



## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

July 19, 2022

### **NOTICE: Public Hearing for Appropriations before the July 19, 2022 council meeting at 5:45 P.M.**

Hearing called to order City Treasurer.

Physically present: Josh Kuhl, Gayle Glumac, Larry Brooks, R. J. Lindemann, Amy J. Tarr, John Stone, David Brown, Melissa Brooks, Tyler Weber and Rosetta York

Treasurer Brooks presented the annual appropriations ordinance. The 22-14 Appropriation Ordinance for this Fiscal Year's budget of 2022-23 will be approved at the tonight's City Council Meeting.

There were no comments or objections.

Hearing was closed at 5:50 PM by the City Treasurer.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor  
**Mayor Kuhl 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, R. J. Lindemann and Marlene Harris**  
**Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, and Clerk Rosetta M. York**  
**Absent: Eric Blake**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: No amendments  
**Motion was made by Lindemann seconded by Glumac, to adopt the proposed agenda.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of July 5, 2022.  
**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2022 meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac**  
**Nays: None**
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
**Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-paids in the amount of \$382,839.06 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 \$106,559.21.**  
**Harris seconded the motion.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown**  
**Nays: None**
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **None**
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: **None**
9. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Discuss intent to dig application.  
**Brown:** This is in regard to some conversations I have had with Tyler, Riley, John and Clint. Everyone connected to the buffer zone to have building permits or not have building permits. It really doesn't affect the vast majority of people that are signing off on these building permits. Tyler had a good suggestion, maybe just have an intent to dig permit in the buffer zone which would protect the City's assets, alert Zoning and with no fees. The buffer zone has water lines, few overhead electric lines and zoning rules. It was agreed that the Water Department Head, Tyler Weber, and the Zoning Administrator, John Stone, would be the responsible persons to approve or disapprove the permits.
  - b. Discuss Fire Hydrant flushing and repair update.



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**Brooks:** The fire hydrant by Charles Schackmann's place on 810th Ave. has been repaired.

The Water Department has been flushing hydrants. but the Metro and Wabash JULIEs for the fiber optics through town are preventing them from making as much progress as they'd like. They're trying to set up a regular pattern of when to flush. The Water Department are flushing hydrants when they can. Because we have a Public Drinking Water system the fire hydrants have to be flushed by a Class D licensed person.

- c. Consider and act on Ordinance 22-14 Annual Appropriations for 2022-23.

**Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brooks, to pass Ordinance 22-14 Annual Appropriations for 2022-23.**

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

**Nays: None**

- d. Consider and act on First Amendment to Real Estate Purchase Agreement with INRD. (This is modifying the compliance dates only.)

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to authorize the Real Estate Purchase Agreement dated April 19th 2022 by and between The Indiana Rail Road Company and the City of Newton, Illinois be amended by First Amendment to Real Estate Purchase Agreement to extend the closing date to not sooner than September 15th 2022; extend the termination date to November 1st 2022; extend the inspection date to September 1st 2022; and extend the date to provide the survey to August 15th, 2022; and, that the Mayor of the City of Newton Illinois be authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Newton the said First Amendment.**

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

**Nays: Lindemann**

- e. Consider and act on Committee assignments and Chairman.

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Lindemann, to authorize Committee assignments and Chairmen with one change which is to replace Chief Swick with Chief Britton on the Police/Building Permits Committee.**

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

**Nays: None**

### 10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consider and act on Robert Green Dumpster Reimbursement application for \$545.00.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Robert Green Dumpster Reimbursement application for \$545.00.**

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

**Nays: None**

### 11. STATEMENTS BY:

**Glumac:** This past week Honey Do was an extremely successful week. Some of jobs didn't get quite finished. Honey Do is going to continue the work. I would eagerly have people seek that out for next year. It's a true blessing. Nine kids come down from Chicago to help us. They were thankful to the City of Newton for allowing them to swim in the pool. We told them we had houses for sale and they could come down and live here when they were ready. Thanks to all the City workers, Chief Britton, the Council, Jim Schafer, Quincy Vanderhoof and Deb McClure for helping The Honey Do Ministry program.

**Brown:** No comments

**Brooks:** On Lafayette St. between Martin St. and Curtis St. there is a water main that has had 5 clamps to patch water leaks. The City needs to replace the main.

**Lindemann:** Called a Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 5:45 PM.



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Presented Billing Adjustments and Payment Adjustments reports.

**Harris:** I, too, want to thank Honey Do for the work that they did in the city and area county. The painters did a really good job painting City Hall.

**City Attorney:** No Comments

**City Treasurer:** No Comments

**City Clerk:** Reminded the Council on OMA details and the Codebook updates which will be voted on in January 2023.

**Mayor:**

- I will echo Marlene and Gayle, thank you to all the volunteers that worked with Honey Do Ministries this last week helping residences.
  - I want to thank the city pool employees; the lifeguards and concession stand workers for bringing on extra staff for the "Free Swim Days." Also, I want to thank the City Council for allowing the "Free Swim Days."
  - I want to thank all the city employees. It's been a hot summer and you guys have been busy with Metro and Wabash Fiber optic installations in town. The JULIE locate work load has been demanding. I do appreciate all the time and effort.
  - I'll echo Gayle on the electric department, they've trimmed a bunch of trees and things look really good around town.
  - Thanks to the painters. Things look really good at City Hall. I know that they had a small window to get in here and get it done.
  - The flooring is set to be started middle of August. I know that it's going to take them a little longer but everything is coming into place.
12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 6:00 PM**  
SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: **Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 5:45 PM**
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: **None**
14. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta M. York**