McClane Motor Sales, Inc.	\$4,561.53
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$95.45
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$214.78
Rex Vault & Mausoleum Service, Inc.	\$55.00
City of Robinson WWTF	\$128.00
Schulte Supply, Inc.	\$960.00
Springfield Electric Supply Co.	\$176.00
Terminix International	\$27.50
Total WWT	\$12,111.08

TOTAL PAYABLES= \$138,474.98

Prepays June 16, 2021

General Fund

William Heap	\$300.00
Raymond Reynolds	\$300.00
Secretary of State	\$158.00
United States Treasury	\$74.48
LIUNA National Industrial Pension Fund	\$2,268.90
Cheryl Michi	\$575.00
Petty Cash - Police Department	\$34.42
Sparklight	\$779.33
Ameren Illinois	\$345.79
Jasper County Health Department	\$75.00
Purchase Power	\$251.25
City of Newton	\$1,728.48
Wex Bank - Marathon	\$758.21
Wex Bank - Circle K	\$755.45
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	\$199.99
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	\$8,604.30

Payroll

National Gurardian Life Insurance	\$26.68
AFLAC	\$1,095.80
NCPERS Group Life Insurance	\$112.00
State Disbursement Unit	\$870.00
Local 1197 Union Secretary Treasurer	\$840.00
Standard Insurance Company	\$326.90
American Heritage Life Ins. Co	\$46.78
Standard Insurance Company-vision	\$296.88
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	\$3,615.04

Insurance

The Standard Insurnce Company	\$208.57
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	\$208.57

Electric

Secretary of State	\$8.00
Matt Tarr	\$25.00
Verizon Wireless	\$49.74
United States Treasury	\$45.22
Ameren Illinois	\$117.57
Sparklight	\$105.59
Purchase Power	\$251.25
Newton Post Office	\$142.59
City of Newton	\$142.56
Norris Electric Coop.	\$128.25
Wex Bank	\$486.18
Illinois Power Marketing	\$88,251.08
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	\$89,753.03

WATER

Verizon Wireless	\$22.82
Ameren Illinois	\$137.84
Sparklight	\$90.27
United States Treasury	\$21.28
Purchase Power	\$251.25
Newton Post Office	\$142.59
Wex Bank	\$309.29
City of Newton	\$2,311.92
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	\$3,287.26

WWT

Verizon Wireless	\$49.74
Ameren Illinois	\$98.32
Sparklight	\$90.27
United States Treasury	\$29.26
Purchase Power	\$251.25
Newton Post Office	\$142.60
City of Newton	\$3,333.83
Wex Bank	\$430.58
Sean Inyart	\$25.00
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	\$4,450.85

SPECIALS

Trustmark Health Benefits, Inc.	\$1,107.10
Symetra Life Insurance	\$29,825.00
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	\$30,932.10

TIF

ARG Ideas, LLC	\$2,475.00
JEDI	\$25.00
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	\$2,500.00

Total Prepays =

 \$143,351.15