



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

June 21, 2022

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 Eric Blake.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Eric Blake.
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta M. York, City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Larry Brooks, R. J. Lindemann, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris
Also present: Treasurer Melissa Brooks, and Clerk Rosetta M. York
Absent: Attorney William Heap
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Delete # 9b incomplete title
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Lindemann, to adopt the amended agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of June 7, 2022:
Motion was made by Lindeman, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-paids in the amount of \$107,522.73 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 \$102,263.27. Harris seconded the motion.
Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Mike Swick is being recognized by the Newton City Council.
The Mayor and the Newton City Council recognized Mike Swick for his years of outstanding leadership, service and dedication to the City of Newton from 1978 to 2022.
Mike: Thank you very much. I appreciate it. It all went by in a flash, but retirement is very good.
There were several "Thanks You," "Great working with you." and "We will miss you." comments.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
Brown—Police/Building Committee Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at about 6:00 PM
Present: RJ Lindemann, David Brown, Chief Riley Britton, Clint Crossen, Matt Tarr, Marlene Harris, John Stone, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake and Gayle Glumac

Deputy Code Official Clint Crossen started the meeting by discussing some of the unsafe issues he has been finding in complete or nearly completed buildings in Newton. No GFI's, gas lines issues, unsafe lighting, broken electrical boxes, to name a few. Clint would like to see mandatory occupancy permits. There was an extensive discussion with whether to make it for commercial/industrial only or to include new residential also.
Matt Tarr brought up the electrical code book that the City is following/using. Currently we are using the 2002 National Electric Code.

Chief Britton updated the committee on the vandalism at the Old River Bridge. One person identified and two juveniles are yet to be.

Dilapidated residences in town were also discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.
David Brown, Chairman
9. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Consider and act on 22-12 City Ordinance - Amend Chapter 21 Article II liquor license fees. (Renewal fees)



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Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to pass 22-12 City Ordinance - Amend Chapter 21 Article II liquor license fees. (Renewal fees)

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

Nays: None

- b. ~~Consider and act on 22-13 City Ordinance -- Repeal Sections 6-1-1 Through 6-1-3 of Chapter 6 Building Regulations and to Substitute therefor the International Residential Code, 2015 Edition.~~ (Note: This title was incomplete on the published agenda. The complete title of the motion will appear on the next agenda for July 5, 2022 City Council Meeting.)

10. NEW BUSINESS: None

11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: Congratulations to Chief Swick.

Brown: Ditto. I have enjoyed working with you very much and truly. Thank you.

Brooks: We have the water salesman in service (This is the bulk water station where people can buy water. It is now located by the City's Utility Departments complex on N. Van Buren St.). Alderman Brooks told Mike Swick he appreciated everything he did and thanked him.

Lindemann: Thanked Mike and explained to the council he had reviewed and approved the billing adjustment report.

Blake: Thanked Chief Swick and congratulated him. Whoever's been helping with the cat situation, they've made a lot of progress in the last two weeks and I think they should be thanked for doing a good job.

Harris: I want to thank the Street Department for keeping our streets from bleeding so much. And a big thanks to Mike for all the work you've done.

City Treasurer: Congratulations, Mike. Enjoy your retirement. We'll miss you.

City Clerk: 1 Police Department PO # 2022-3 to SHI \$17,770.00.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Police Department PO # 2022-3 to SHI \$17,770.00.

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

Nays: None

Mayor:

- ✓ "Thank you to the Council for taking over here the last couple of meetings, our city council meeting and committee meetings. It's been busy with the kids' ball schedule. A couple more weeks and that'll be up."
- ✓ "I'll thank the Chief, once again, Chief Swick, congratulations on your retirement. First and foremost, thank you for your friendship and your mentorship for a lot of years. I don't know if it worked. But I do, I truly do hope you enjoy some time to relax and catch up on the things that you probably didn't get to take time to do."
- ✓ "Thanks to the city, all the city employees over the last few weeks as it's been hot, keeping everything in motion going good."
- ✓ "I'll echo Eric as well. Thank you to the volunteers involved with our cat situation in town and also that includes Gayle Glumac. Gayle has been a liaison for both sides. I do appreciate Gayle keeping things under check."

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Finance/Audit Committee Meeting Monday, June 27, 2022 at 6:00 PM and Personnel Committee Meeting Monday, June 27, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York