



OFFICIAL 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-paids in the amount of \$216,024.67 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 \$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.

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

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:
Girls- 3rd in LIC conference
5th at Regionals
8th at Sectionals
Rylea Borgie - All Conference and All State (21st)
Natalie Kistner- All Conference
Girls Team: Rylea Borgie, Alexis Hetzer, Natalie Kistner, Ella Redke, Taylor Slough and Lucy Yager
Boys-Conference Champs
Regional Champs
5th at Sectionals
13th at State
Nick Zwilling- All Conference
Owen Mahaffey- All Conference
Clay Bergbower- All Conference
Nick Shamhart- All Conference
Luis Zavala- All Conference
Ben Street- All Conference
Boys Team: Clay Bergbower, Ian Bower, Owen Mahaffey, Brock Probst, Ben Street, Isaac Street, Nick Shamhart, Luke Weber, Luis Zavala and Nick Zwilling
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 16th day of November, 2021.
Joshua J. Kuhl
Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor
City of Newton, Illinois



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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.

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



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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

Mayor:

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

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLES November 17, 2021

Economic Development

Card Service Center	\$0.62
Total Economic Development	\$0.62

Zoning

Hometown Register	\$55.80
Card Service Center	\$1.24
Total Zoning	\$57.04

STREET

Beverlin Oil Company	\$714.77
Birch Auto Service & Towing	\$327.00
Bradford Supply Co.	\$2,145.69
Card Service Center	\$1.89
CCI Redi Mix	\$774.00
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$11.38
Kirchner Building Centers	\$25.68
Lorenz Supply Co.	\$78.42
Newton Part Supply	\$75.36
Pennington Chevrolet - Buick	\$73.00
Terminix International	\$26.66
Total Street	\$4,253.85

POLICE

Card Service Center	250.64
Cintas Corporation	89.36
Cintas	118.00
County of Jasper	\$10,555.44
Clint Crossen	\$825.00
Galls, LLC	\$360.83
Huddleston Supply Inc.	\$8.38
Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police	\$130.00
Lorenz Supply Company	\$63.79
Jeremy McCarter	\$1,200.00
McClane Motor Sales, Inc.	\$31.66
Kelsey McClure	\$350.49
Kim Muska	\$350.48
Mike Swick	\$530.25
Terminix International	\$26.67
Technology Management Revolving Fund	\$265.62
Weber, Heap, Ayres & Greene P.C.	\$1,277.50
Ryan Will	\$375.00
Total Police	\$16,809.11

CEMETERY

Backwoods Lawn Service	\$1,830.00
Total Cemetery	\$1,830.00

PARK

Backwoods Lawn Service	\$745.00
BSN Sports LLC	\$87.99
Card Service Center	\$1.26
Midwest Tractor Sales	\$21.59
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$23.94
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	\$19.74
Total Park	\$899.52

POUND

County of Jasper	\$1,053.42
Total Pound	\$1,053.42

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Card Service Center	\$20.66
Embarras River Tourism Flower Fund	\$15.00

Gen Adm. Cont.	
Hometown Register	\$387.75
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$34.20
Kemper CPA Group	\$603.75
Kemper Technology Consulting	\$547.83
Kirchner Building Centers	\$4.99
Kelsey McClure	\$350.48
Municipal Clerks of Illinois	\$165.00
Kim Muska	\$350.48
Office Essentials	\$270.89
Terminix International	\$26.67
Ryan Will	\$375.00
Total General Administration	<u>\$3,152.70</u>

<u>POOL</u>	
Card Service Center	\$15.12
Kirchner Building Centers	\$8.80
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	\$39.48
Total Pool	<u>\$63.40</u>

TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS \$28,119.66

<u>EMA</u>	
County of Jasper	\$488.59
Total EMA	<u>\$488.59</u>

<u>CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u>	
Milano & Grunloh Engineers LLC	\$71.54
Total Capital Dev.	<u>\$71.54</u>

<u>TIF</u>	
Kemper CPA Group	\$840.00
Total TIF	<u>\$840.00</u>

<u>EAGLE TRAIL</u>	
Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC	\$286.14
Total Eagle Trail	<u>\$286.14</u>

TOTAL SPECIALS \$1,686.27

<u>ELECTRIC</u>	
Alliance Tractor LLC.	\$83.69
Anixter, Inc.	\$9,771.44
Beverlin Oil Co.	\$210.03
BHMG Engineers	\$2,209.70
Brownstown Electric Supply	\$5,830.12
Card Service Center	\$273.54
Cummins Sales and Service	\$1,397.48
JM Test Systems	\$458.00
Kemper CPA Group	\$603.75
Kirchner Building Centers	\$33.97
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$20.99
Online Information Services	\$54.30
Springfield Electric Supply	\$12,181.25
Terminix International	\$27.50
Wabash Valley Service Co.	\$15.00
Winterland, Inc.	\$2,014.38
Total Electric	<u>\$35,185.14</u>

<u>WATER</u>	
Beverlin Oil Co.	\$299.93
Birch Auto Service & Towing	\$83.93
Bradford Supply Co.	\$436.99
Card Service Center	\$1,202.51
EJ Water Cooperative Inc.	\$36.00
Expert Collision Center LLC	\$830.30
Grainger	\$40.08
Steve Jones Plumbing & Hardware	\$10.60
Kemper CPA Group	\$603.75
Kirchner Building Centers	\$10.99

Water Cont.	
Martin's IGA	\$5.38
Midwest Meter, Inc.	\$1,359.00
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$379.98
United Systems & Software, Inc.	\$380.00
USA Blue Book	\$84.30
Smithenry Grain LLC.	\$2,977.44
CJ's Performance & Accessories	\$1,570.42
Total Water	\$10,311.60

<u>WWT</u>	
Beverlin Oil Company	\$95.63
Bradford Supply Co.	\$585.13
Card Service Center	\$1.89
Certified Balance & Scale	\$722.00
Cintas	\$70.20
Cummins Sales & Service	\$1,995.17
Hometown Register	\$103.85
Kemper CPA Group	\$603.75
Kirchner Building Centers	\$20.75
Newton Part Supply, Inc.	\$78.05
Office Essentials	\$361.02
City of Robinson WWTF	\$128.00
Rootx	\$2,799.83
Schulte Supply, Inc.	\$443.76
Terminix International	\$27.50
USA Blue Book	\$15.60
Vandevanter Engineers	\$11,621.22
Total WWT	\$19,673.35

TOTAL PAYABLES= \$94,976.02

General Fund

Ameren Illinois	\$216.45
Ashley Ruholl	\$317.64
Clint Crossen	\$650.00
Verizon Wireless	\$107.91
Sarah Carter	\$259.01
Sparklight	\$778.34
LIUNA National Pension Fund	\$2,369.24
Sunset View Coatings	\$30,433.33
Mike Swick	\$50.00
William Heap	\$150.00
City of Newton	\$908.14
Wex Bank - Marathon	\$768.73
Wex Bank - Circle K	\$774.80
Galena Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram	\$32,662.00
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	\$70,445.59

INS A

The Standard	\$201.29
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	\$201.29

Payroll

Local 1197 Secretary Treasurer	\$840.00
State Disbursement Unit	\$956.76
NGL Insurance Group	\$26.68
American Heritage Life Insurance Co.	\$46.78
The Standard	\$324.24
NCPERS Group Life Insurance	\$112.00
Standard Insurance -Vision	\$296.88
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	\$2,603.34

Electric

Verizon Wireless	\$49.49
Ameren Illinois	\$67.32
Daniel Alzate	\$138.88
Norris Electric Coop.	\$128.25
Newton Post Office	\$166.60
Sparklight	\$105.59
VFW Post #7537	\$3,872.31
City of Newton	\$252.62
Wex Bank - Marathon	\$345.48
Illinois Power Marketing	\$98,992.67
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	\$104,119.21

WATER

Verizon Wireless	\$21.71
Ameren Illinois	\$87.95
Sparklight	\$90.27
Newton Post Office	\$166.61
Wex Bank - Marathon	\$469.71
City of Newton	\$1,324.29
UPS	\$91.01
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	\$2,251.55

WWT

Ameren Illinois	\$75.26
Verizon Wireless	\$49.49
Sparklight	\$90.27
Newton Post Office	\$166.61
Wex Bank - Marathon	\$496.24
City of Newton	\$5,284.97
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	\$6,162.84

SPECIALS

Trustmark Health Benefits, Inc.	\$1,163.95
The Indiana Railroad	\$250.00
City of Newton	\$6.90
Symetra Life Insurance Co.	\$28,820.00
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	\$30,240.85

Total Prepays =

 \$216,024.67