



## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

December 21, 2021

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 Larry Brooks.  
**Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks.**
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta M. York, City Clerk  
**Physically present: David Brown, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann and Marlene Harris**  
**Absent: Gayle Glumac and Eric Blake**  
**Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, and Clerk Rosetta M. York**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Before the numbered items on the agenda correct the year to 2021, Item # 9b correct to 4 camera units and Andre Leachman to item #8  
**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to adopt the amended agenda.**  
**Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Lindemann, Harris**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of December 7, 2021:  
**Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2021 meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Harris, Brown**  
**Nays: None**
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
**Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$289,857.13 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 \$108,087.42. Brooks seconded the motion.**  
**Ayes: Lindemann, Harris, Brown, Brooks**  
**Nays: None**
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting on December 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM and Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting December 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM  
**Brown -- Police and Building Permit Committee minutes:**  
Called to order at 6:00 pm
  - The Committee discussed the camera quote from Barlow's. There was a consensus to go with Barlow's quote of \$5,250.00.
  - Martin Street traffic issue was discussed. New speed limit signs and children playing signs have or will be added. Police presence will continue.
  - The Chief updated the committee on "The Pub" project.
  - Officer to attend fire investigator training in Decatur.
  - Chief discussed compensation for part-time officers.
  - Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM  
**Brooks --- Water and Wastewater Committee minutes:**  
Start 6:30
  - Discussed water main on First St. It was decided to run a water line from Washington St. to new Wolf Eye Care building.
  - Discussed Water Well #10. We would like Connor and Connor to proceed with rebid to drill a new #10 water well after January 1, 2022.
  - Brent discussed sewer maintenance problems.
  - Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.
8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Andre Leachman  
**Andre Leachman:** He reported there have been good crowds at the lights in Peterson Park. There has been some vandalism and theft. If anybody saw anything, he would appreciate it if they would let him know.
9. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Consider and act on rescinding the action and the vote of the Newton City Council on item #9B from the December 7, 2021 Newton City Council Meeting.**"9B. Consider and act on authorizing Connor & Connor to proceed with design and permitting the water system upgrade on First Avenue from Jourdan to Washington.**  
**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to authorize authorizing Connor & Connor to proceed with design and permitting the water system upgrade on First Avenue from Jourdan to Washington.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Brooks, Harris**



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Nays: Brown, Lindemann”

**Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Brown, to rescind the action and the vote of the Newton City Council on item #9B from the December 7, 2021 Newton City Council Meeting.**

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

**Nays: None**

- b. Consider and act on authorizing the purchase and installation of four (4) security camera units from Barlow Lock & Security for \$5,250.00.

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Harris, to authorize the purchase and installation of four (4) security camera units from Barlow Lock & Security for \$5,250.00.**

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

**Nays: None**

- c. Consider and act on a Newton Police employee attending Fire Investigator classes.

**Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Lindemann, to authorize a Newton Police employee attending Fire Investigator classes with no fees plus allowable experiences.**

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

**Nays: None**

10. NEW BUSINESS: None

11. STATEMENTS BY:

**Brown:** I appreciate the people who dressed up our community. It looks great. Merry Christmas

**Brooks:** Merry Christmas

**Lindemann:** Merry Christmas. Explained to the council that he has reviewed and approved the billing adjustment report.

**Harris:** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**City Attorney:** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**City Treasurer:** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**City Clerk:** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**Mayor:** Thank you to Lanette's crew and Andre's crew for the Old Mill Bridge and the park. Also, thank to everybody uptown for the events that have been on going every weekend. Everything does look great. It has brought a lot of people to town, especially the bridge. You see a lot of people going down there to take pictures with the sleigh. And a lot of people took the opportunity to have their family pictures for their Christmas cards. Those type of things are so nice. They are little added treasure to our community. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and thank you for every one of you sitting at this table. I hope you guys take the time to spend with your family and enjoy those holidays.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **January 4, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: None

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta M. York**