



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
108 N. VAN BUREN St.
NEWTON, IL 62448
June 6, 2023

Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 5:30 PM
Finance/Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 5:45 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER: Joshua J. Kuhl, Mayor
Mayor Joshua Kuhl called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Gayle Glumac.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Gayle Glumac.
3. ROLL CALL: Maggie McDonald, Deputy Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake and Mike Swick
Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, Clerk Rosetta York, and Deputy Clerk Maggie McDonald
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Item #6 add Amber Lindemann. Item #11 add a Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM and an Electric Committee Meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM.
Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adopt the amended agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of May 16, 2023.
Motion was made by Larry Brooks, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: **Amber Lindemann spoke to the council voicing her concerns regarding electrical outages.**
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
Police/Building Permits Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 5:30 PM.
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 6:00 PM.
Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 5:30 PM.
Finance/Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 5:45 PM.

Police and Building Permit Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 30, 2023
5:30 PM – 6:33 PM

Present: Michael Swick, Rosie York, Larry Brooks, Kaleb Wright, Melissa Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Gayle Glumac, Tyler Weber, Chief Riley Britton, and Maggie McDonald

- Discussed Clint Crossen, Building Code Official, request to raise base pay from \$200 weekly to \$275 weekly. Increase in living expenses, fuel, maintenance and insurance, was all taken into consideration; as well as Clint's expertise and relationships with contractors. His journal and invoices will be included in the second meeting packet mailing for review going forward.
- Went over a list of dilapidated houses and buildings. The City will recommend they be inspected and then proceed to initiate court order of demolition and removal of debris from the property.
- Reviewed the state statute defining litter. The police department supplied a spreadsheet of ordinance enforcement in the month of May.
- Chief Britton discussed the purchase of eight (8) new Axon tasers and body camaras for the police department. Eight new tasers totaling \$33,288.60, which will be split over a course of five years, equaling \$6,657.69 per year. The body camaras totaling \$16,898.00. These expenditures were already discussed to be in the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM
Michael Swick, Chairman

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 30, 2023
6:34 PM – 6:45 PM

Present: Michael Swick, Rosie York, Larry Brooks, Kaleb Wright, Melissa Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Gayle Glumac, Tyler Weber, Chief Riley Britton, and Maggie McDonald

- Discussed maintenance of City Hall building: parking lot repairs, rear steps, awning over rear entrance, dent in facia on front of building, and painting the building in 2024.



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- The leak in the women's restroom has been repaired.
- Melissa Brooks is to contact Raymond Kocher about other repairs to be made.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Michael Swick, Chairman

Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 5:30 PM

- **Consensus was given to attorney to write the ordinance to amend the dumping of wastewater in chapter 38-1-4 C. (Waiting for meeting minutes from committee chairman Kaleb Wright).**

Water Wastewater Committee Meeting, June 6th, 2023. Meeting began at 5:30 pm

Attendees: Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Amy Tarr, Brent Benefiel, Tyler Weber, Maggie McDonald, Mike Swick, Eric Blake, Gayle Glumac, RJ Lindemann, Rosie York, Joshua Kuhl.

1. Wastewater

a. Ordinance about waste dumping

- i. Brent and Amy set about updating our ordinance with dumping adding a flat rate, Bill Heap will go about rewriting the ordinance to be presented to the council at a later date.

2. Water

a. Water related matters

- i. The Water Department is looking at replacing the roof on the plant. The committee advised Tyler to get in touch with the general contractor to find the roofing subcontractor for warranty information. \$20,000 is currently within the budget for a roof replacement.
- ii. Scott Avenue update: Tyler has been advised that the service line feeding Scott Ave Church needs to be replaced with a larger pipe (from 4" to 8") to be compliant with current laws. The committee has advised Tyler to get quotes and plan the upcoming project.

Finance/Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 5:45 PM

- **Discussed TIF application for Borgic Designs in reimbursement amount of \$5,000.00. (Waiting for meeting minutes from committee chairman RJ Lindemann).**

Meeting called to order at 5:49 pm

- A TIF application was discussed for Borgic Designs. It was recommended to award them \$5,000

Meeting ended at 6:00 pm

Those in attendance:

Mike Swick

Eric Blake

Gayle Glumac

Caleb Wright

Larry Brooks

Joshua Kuhl

RJ Lindemann - Chairman

Rosie York

Maggie McDonald

Melissa Brooks

Amy Tarr

Brent Benefield

Tyler Weber

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on accepting 2023 bids for the annual MFT Street and Maintenance Program (Bid letting was May 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Newton City Hall). Bids were awarded to Lee Kintner for BIT Materials and MC-30 prime in the amount of \$80,896.60. Heuerman Bros. for seal coat aggregate, CA-16 CR Stone and CA-7 CR Stone in the amount of \$19,553.85. Lastly, to Compass Minerals for salt in the amount of \$5,718.50.

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize awarding the 2023 MFT Street and Maintenance Program Bids to Lee Kintner for BIT Materials and MC-30 prime in the amount of \$80,896.60, Heuerman Bros. for seal coat aggregate, CA-16 CR Stone and CA-7 CR Stone in the amount of \$19,553.85, and to Compass Minerals for salt in the amount of \$5,718.50.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on authorizing the application form for Demolition Reimbursement of Dangerous and Dilapidated Buildings.



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Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize the application form for Demolition Reimbursement of Dangerous and Dilapidated Buildings.

Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

- C. Consider and act on passing Ordinance 23-07 Demolition Reimbursement of Dangerous and Dilapidated Buildings.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to pass Ordinance 23-07 Demolition Reimbursement of Dangerous and Dilapidated Buildings.

Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

- D. Consider and act on Clint Crossen's compensation request to raise base pay from \$200 weekly to \$275 weekly.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Kaleb Wright, to authorize Clint Crossen's compensation request to raise base pay from \$200 weekly to \$275 weekly.

Ayes: Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake

Nays: None

- E. Consider and act on 23-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 RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize tabling 23-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 December 5, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick

Nays: None

- F. Consider and act on TIF application for Borgic Designs in the reimbursement amount of \$5,000.00

Motion was made by Gayle Glumac, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize awarding the TIF application for Borgic Designs in the reimbursement amount of \$5,000.00.

Ayes: Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac

Nays: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider and act on purchasing eight (8) new Axon Tasers for the Police Department. Total purchase being \$33,288.60. Split over five years, totaling \$6,657.69 per year.

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to authorize the purchase of eight (8) new Axon Tasers for the Police Department. Total purchase being \$33,288.60. Split over five years, totaling \$6,657.69 per year.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

- B. Consider and act on sending one employee from the City Clerk's office to the Illinois Rural Water Association Administrative Conference in Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, July 13 and Friday July 14. Seminar fee (before June 30) of \$165.00 plus allowable expenses.

Motion was made by Kaleb Wright, seconded by RJ Lindemann, to authorize sending one employee from the City Clerk's office to the Illinois Rural Water Association Administrative Conference in Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, July 13 and Friday July 14. Seminar fee (before June 30) of \$165.00 plus allowable expenses.

Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

10. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: No comments



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Wright: No comments

Brooks: No comments

Lindemann: I'm excited for the new Demolition Reimbursement of Dangerous and Dilapidated Buildings program and strongly encourage citizens to take advantage of this new program. Also, Amber Lindemann approached me wanting to state how lucky the City of Newton is to be represented by Mike Swick. He is kind and fair.

Blake: Called a Street and Alley Committee meeting on June 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Swick: No comments

City Attorney: No comments

City Treasurer: Auditors were here last week. They will be working diligently on our audit. Everything went well. Hope to have the report in September.

Deputy Clerk: PO# 20230530 for the Police Department to purchase new body cameras from Midwest Public Safety in the amount of \$16,898.00.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Mike Swick, to authorize the Police Department purchase order # 20230530 to Midwest Public Safety for body cameras in the amount of \$16,898.00.

Ayes: Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann

Nays: None

Mayor: There have been a lot of people in Newton and Jasper County the last couple weekends to attend the truck show and concert, baseball tournaments and hog show. People have come from all over the United States to attend these events. I applaud everyone involved in organizing these events and making this possible in our community.

I commend our city employees as they worked diligently at the City-Wide Cleanup and on other projects.

Finally, Summer is here, so please keep an eye out for children.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Electric Committee Meeting on Monday, June

19, 2023 at 6:00 PM, and Street and Alleys Committee Meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, potential litigation, personnel and sale of real estate

Motion was made by Mike Swick, seconded by Eric Blake, to go out of open session and into closed session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, personnel and sale of real estate, pursuant to the exceptions section of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to those areas of discussion.

Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick

Nays: None

Open session suspended at 6:38 PM.

Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to go out of closed session and back into open session.

Ayes: Brooks, Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright

Nays: None

Open session resumed at 7:25 PM.

City Clerk Rosetta York announced that during closed session the council discussed litigation, potential litigation, personnel and sale of real estate.

Consensus of the council was given to Melissa Brooks, Josh Ochs and Mike Swick, with the advice of John Stone, to proceed with the Illinois Basin Funding Grant application.

13. ADJOURNMENT:



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Motion was made by RJ Lindemann, seconded by Gayle Glumac, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Lindemann, Blake, Swick, Glumac, Wright, Brooks

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Submitted by Maggie McDonald, Deputy Clerk

Maggie McDonald