



## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

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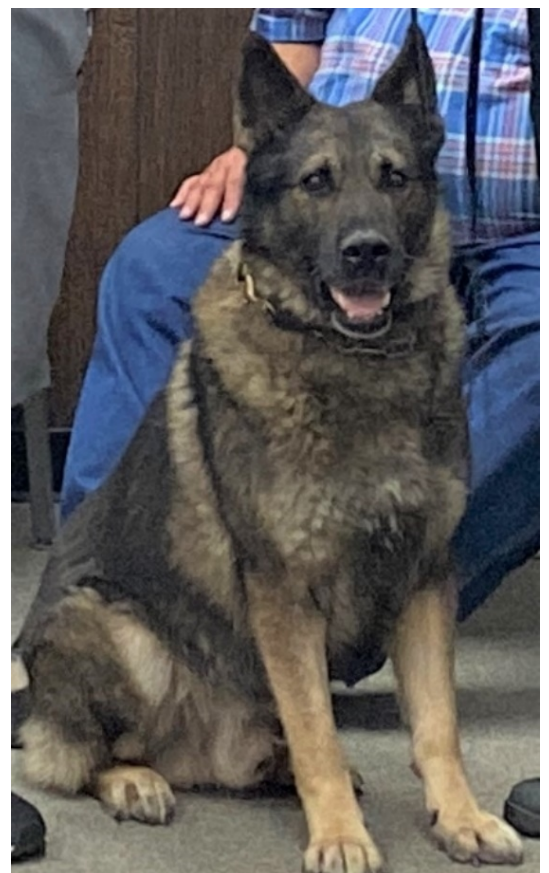
Newton, IL 62448

August 17, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor  
**Mayor Joshua Kuhl called the meeting to order.**
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Marlene Harris.  
**Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Marlene Harris.**
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta M. 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 M. York**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: #9a change to 3 bids and #9e add rejecting bids  
**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Lindemann, to adopt the amended agenda.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of August 3, 2021:  
**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021 meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac**  
**Nays: None**
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
Mayor asked Water Department Head if there had been an accident because there was a bill to repair or replace a tire rim.  
Alderman Lindemann reminded the Committee Chairpersons to tell the Department Heads to buy their water at Dollar General.  
**Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$162,769.83 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today and made a motion to approve the pre-pays and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of \$ 89,135.45. Harris seconded the motion.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Brown**  
**Nays: None**
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Officer Dano's Retirement



Officer Dano and Officer Britton were presented with a plaque to honor Officer Dano's retirement from service. (Thanks to Mindy Hartke for the photos.)





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### 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

#### Water and Wastewater Committee on August 9 at 6:00 PM

##### Brooks:

##### Connor & Connor presented these items at the meeting:

1. Received One (1) Bid for Proposed Well #10, from Brotcke Well & Pump (Fenton, MO) in the amount of \$289,019.00.
2. Tyler collected to prices for the repair of Well #6.
  - a. \$110,824 - Brotcke Well & Pump (Fenton, MO)
  - b. \$113,500 - Water Well Solutions (Elburn, IL) - {After modifying price to be comparable to other.}
3. History of Well #6
  - a. Constructed in May, 1991
  - b. Original pumping rate was 250 gpm.
  - c. In 2011, pumping rate was reduced to 210 gpm to extend life of well.
4. How Well #6 will be repaired:
  - a. Platform, controls, handrail and electrical conduits detached from well.
  - b. Well will be disconnected from raw water main.
  - c. Outer 36" steel casing cut and removed from platform elevation, down to below pitless. (20' Total)
  - d. Concrete grout between inner and out casing will be removed with jack-hammer.
  - e. Pitless will be chiseled out and replaced.
  - f. New 36" steel casing will be welded to existing casing.
  - g. New cement grout will be installed between inner and outer casing.
  - h. New pitless will be connected to raw water main.
  - i. Platform, controls and handrail will be re-attached to new casing.
  - j. Casing will be blasted and painted.
5. Engineer's Remarks:
  - a. \$289k for a new well is incredibly high. Believed to be double. Wells #8 & #9 were built in 2011 for \$115k each.
  - b. The overall life expectancy of a well is 40 to 50 years. Well #6 is 30 years into that. Though Newton wells have always been well maintained.
  - c. It might make sense to by-pass the pitless and bring the water over the top of the well, for a cost of \$30k to \$40k. Local well service group would do that work.
  - d. If a new well is desired, wait until next year to try again.
  - e. Well field consists of five (5) wells at 210 gpm each. EPA will give credit for total volume in 20 hours with largest well out of service, or  $4 \times 210 \times 60 \times 20 = 1,008,000$  gallons per day capacity.
  - f. In the absence of Wells #6, that would temporarily reduce to:  $3 \times 210 \times 60 \times 20 = 756,000$  gallons per day.

The Committee met to discuss repairing Well #6 or drilling a new well. The committee thought the best choice is to drill a new water well, but to rebid it next year thinking the bid will be lower next year.

##### Wastewater:

Wastewater Department Head, Brent Benefiel, needs a sludge storage building. The estimated cost will be between \$145,000 and \$160,000. We will advertise for bids at the next council meeting.

The EPA Report for the Sewage Treatment plant was good.

RexVault has asked to empty their pump truck in the dump station. Shannon Woodard will develop a plan and cost with RexVault, before presenting it to Council. Water and Wastewater discussed a shared need for a new vac truck. Together the departments will bring quotes for purchasing and/or renting a vac truck. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

#### Building and Grounds Committee on August 11, 2021 at 3:30 PM

##### Brooks:

1. Lee Beckman was present to field questions and to discuss the Eagle Trail Riverwalk. When the plans are complete, Milano and Grunloh will submit them to the State of Illinois for approval. Then they will bid the project.
  2. The City Hall Building Inspection was presented to the committee. The water heater needs replaced. There is a ventilation issue which need corrected. The street side windows need to be replaced.
  3. Discussed advertising for janitorial services for City Hall. This will be on the next Council agenda.
- Adjourned at 5:00 PM

##### Chief Mike Swick spoke on the needed repairs on City Hall at the Council Meeting:

- The Electric Department cleaned out City Hall's gutter and looked over some electrical issues.
- He had spoken with Ryan Will about the tuck pointing needed and the parking pads which are in bad shape.
- The railing for the stairs going from the upper level to the lower level needs to be repaired or replaced. This might be an in-house repair.
- He spoke with a contractor about the ventilation. Dehumidifying, lowering the temperature or ceiling fans might solve the ventilation issues.
- He contacted a couple of contractors about the roof and a couple of local people about the hot water heater replacement.



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**9. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Open bids for a portion of Five Aprils Crossing Subdivision being Outlot #1, 3 (I missed 1 bid when I typed the agenda, Rosie) bids were received.

**The bid will be awarded at the next Council meeting. The City Attorney will prepare the documents to transfer the property which will be voted on at the September 7, 2021 Council meeting.**

**William Heap opened the 3 bids received:**

- 1. **Deborah Huddlestun \$5,002.00**
- 2. **Lorissa` Cummings \$2,001.00**
- 3. **Jordan Andruch \$250.00**

- b. Consider and act on Resolution 21-09 Closed Session Minutes.
- c. Consider and act on Resolution 21-10 Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Meetings Sessions audio recording.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Lindemann, to table (9b.) Resolution 21-09 and (9c.) Resolution 21-10 until after the executive session.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Shannon Woodard from Connor & Connor:** Please look at #8 in the minutes which he briefly spoke on before the vote on rejecting the bids.

- d. Consider and act on rejecting the well #10 bid. (The City of Newton is going to wait until the Spring to rebid both #9d and #9e.)

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Glumac, to authorize rejecting the well #10 bid.**

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

**Nays: None**

- e. Consider and act on rejecting the bids to repair well #6.

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Glumac, to authorize rejecting the bids to repair well #6.**

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

**Nays: None**

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Consider and act on authorizing one Electric Department employee to attend Fall Line School, 1st Year Distribution on September 13-17 for a fee of \$750.00 plus allowable expenses.

**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Lindemann, to authorize one Electric Department employee to attend Fall Line School, 1st Year Distribution on September 13-17 for a fee of \$750.00 plus allowable expenses.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Lindemann:** "If we're putting off the well drilling and or repair work we're going to be doing until the spring, why aren't we putting this off?"

**Mayor:** Well, that is a great question. Lumber is actually dropped probably 30 percent in the last 30 days. The metal siding, the metal the roof and the draping of the sides looks more of like a pavilion. So it's a virtually for weather barrier and concrete. Most of the things that we're talking about have not significantly went up in price. The other thing is, is it's also putting Brent in a time crunch. It's not going to be completed by fall. He's still a year out. But this is something that moving forward we probably need to do. Back to the well.

**Shannon Woodard from Connor & Connor:** You're in compliance with water well field. The water production facility was designed for a million gallons a day. You get credit for what you can produce in a 12 hour period. If we remove one well from service, it's only going to drop you





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down to about 750 gallons, which is still sufficient for the capacity that you need to provide with the EPA permit.. So, there are no EPA compliance issues with the City putting it off for six months.

On the sludge storage side, the plant was designed for liquid sludge disposal. The EPA requires storage of 180 days of liquid sludge on site. "Big Wheels" the liquid sludge truck was retired a few years ago. At that time, all the sludge produced at the plant was land applied by the city with this truck. Liquid sludge has 2% to 5% percent solids. There was a desire to do a cheaper dry sludge process. If the sludge is dried, there is less volume that you have to handle. The permit allows for knifing in before planting or after harvesting. The building will allow for more space to store the dry for the small time window to apply it.

- b. Consider and act on authorizing Connor & Connor with design and bid solicitation for dry sludge storage building.

**Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Harris, to authorize Connor & Connor with design and bid solicitation for dry sludge storage building.**

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

**Nays: None**

- c. Consider and act on authorizing the approval to credit account # 9-1206-01 in the amount of \$1,793.42 for overpayment on the utility account from June 2017 to June 2021.

**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to authorize the approval to credit (refund) account # 9-1206-01 in the amount of \$1,793.42 for overpayment on the utility account from June 2017 to June 2021.**

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

**Nays: None**

- d. Consider and act on Ordinance 21-11 To Amend Chapter 7 Business Code Article VII – Tattoo Artists. (This is to change the permit fee from \$500 to \$250.)

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Glumac, to pass Ordinance 21-11 To Amend Chapter 7 Business Code Article VII – Tattoo Artists.**

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

**Nays: None**

- e. Consider and act on Ordinance 21-12 Pertaining to the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for the City of Newton.

**Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Glumac, to pass Ordinance 21-12 Pertaining to the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for the City of Newton.**

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

**Nays: None**

- f. Consider and act on authorizing to advertise for janitorial services for City Hall with quotes due by 5:00 PM on September 3, 2021.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to authorize advertising for janitorial services for City Hall with quotes due by 5:00 PM on September 3, 2021.**

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

**Nays: None**

- g. Consider and act on three or four city employees attending Snedeker Risk Management 2021 Fall Client Conference on September 22-23, 2021 with no fees and no hotel expenses just other allowable expenses (mileage).

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to authorize three or four city employees attending Snedeker Risk Management 2021 Fall Client**



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**Conference on September 22-23, 2021 with no fees and no hotel expenses just other allowable expenses (mileage).**

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

**Nays: None**

### 11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: No comments

Brown: No comments

Brooks: No comments

Lindemann: Gave the billing and adjustments report

Harris: Thanked the Street Department employees for their storm water efforts during the 9 inch rain event.

City Attorney: No comments

City Treasurer: No comments

City Clerk:

- Codify the latest ordinances. Last time was in Feb-2020.
- Fall Festival parade permit is coming from IDOT.
- Thanks to everyone for their "Happy Birthday messages."
- Special City Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Mayor:

- Thank you to the electric employees for helping out here at City Hall, checking over those gutters.
- I will echo Marlene. I'll thank all of our city employees. For a week ago yesterday when we received nine inches of rain in town. It was an absolute mess, but handled very well.
- Cruise Night had very good turnout uptown. It was good to see everybody, great turnout and the food trucks. Chief Swick was there on the golf cart. It was a nice evening.
- Once again, thanks to Officer Britton, Officer Bierman and Dano, for the years of service.
- There will be a Special Council Meeting to table the TIF Amendment Ordinance, because an agreement with Alliance Tractor is still being negotiated. This action will pause the process timeline.
- I want to thank Larry Brooks and Chief Swick for their work so far on City Hall.
- We want to congratulate and welcome the First National Bank of Olney to town. There was a ribbon cutting last Wednesday evening. There will be a grand opening this Friday. I suggest everybody go introduce yourselves and welcome them to town.

### 12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **September 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Special Council Meeting Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM and a Finance Committee Meeting Tuesday, August 24, 2021 after the council Meeting at 6:10 PM.**

### 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation and Closed Session Minutes

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Lindemann, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation and closed session minutes pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Open session suspended at 7:03 PM**



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

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

**Nays: None**

**Open session resumed at 7:47 PM.**

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

**(9b) Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Harris, to pass Resolution 20-09 Closed Session Minutes.**

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

**Nays: None**

**(9c) Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Lindemann, to pass Resolution 20-10 Authorizing the Destruction of Closed Meetings Sessions Audio Recording.**

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

**Nays: None**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta M. York**