



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

June 1, 2021

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Josh Kuhl, Mayor
Mayor Josh Kuhl called the meeting to order.
- 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 York, City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann and Marlene Harris
Absent: Eric Blake
Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York
- 4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to adopt the proposed agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris
Nays: None
- 5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of May 18, 2021
Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Brown, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **None**
- 7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on 2021 bids for annual MFT Street Maintenance Program. (Bid letting was May 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM in City Hall).

Company Awarded Bid	Material Bid on	Total Amount of Bid
Lee Kintner & Sons, INC.	Bit. Material Seal Coat AC-5	\$66,313.80
Heuerman Bros.	CA-16	\$14,709.80
Heuerman Bros.	CA-6	\$4,440.00
Compass Minerals	Salt	\$7,345.50

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to authorize the above 2021 bids for annual MFT Street Maintenance Program awarded by IDOT on May 25, 2021.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on 2020 IDOT Compliance Review. (This is an annual review for MFT funds or Motor Fuel Tax funds.)
Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brooks, to authorize 2020 IDOT MFT Funds Compliance Review.
Ayes: Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks
Nays: None
- C. Consider and act on Ordinance 21-05 To Amend the Rules of Order of Deliberations and Meetings of City Council.
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to pass Ordinance 21-05 To Amend the Rules of Order of Deliberations and Meetings of City Council.
Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann
Nays: None
- D. Discuss the consolidation and/or the need of the present City of Newton Council Committees.
Mayor and council discuss eliminating and combining the present Council Committees and possible results of their actions. The main goals are to combine similar areas, eliminate committees that are not need at this time and to not have as many committee meetings. Mayor ask the Council to continue their research and to let him know what they have found.
- E. Discuss and update the public on Phase IV Eagle Trail Riverwalk.
The Mayor discussed the walk through with Milano & Grunloh Engineering on May 25th. Below is the email of the topics discussed, which were compiled by Michael A. Tappendorf, P.E. from Milano & Grunloh:

All:

I would like to recap our discussion this morning, and ensure I am moving forward in the direction the City wants. Please see the below comments:

- 1. Site Visit Location 1 – City stockpiling area, and location of old mill.
 - a. We are to Stay as far North as possible along the river bank



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- b. We will have to relocate and install new fence along the path. The fence will be relocated to 2' off the edge of the path all the way to the parking lot fence.
 - c. We will need to install an inlet and storm sewer along the path in the City's stockpile area for a washout area.
 - d. There were two manholes on the East end, which will have to be contended with. These will likely be adjusted down if encountered as a conflict.
2. Site Visit Location 2 – Existing Boat Ramp on North 3rd street.
- a. Plans show the path going through the middle of the rock lot.
 - b. We will show the path as far North as possible.
 - c. We will likely try to avoid all trees as much as possible.
 - d. The existing boat ramp will not be adversely affected. The path is intended to match existing grades at the ramp, and cut in to slopes to the East.
 - e. We will change the edges to be concreted
 - f. Improvements to the boat ramp and any existing riprap/rail boulders in the river can be coordinated with the contractor during construction.
 - g. The existing catch basin shall be avoided, and any pipes encountered shall be tied back in if encountered
3. Site Visit Location 3 – Existing fill area North of cemetery
- a. This site will be avoided. We will be remaining North along the bank of the river
4. Site Visit Location 4 – Boat ramp area North of Petersen Park
- a. I have asked Greg palmer preliminarily about changing the scope of the project to termini as discussed. He stated there will need to be coordination with others at IDOT for this.
 - b. All areas shown on the plans will be how we will progress at this time.

Let me know if there are any questions on the above, or if anything is incorrect, or I am missing anything. If this would be forwarded on to other council members as you see fit.

Thank you,

Michael A. Tappendorf, P.E.

While Greg Palmer was at City Hall, the Mayor ask if there was a penalty if the City were to not go forward with the Riverwalk. There is no penalty, but the City would have to pay for all of the expenses accrued so far. The State of Illinois has not done their final approval, yet. The Mayor ask the Council to continue researching information and speaking with their constituents whether to continue or discontinue with the Riverwalk.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on 10-year IDOT Traffic Signal Master Agreement. (This is a maintenance agreement between IDOT and Newton for IL 33 Jourdan & Jackson, IL 33 Jourdan & Van Buren and IL 33/IL 130 & Morgan traffic lights.)

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Lindemann, to authorize 10-year IDOT Traffic Signal Master Agreement. (This is a maintenance agreement between IDOT and Newton for IL 33 Jourdan & Jackson, IL 33 Jourdan & Van Buren and IL 33/IL 130 & Morgan traffic lights.)

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on Ordinance 21-06 To Amend Chapter 21-2-8 Liquor Article II – Licenses of Newton City Code. (Code to serve liquor outside.)

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to pass Ordinance 21-06 To Amend Chapter 21-2-8 Liquor Article II – Licenses of Newton City Code. (Code to serve liquor outside.)

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on Ordinance 21-07 Authorizing Lease of Ground for Farming Purposes.

Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Brooks, to pass Ordinance 21-07 Authorizing Lease of Ground for Farming Purposes.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on Cash Rental Farm Lease with Michael Finley for \$150.00 per the agreed tillable 50 acres. (This is the Griffith ground purchased this year.)

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Cash Rental Farm Lease with Michael Finley for \$150.00 per the agreed tillable 50 acres.

Ayes: Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

- E. Consider and act on Special Event Permit Application from Dustin Granby for use of the Old Mill Bridge.

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to authorize Special Event Permit Application from Dustin Granby for use of the Old Mill Bridge.



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Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

F. Consider and act on advertising for sealed bids on the City of Newton property described as "The West Forty-nine (49) feet of even width of Lot Five (5) in Block Fifteen (15) in the Original City of Newton.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to authorize advertising for sealed bids on the City of Newton property described as "The West Forty-nine (49) feet of even width of Lot Five (5) in Block Fifteen (15) in the Original City of Newton.

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris

Nays: None

G. Consider and act on an Independent Contractor Agreement with Clint Crossen d/b/a Crossen Inspection Services.

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Lindemann, to authorize an Independent Contractor Agreement with Clint Crossen d/b/a Crossen Inspection Services.

Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac

Nays: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: **None**

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Glumac: No Comments

Brown: No Comments

Brooks: No Comments

Lindemann: Welcomed back to the City Clerk.

Harris: She has received complaints from residents in Imperial Acres there have been items stolen from their premises and there has been high noise level from event center.

City Attorney: No Comments

City Treasurer: No Comments

City Clerk: Thanks for the welcome back.

Mayor:

1. Welcome to City Clerk.
2. Thanked the Veterans and the Militaries for their service. The town looked good for Memorial Day.
3. Chris Parr sent the City a thank you letter:



JASPER COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

609 S. LAFAYETTE STREET, NEWTON, IL 62448

ANDREW D. JOHNSON, SUPERINTENDENT

PHONE 618-783-8459

To: All City of Newton Department Heads, Mayor Joshua Kuhl, and Newton City Council Members

From: Chris Parr

Subject: Thank you!!!

I wanted to say Thank You for all that the City of Newton Employees, and City Officials have done for JCCU#1 Schools and the kids of our community.

Another year has come to an end. As I look back over the year/years I cannot help but see how important of a role the City of Newton and all of its Employees have played out every single day in the safety and well being of the Students of Jasper County Schools. The list of things I could mention is a mile long. Streets, Parks, Electric, Water, Septic, Office and many, many ways you all have stepped up and helped us out. I want you all to know that what is done on a daily basis in our little community does not go unnoticed. Thank you very much!!! Please pass along our appreciation to all your staff and board members!!

This is a bitter sweet letter for me to send you as I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you in one way or another, but this will also be my last letter to you as a Jasper County school employee. Daniel Stark will be taking my place. I leave here knowing there will still be a great working relationship between the Schools and the City with the same interest at heart, our kids.

One last time Thank You!!!!!!

Chris Parr,
Director of Transportation/Operations and Maintenance Director
Jasper County Community Unit # 1 Schools
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Newton, IL 62448
618/783-3023 618/783-3065



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11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: **None**

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation and sale of real estate

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation and sale of real estate 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 7:04 PM.

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

Ayes: Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:38 PM.

Josh Kuhl announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation, potential litigation and sale of real estate

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York