



**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
108 N. Van Buren St
Newton, IL 62448
April 28, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Bolander, Mayor
Mayor Mark Bolander called the meeting to order.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Larry Brooks.
Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman Larry Brooks.
3. ROLL CALL: Brenda Phillips, Deputy City Clerk
Physically present: Gayle Glumac, David Brown, Larry Brooks, Eric Blake and Marlene Harris
Absent: Robert Reisner
Also present: Treasurer Melissa Brooks, and Deputy Clerk Brenda Phillips
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA:
Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Harris, to adopt the amended/proposed agenda.
Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris
Nays: None
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of April 20, 2021
Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Glumac, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting of the Newton City Council.
Ayes: Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac
Nays: None
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: None
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on not raising the City's electric rates 5% for the fiscal year 2021-2022.
Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to not raise the City's electric rates by 5% for the fiscal year 2021-2022.
Ayes: Brooks, Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown
Nays: None
 - B. Consider and act on raising the City's electric rates 1.5% for the fiscal year 2021-2022. (The city has not raised since 2016. The new rates will still be the lowest rates in the area.)
Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Brown, to authorize raising the City's electric rates 1.5% for the fiscal year 2021-2022.
Ayes: Blake, Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks
Nays: None
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Consider and act on approving the 2021-2022 balance budget.
Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Harris, to approve the 2021-2022 balanced budget.
Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Blake
Nays: None
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:
Brown--- Police 4/28/21
 - Discussed applications for part-time and full-time officers. Full-time academy is booked out until fall of 2022. July 17th is next part-time academy.
 - The committee unanimously agreed to hire two part-time officers.
 - The two applications for building code official were reviewed and discussed. Chief Swick's recommendation was to interview both applicants.
 - Chief also discussed having City Hall inspected and roof looked at.
 - Chief recommended the City make a resolution regarding qualified immunity.



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10. STATEMENTS:

Council Members:

Harris: No comment

Blake: Thanked the Treasurer's office for their hard work on the balance budget.

Brooks: Thanked the Treasurer's office for their hard work on the balance budget.

Brown: Thanked the Treasurer's office for their hard work on the balance budget.

Glumac: Thanked the Treasurer's office for their hard work on the balance budget. Showed appreciation to the electric department and clerk's office.

City Attorney: Absent

City Treasurer: No comment

City Clerk: No comment

Mayor: No comment

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Insurance Committee Meeting May 3, 2021 at 6:00 PM and Finance Committee Meeting May 4, 2021 at 5:45 PM.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Glumac, Brown, Brooks, Blake, Harris

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Submitted by Brenda Phillips