



## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

March 21, 2023

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 Kaleb Wright.  
**Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Kaleb Wright.**
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta M. York, City Clerk  
**Physically present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris**  
**Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, and Clerk Rosetta M. York**  
**Absent: RJ Lindemann**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: 9a. delete the second Consider typo and delete 9c. and 9d.  
**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to adopt the amended agenda.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Blake, Harris**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of March 7, 2023:  
**Motion was made by Wright, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023 meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac**  
**Nays: None**
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
**Mayor Kuhl reported on Alderman Lindemann's review of the pre-paids in the amount of \$158,616.82 and the bills and accounts payable earlier today. Harris made a motion to approve the pre-paids in the amount of \$158,616.82 and authorize payment of the bills and accounts payable in the amount of \$175,286.68. Wright seconded the motion.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Wright**  
**Nays: None**
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **Melissa Brown presented the tentative schedule of Chamber events for 2023 and requested a donation from the City of Newton of \$8,000.**
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Personnel Committee Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM.  
**Personnel Committee Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM.**  
**Blake: Present: Eric Blake, Melissa Brooks, Marlene Harris, Joshua Kuhl, Rosetta York and Gayle Glumac**  
Start 6:00 PM  
The Committee went into Executive Session to discuss personnel.  
Committee went out of Executive Session.  
Meeting adjourned 6:35 PM
9. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Consider and act on 23-04 City Ordinance Approving Annexation Scanlan property.  
**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Wright, to pass 23-04 City Ordinance Approving Annexation Scanlan property.**  
**Ayes: Blake, Harris, Glumac, Wright, Brooks**  
**Nays: None**
  - b. Consider and act on Aquatic Center Wages effective May 1, 2023.  
**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Aquatic Center Wages effective May 1, 2023 at \$1.00 per hour increase for manager, assistant manager, life guard and concession.**  
**Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Blake**  
**Nays: None**
  - ~~c. Consider and act on Part-time clerical wages effective May 1, 2023.~~
  - ~~d. Consider and act on Part-time Police Officer wages effective May 1, 2023.~~
  - e. Consider and act on 23-05 Ordinance Chapter 11 with the 7% electric rate increase.  
**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Wright, pass 23-05 City Ordinance Chapter 11 with the 7% electric rate increase.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Harris**  
**Nays: Blake**
10. NEW BUSINESS:



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- a. Consider and act on approving opening the yard waste facility, the first and third Saturdays from 8:00 AM to noon beginning Saturday April 1, 2023 to October 21, 2023 and every Saturday in November under the landscape waste collection site rules.

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, authorize opening the yard waste facility, the first and third Saturdays from 8:00 AM to noon beginning Saturday April 1, 2023 to October 21, 2023 and every Saturday in November under the landscape waste collection site rules.**

**Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac**

**Nays:**

- b. Consider and act on authorizing the City Wide Clean Up on May 19-20, 2023.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Wright, authorize the City Wide Clean Up on May 19-20, 2023.**

**Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Wright**

**Nays: None**

- c. Consider and act on 23-06 Ordinance Sale of Five Aprils Crossing Lot 17.

**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Wright, to pass 23-06 Ordinance Sale of Five Aprils Crossing Lot 17, to Donna Connor.**

**Ayes: Blake, Harris, Glumac, Wright, Brooks**

**Nays: None**

**11. STATEMENTS BY:**

Glumac: No comments

Wright: No comments

Brooks: I appreciate all that the Council does.

Lindemann: not present

Blake: No comments

Harris: No comments

City Attorney: No comments

City Treasurer: Appropriation change

**Motion was made by Brooks seconded by Harris, to make the following appropriation changes in General Fund General Administration to move \$2,000 from Contingency Fund (9000-27) to SCRIP & DC (9050-27).**

**Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Blake**

**Nays: None**

Melissa reminded all the council of the budget discussions on March 29.

City Clerk: 2 Electric POs 00013-30 and 00014-30

**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Wright, to authorize Electric Department purchase order # 00013-30 to Bridgewell Recourses for 26 poles of varying sizes for \$24,060.00.**

**Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Blake, Harris,**

**Nays: None**

**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Brooks, to authorize Electric Department purchase order # 00014-30 to Anixter for a M-6200A Digital Voltage Regulator Control at \$2,500.00.**

**Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac**

**Nays: None**

Mayor:

Explained to the council that he has reviewed and approved the billing adjustment report.

There will be budget meetings all day with all departments on March 29.

SCRIP & DC will have a stakeholders meeting on April 4, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

**12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 4, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate, purchase of real estate and personnel**



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**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, sale of real estate, purchase of real estate and personnel to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.**

**Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Wright**

**Nays: None**

**Open session suspended at 6:24 PM**

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

**Ayes: Blake, Harris, Glumac, Wright, Brooks**

**Nays: None**

**Open session resumed at 6:49 PM.**

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

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Blake**

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta M. York**