



## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

July 5, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl  
**In the absence of Mayor Joshua Kuhl, Attorney William Heap called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.**
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Larry Brooks.  
**Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks.**
3. ROLL CALL: Maggie McDonald, Deputy City Clerk  
**Physically present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann and Eric Blake**  
**Also present: Attorney William Heap, City Clerk Rosetta York and Deputy City Clerk Maggie McDonald**  
**Absent: Mayor Joshua Kuhl, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Alderman Mike Swick**

Attorney Heap called for a motion to appoint Alderman Larry Brooks as Mayor Pro Tem for the July 5, 2023 meeting.

**A motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to appoint Larry Brooks as Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting of the Newton City Council.**

**Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Lindemann, Blake**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: Brooks**

4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Item #6 add Roger Bass  
**Motion was made by Eric Blake, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adopt the amended agenda.**  
**Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of June 20, 2023.  
**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Blake, Glumac, Wright, Lindemann**  
**Nays: None**
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Roger Bass spoke on behalf of the Ambraw River Eagles Club about concerns with Republic Services and their commercial trash rate. He is still waiting for an update on the account. The contract and rates the City of Newton holds with Republic Services can be found in Chapter 17 of our Municipal Code.



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

**Finance/Audit Committee Meeting Monday, June 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM.**

**Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting Monday, June 26, 2023 at 6:11 PM**

**Finance/Audit Committee Meeting Minutes, Monday, June 26, 2023, 6:00 PM – 6:07 PM**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

- Appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM

Those in attendance: **RJ Lindemann – Chairman**, Maggie McDonald, Gayle Glumac, Melissa Brooks, Larry Brooks, Kaleb Wright, Tyler Weber

**Water Wastewater Committee Meeting, June 26, 2023, Start: 6:11pm**

Attendees: Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake, Gayle Glumac, Maggie McDonald, Tyler Weber, Brent Benefiel.

### **Water**

Boring Ordinance for Contractors

- Tyler presented the village of Oblong's ordinance for boring within their jurisdiction. The committee has advised Tyler to make the necessary changes to this template and present it to the City Attorney at a later date.

Upgrading to Cellularm Autodialer

- This topic was raised in a previous committee meeting and was voted to be tabled; Tyler has brought this up again due to the events Sunday June 25th. This system will automatically dial Tyler even during a power outage should any of his equipment or pumps have malfunctions. The current system is reliant on land lines that do not function during power outages and leaves Tyler in the dark. The committee moved to send the PO to the July 5th council meeting.

Inquiry on placing signage on City owned wells.

- Tyler has noticed an increase in persons going out to our wells, these persons have been seen climbing, jumping off, and tampering with City property. Tyler inquired about putting signage on City wells and/or posting signage with the land owners' consent to deter these persons. The committee asked Kaleb Wright to contact the City Attorney about where and how signage can be posted.

Tower radio transmitters

- Tyler has been experiencing issues communicating with several wells and one water tower, there is some sort of interference between his main and the transmitters on said wells and tower. Tyler expressed that within his 5 year plan he is seeking to replace these transmitters to have a better connection, and that this is not an urgent issue.

### **WasteWater**

Purchase/Rental of a '09 used Ramjet Jetter Truck



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- Brent informed the committee that his current jetter truck is in disrepair and is “nickel and diming” the city on repairs, currently it is down with a starting issue that would require a complete rebuild. With the disrepair of the current ‘95 model Brent has presented to the council the used ‘09 Ramjet Jetter Truck, this truck comes with a front end reel, 500ft of new line, and an auto reel. The Ramjet Jetter Truck is a total of \$65,000 with an unusual option to rent the truck while having the rent paid taken off the total price. Rental of this truck is \$9,250 for one month, the committee moved to add the rental of the truck as a line item in the July 5th council meeting.

### Discuss Relining damaged Sewer mains

- Brent identified 3 stretches of the sewer main that have been damaged. The initial quote Brent has received is \$65 per ft, the current projects purposed are about 827ft putting the project at \$53,755. Committee advised Brent to go through with what is needed to continue with this project, once all information is gathered it will be presented again to the committee.

### Update on replacement of air line

- Parts for the construction have been purchased in the amount of \$7,548.18, work shall begin once all parts have arrived. Once completed this project will have exponential returns on electricity usage as only one pump will have to be run.

The June 26th Water Wastewater Committee meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

### 8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Consider and act on authorizing Connor & Connor to proceed with sidewalk repair on East side of South Van Buren from Decatur St. to Reynolds St.

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize Connor & Connor to proceed with sidewalk repair on East side of South Van Buren from Decatur St. to Reynolds St.**

**Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Lindemann, Blake**

**Nays: None**

- B. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 23-08 to Condemn an Unsafe and Dangerous Building at 702 Foster Street, Newton, Illinois.

**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Ordinance 23-08 to Condemn an Unsafe and Dangerous Building at 702 Foster Street, Newton, Illinois.**

**Ayes: Wright, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac**

**Nays: None**

- C. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 23-09 to Condemn an Unsafe and Dangerous Building at 200 North Goble Street, Newton, Illinois.

**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to pass Ordinance 23-09 to Condemn an Unsafe and Dangerous Building at 200 North Goble Street, Newton, Illinois.**



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**Ayes:** Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright

**Nays:** None

- D. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 23-10 to Convey and Obtain Reconveyance of Certain Lots in Five Aprils Crossing Subdivision.

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to pass Ordinance 23-10 to Convey and Obtain Reconveyance of Certain Lots in Five Aprils Crossing Subdivision.**

**Ayes:** Blake, Glumac, Wright, Lindemann

**Nays:** None

- E. Consider and act on authorizing #3 Final Pay Estimate due to Breland & Son Drilling in the amount of \$29,712.50 for the work completed on Water Well #10.

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize #3 Final Pay Estimate due to Breland & Son Drilling in the amount of \$29,712.50 for the work completed on Water Well #10.**

**Ayes:** Glumac, Wright, Lindemann, Blake

**Nays:** None

- F. Consider and act on authorizing Connor & Connor invoice for final work on Water Well #10 in the amount of \$12,047.76.

**Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize Connor & Connor invoice for final work on Water Well #10 in the amount of \$12,047.76.**

**Ayes:** Wright, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac

**Nays:** None

### 9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider and act on entering into a five-year Tower Lease Agreement with the County of Jasper. Tower location 1600 W. Jourdan Street, Newton, Illinois, for installation and operation of an equipment shelter, antenna facilities, directional antennas, connecting cables and appurtenances.

**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize entering into a five-year Tower Lease Agreement with the County of Jasper. Tower location 1600 W. Jourdan Street, Newton, Illinois, for installation and operation of an equipment shelter, antenna facilities, directional antennas, connecting cables and appurtenances.**

**Ayes:** Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright

**Nays:** None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing a one-month rental for a 2009 used Ramjet Jetter Truck in the amount of \$9,250.00 as recommended by the Water/Wastewater Department.

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize a one-month rental for a 2009 used Ramjet Jetter Truck in the amount of \$9,250.00 as recommended by the Water/Wastewater Department.**



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**Ayes:** Glumac, Wright, Lindemann, Mayor Pro Tem Brooks

**Nays:** Blake

- C. Consider and act on amending the insurance policy to include injectables within the prescription plan.

**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize amending the insurance policy to include injectables within the prescription plan.**

**Ayes:** Glumac, Wright, Lindemann, Blake

**Nays:** None

- D. Consider and act on authorizing the Special Event Permit Application for Newton Community High School 2023 Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 6, 2023.

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Special Event Permit Application for Newton Community High School 2023 Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 6, 2023.**

**Ayes:** Wright, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac

**Nays:** None

- E. Consider and act on passing Resolution 23-07 Homecoming Parade 2023.

**Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Resolution 23-07 Homecoming Parade 2023.**

**Ayes:** Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright

**Nays:** None

10. STATEMENTS BY:

**GLUMAC:** Thanked Matt Tarr and his Electric Department team for their quick response to the power outage and the mess it left. Re-connecting to the substation went smoothly with no outage required, thanks to all the departments who worked together for our city.

**WRIGHT:** Seconded Gayle Glumac's comments.

**BROOKS:** None

**LINDEMANN:** Revisions to the Demolition Reimbursement Application were made. Voiced opinion on Capital Development Fund.

**BLAKE:** No comments

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No comments

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK:** 3 PO's (Wastewater Dept. PO#9 for purchase of utility pipe air duct parts from Utility Pipe Sales Co. in the amount of \$7,548.18. Water Dept. PO# 6534 for the cleaning of water wells 9 and 10 and the purchase of a new pump for water well #10 from Hacker Well and Pump in the total amount of \$37,750.00. Water Dept. PO#6535 for RACO Cellularm Autodialer with outdoor antenna from R.E. Pedrotti Co. in the amount of \$4192.00.)



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**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the Wastewater Department PO #9 for purchase of utility pipe air duct parts from Utility Pipe Sales Co. in the amount of \$7,548.18.**

**Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Glumac, Wright**

**Nays: None**

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the Water Department PO #6534 for the cleaning of water wells #9 & #10, and the purchase of a new pump for water well #10 from Hacker Well and Pump in the total amount of \$37,750.00.**

**Ayes: Blake, Glumac, Wright, Lindemann**

**Nays: None**

**Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize the Water Department PO #3535 for RACO Cellularm Autodialer with outdoor antenna from R.E. Pedrotti Company in the amount of \$4,192.00.**

**Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Lindemann, Blake**

**Nays: None**

**11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: July 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting  
Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM.**

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None**

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to adjourn the meeting.**

**Ayes: Wright, Lindemann, Blake, Glumac**

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.**

**Submitted by Maggie McDonald, Deputy City Clerk**