



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

August 2, 2022

1. ***CALL TO ORDER:** Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor
In the absence of Mayor Kuhl, Attorney Heap called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Alderman David Brown.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman David Brown.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Rosetta York, City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris
Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks and Clerk Rosetta York
Not Present: Josh Kuhl
Attorney Heap called for a motion to appoint Alderman Larry Brooks as Mayor Pro Tem for the August 2, 2022 meeting.
A motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Harris to appoint Larry Brooks as Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Lindemann, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
Abstain: Brooks
4. **ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:**
Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to adopt the proposed agenda.
Ayes: Brown, Lindemann, Blake, Harris, Brooks, Glumac
Nays: None
5. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** of July 19, 2022.
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2022 of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Lindemann, Harris, Brooks, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
Abstain: Blake
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**
Teresa Powell with Bedrock Property Management and Jill Michl the Manager of Newton Senior Living: They asked the City to allow their low-income applicants a 12-month payment plan for their utility deposits. The City of Newton Revised Code of Ordinances does not have that provision. The Council said they would speak with the collecting, billing and utility personnel.

Craig Pals with Tic Toc Energy: He is working with TPS on installing solar panels. The City's policy for Net Metering states the solar panels must be owned by customer. Any electric pushed back on the City's grid is credited at the avoided cost to the customer. The City has a wholesale agreement to purchase electricity with Vistra, if through creative financing plans a commercial entity would receive the money, Newton's Wholesale Agreement with Vistra could be compromised. The Council said they would do some checking.
7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**
Lindemann: Finance/Audit Committee Meeting Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 5:45 PM
Present: Rosetta M. York, Gayle Glumac, Marlene Harris, Melissa Brooks, Larry Brooks, David Brown, Matt Tarr, Eric Blake, Bill Heap, Tyler Weber, Brent Benefield, Sarah Kinkade and RJ Lindemann - Chairman
The meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m.
TIF application for Mike Neimerg was discussed. It was decided to award him \$500.00. That amounts to 15% of the project cost.
TIF application for Rauch's Jewelry was discussed. It was decided to award \$1,050.00 That amounts to 15% of the project cost.
Adjourned at 6:01 p.m.



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Glumac – Electric Committee Meeting July 28, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Electric Committee Meeting

July 28, 2022 6:00 P.M.

Present: Gayle Glumac- Chairwoman, Melissa Brooks, Matt Tarr, Larry Brooks, Marlene Harris, Eric Blake, Tyler Weber and Rosette York

Start 6:00

- Hiring new personnel for the electric. CDL's are now a class, 80hrs and 160hrs drive time, with a cost of 5,000. The contract needs to state how long you need to be employed to cover the cost.
- AMI Vision Meter System for solar reading. These are meters that have the capability of reading both solar, electric and water if near enough and have the ERT in the meter. The system increases the information and improves the quality of power provided by the municipality.
- At the present time there are no grants, but will continue to keep searching.
- Rex Vault is going to install some solar panels, there will be some boring under the highway. There will be a need to update a transformer.
- Discuss the wiring for the Christmas lights in the park, also extra old lights that we have in storage from the square to add to the park.
- \$214,280.00 for the project with the railroad, this is total reimbursement from the R.R. Waiting on state approval.
- Meeting end at 7:10 PM

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on 22-XX Ordinance Approving The 2022 Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan and Project for Redevelopment Project Area No. 1.

The purpose of tabling the ordinance is to extend the deadline.

Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to table 22-XX Ordinance Approving The 2022 Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan and Project for Redevelopment Project Area No. 1 to be voted on at the February 7, 2023 City Council Meeting.

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

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on the TIF Rauch's Jewelry Inc. application.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Glumac, authorize the TIF Rauch's Jewelry Inc. application reimbursement amount of \$1,050.00.

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

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on the TIF Mike Niemerg's application.

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Glumac, authorize TIF Mike Niemerg's application reimbursement amount of \$500.00.

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

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on hiring Mike Schackmann for the Parks and Cemetery Department from Electric Department.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Lindemann, authorize hiring Mike Schackmann for the Parks and Cemetery Department from Electric Department effective retroactive to July 26, 2022.

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

Nays: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on Special Event permit application for 2022 Jasper County Chamber Cruise Night on August 12, 2022.

Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to authorize Special Event permit application for 2022 Jasper County Chamber Cruise Night on August 12, 2022.

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

Nays: None



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B. Consider and act on Five Aprils Agreement to Purchase lot 18, 308 Woods Farm Lane.

Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to authorize Five Aprils Agreement to Purchase lot 18, 308 Woods Farm Lane to Honorato Diaz, Jr. for \$5,000.00.

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

Nays: None

10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Glumac: No Comments

Brown: Brad has been contacted by a church group. He's going to have them stain and seal the Old River Bridge. He will not get to it this summer. We had directed him to do it this year.

Brooks: The reoccurring power outages have brought issues of proprietary equipment, interdepartmental communications, and best practices in electrical outages. Wastewater and Electric Department Heads voiced their options. The Council asked Alderman Blake to call a Personnel Committee Meeting to have more time to resolve the issues.

RJ Lindemann: No Comments

Blake: No Comments

Harris: The Street Department is going to chip and tar on August 9th, and I believe it's starting at 8:00. I want to thank the rescuers last night for the great job that they did rescuing all the people in the backwaters. And it was quite an adventure.

City Attorney: No Comments

City Treasurer: No Comments

City Clerk: 2 Electric Department PO #00006-30 and #00007-30

1 Wastewater Department PO # 4

Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Electric Department PO #00006-30 for \$3,900.00 to Anixter.

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

Nays: None

Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Lindemann, to authorize Electric Department PO #00007-30 for \$5,666.46 to Anixter.

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

Nays: None

Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to authorize Wastewater Department PO #4 for \$7,259.00 to Vandevanteer Engineering.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Tem: No comment

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Finance/Audit Committee Meeting Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:45 PM

Personnel Committee Meeting Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM (after the Finance Meeting)

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Submitted by Rosetta M. York