



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

December 7, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER: Josh Kuhl, Mayor
Mayor Josh 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 York, City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, and Marlene Harris
Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York
Absent: Eric Blake
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Item #8D Change 9.3% to 9.32%, Executive Session topics delete sale and purchase of real estate, add Cindy Rife and Dale Mahaney to item #6
Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Harris, to adopt the amended agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of November 16, 2021.
Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Andre Leachman, Cindy Rife and Dale Mahaney.
Andre Lechman: Thanked the City for their help with the Christmas decorations in the park. It has been very successful. If anyone would like to volunteer, they are welcome to help.
Cindy Rife: The traffic on Martin St. has increased and they are going too fast. More families are living on this street now with small children. She recommended a stop sign be put in the middle. The Council thanked her for coming and they would discuss the issues with the Street Dept and Newton Police Dept.
Dale Mahaney: Asked to have a temporary electrical service installed for the power tools used to close up The Pub roof. Newton Electric and Dale Mahaney are going to work on getting pole set with a temporary meter loop.
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Insurance Committee Meeting 11-28-21, Finance and Audit Committee Meeting 11-30-2021 and Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting 11-30-2021
Harris-City Insurance Committee Meeting 11-28-2021:
Called to order at 6:00 pm
 - Discussed that the Symetra insurance company proposed a 3% Stop Loss premium increase, if we stayed with the \$20000 deductible. The Aggregate Stop Loss premium would be increased by 10%. I will be put on the agenda to accept these increases.
 - Melissa stated the reserve balance for the health insurance was in good shape, as it was over \$300,000. Since this is doing good at this time it was discussed to leave the employees rates the same for the next year. This will also be but on the agenda to accept for the next council meeting.
 - Adjourned at 6:22**Lindemann-Finance and Audit Committee Meeting 11-30-2021:**
 - A TIF application for Morgan Street was discussed. It was decided to award \$2500 to the project.
 - A TIF application for West Jourdan Street was discussed. It was decided to award \$2500 to the project.
 - IMRF rates for 2022 were discussed. Rates were reduced when compared to last year.
 - Other finance-related matters were discussed. A dumpster reimbursement was brought to the attention of the committee.
 - Meeting adjourned at 6:34**Brooks-Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting 11-30-2021:**
 - Discussed Wastewater Sludge building. Shannon Woodard reported Grunloh Building, Inc had the lowest bid of \$250,217.00. Shannon worked with Grunloh's to remove some of the project to lower the cost by \$51,457.00. The final cost would be \$198,760.00 with the addition 20% of the project for engineering.
 - Tyler reported the water wells are being stressed with the one well out of service. He would like to rebid the project to drill a new well. It will be on the next agenda for Connor and Connor to rebid.
 - Tyler recommended an upgrade to the Inframap program he uses. He would like to budget it for next year.
 - Tyler said that to get a new water main to Wolf Eye Care would cost about \$60,000. This would add more fire protection to the east side of the square. It is in the TIF area. He asked if TIF funds could be used.
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on Ordinance 21-14 Annual Tax Levy.



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Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brooks, to pass Ordinance 21-14 Annual Tax Levy.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on the Abatement Certificate for Aquatic Facility.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to authorize the Abatement Certificate for Aquatic Facility.

Ayes: Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on Symetra insurance rates.

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Symetra insurance rate increases of 3% for Specific Stop Loss Premium and 10.0% on an Aggregate Stop Loss Premium coverage.

Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) contribution rate of 9.32%.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Glumac, to authorize IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) contribution rate of 9.32%.

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris

Nays: None

- E. Consider and act on TIF application for 300 E. Morgan St.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to authorize TIF application from Rehabilitation & Performance Institute at 300 E. Morgan St. of \$2,500.00 reimbursed when the paid receipts are presented.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac

Nays: None

- F. Consider and act on TIF application for 307 W. Jourdan St.

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to authorize TIF application from Meyer Funeral Home at 307 W. Jourdan St. of \$2,500.00 reimbursed when the paid receipts are presented.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown

Nays: None

- G. Consider and act on not increasing all contribution rates for the City of Newton Health Care Plan for both employees and the City effective with 2022 coverage.

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Lindemann, to authorize not increasing all contribution rates for the City of Newton Health Care Plan for both employees and the City effective with 2022 coverage.

Ayes: Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on Dumpster Reimbursement application for 310 E. Decatur St.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brooks, to authorize Dumpster Reimbursement application at 310 E. Decatur St. for \$2,500.00 to Diana Hollis.

Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing Connor & Connor to proceed with design and permitting the water system upgrade on First Avenue from Jourdan to Washington.

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to authorize authorizing Connor & Connor to proceed with design and permitting the water system upgrade on First Avenue from Jourdan to Washington.

Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Harris

Nays: Brown, Lindemann

- C. Consider and act on authorizing Connor & Connor to re-solicit bids for new Water Well #10 after the first of the year.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brooks, to authorize Connor & Connor to re-solicit bids for new Water Well #10 after the first of the year.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on Final Pay Estimate #3 due B & T Drainage in the amount of \$204,277.00 \$204,227.00, for Liberty Street Water project.



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Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown

Nays: None

E. Consider and act on Final invoice due Connor & Connor in the amount of \$29,978.58, for Liberty Street Water project.

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Brown, to authorize Final invoice due Connor & Connor in the amount of \$29,978.58, for Liberty Street Water project.

Ayes: Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

F. Consider and act on bids received for WWTF – Sludge Storage Building, awarding to low bidder Grunloh Buildings, Inc, in the amount of \$250,217.00.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brooks, to authorize bids received for WWTF – Sludge Storage Building, awarding to low bidder

Grunloh Buildings, Inc, in the amount of \$250,217.00.

Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

G. Consider and act on Change Order #1 for WWTF – Sludge Storage Building project reducing contract price by \$51,457 (value engineered reductions).

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Lindemann, to authorize Change Order #1 for WWTF – Sludge Storage Building project reducing contract price by \$51,457 (value engineered reductions).

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris

Nays: None

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Glumac: Last weekend was nice. The parade was nice. June had a nice event on the Square. There were food vendors.

Brown: He called a Police/Building Committee Meeting. The Christmas decorations and events in town are awesome.

Brooks: The city park looks great.

Lindemann: No Comment

Harris: The Street Department has received the road salt.

City Attorney: No Comment

City Treasurer: No Comment

City Clerk: Electric Department PO # 223282 and Newton Police Department PO # 2021-8

Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to authorize Electric Department purchase order #223282 for \$10,994.00 to T & R Electric.

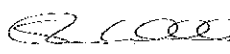
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac

Nays: None

Mayor:

I'll echo most of the council. It's nice to see the community and the way that we have put ourselves together for the holidays, especially the Christmas season. The bridge looks amazing, so thanks to Lynette and everybody that helped down there. The Park looks great. Thank you to Andre, his family, all the volunteers and the city employees that were involved. Everything uptown over the weekend was great. I don't think anybody realizes how much it benefits our uptown local businesses when there are things going on at the square. It's nice to see in December when driving through town and see people out and about. I appreciate everything.

Santa Train had a good crowd on Sunday. I appreciate the council letting that continue year after year. It is a benefit for our community. I don't think anybody realizes the amount of people that come from out of town to catch that because there's only three stops in Illinois; Palestine, Oblong and Newton. We do pull a lot of people from the north, the south and the west coming into town.

CITY OF NEWTON, IL - WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY - SLUDGE STORAGE BUILDING									
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE BELOW IS A TRUE TABULATION OF BIDS PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ ALOUD, AT 9:30 A.M., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021									
 SHANNON WOODARD, PROJECT MANAGER CONNOR & CONNOR, INC.									
				Grunloh Building, Inc.		A & R Mechanical Services, Inc.		Kieffer Bros. Construction, Inc.	
#	Item	Unit	Est Qty	Unit Price	Amount	Unit Price	Amount	Unit Price	Amount
1	Site Preparation	ls	1	\$ 6,226.00	\$ 6,226.00	\$ 13,466.83	\$ 13,466.83	\$ 44,546.00	\$ 44,546.00
2	Concrete Install	ls	1	\$ 163,247.00	\$ 163,247.00	\$ 133,323.13	\$ 133,323.13	\$ 192,146.00	\$ 192,146.00
3	Building Installation	ls	1	\$ 61,466.00	\$ 61,466.00	\$ 102,071.51	\$ 102,071.51	\$ 117,793.00	\$ 117,793.00
4	Utility Installation	ls	1	\$ 18,278.00	\$ 18,278.00	\$ 44,962.50	\$ 44,962.50	\$ 44,142.00	\$ 44,142.00
5	Site Shaping, Seeding & Mulching	ls	1	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 3,745.68	\$ 3,745.68	\$ 12,480.00	\$ 12,480.00
6	Seeding & Mulching	ls	1	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 6,821.55	\$ 6,821.55	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Total Amount Of BID					\$ 250,217.00		\$ 304,381.00		\$ 419,107.00



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A lot of things that will continue to go on here up until Christmas. So keep participating in all of those and anything that we can do to help.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Police/Building Permit Committee Meeting
December 14, 2012 at 6:00 PM and Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting December 14,
2012 at 6:30 PM**

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, purchase of real estate, sale of real estate and personnel pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 7:10 PM

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

Ayes: Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:28 PM.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosetta M. York".