



## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL

108 N. Van Buren St

Newton, IL 62448

January 17, 2023

On January 17, 2023 at 5:45 PM there will be a Public Hearing for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project to replace a 4-inch and 6-inch watermain along Washington and Morgan Streets.

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  
**Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Alderman RJ Lindemann.**
3. ROLL CALL: Rosetta M. York, City Clerk  
**Physically present: Gayle Glumac, RJ Lindemann and Marlene Harris**  
**Also present: Attorney William Heap, Treasurer Melissa Brooks, and Clerk Rosetta M. York**  
**Absent: Larry Brooks and Eric Blake**
4. ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA: Add RJ Lindemann to #2, add Dale Mahaney and Brenda Phillips to #7 and correct the date in #5  
**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, to adopt the amended agenda.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Lindemann, Harris, Mayor Kuhl**  
**Nays: None**
5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES of January 3, 2023:  
**Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023 meeting of the Newton City Council.**  
**Ayes: Lindemann, Harris, Mayor Kuhl, Glumac**  
**Nays: None**
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
**Alderman Lindemann reviewed the pre-pays in the amount of \$142,354.12 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 \$78,197.60. Harris seconded the motion.**  
**Ayes: Harris, Mayor Kuhl, Glumac, Lindemann**  
**Nays: None**
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:  
Dale Mahaney:  
The mayor addressed Dale and asked him questions. The following are the summary of the mayor's points:
  - a. The permit you, Dale Mahaney, have is expired.
  - b. The council had decided when that permit was issued, you were going to work with an engineer or a building structural professional to oversee the project who would present to the code enforcement personnel and the Council a plan to bring your building up to code. The Council and code enforcement officials need a clear picture of the plan, with the cost, to bring that building to the State and city codes.
  - c. Mr. Mahaney needs to apply for new permit with the plans.Brenda Phillips: Presented to the Council her annual disconnect and charity report in billing and collecting.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: None
9. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Consider and act on appointing Kaleb Wright as Ward two Alderman.  
**Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Harris, authorize the appointment of Kaleb Wright as Ward two Alderman beginning January 17, 2023.**  
**Ayes: Mayor Kuhl, Glumac, Lindemann, Harris**  
**Nays: None**
  - b. Consider and act on Ordinance 23-01 Annexation of 1407 W. Jourdan St.  
**Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Glumac, to pass Ordinance 23-01 Annexation of 1407 W. Jourdan St.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Lindemann, Harris**  
**Nays: None**





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- c. Open the City of Newton mowing bids for 2023, 24 and 25, a 3-year contract.  
The quotes are based on one mowing of 7 areas for the City of Newton. The 7 areas are South Industrial Park, Dufrain Park and triangle on Liberty, Riverside Cemetery, Lot at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and Marion St., NPD Shooting Range and Parking lot east of Cobblestone Hotel.  
Weston's Lawn Service----- \$1,685.00  
Backwoods Lawn Service-- \$1,585.00  
Dylan Barthelme----- \$3,925.00
- d. Consider and act on awarding the City of Newton mowing contract for 2023, 2024 and 2025.  
**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, authorize the City of Newton mowing contract to Backwoods Lawn Service for 2023, 2024 and 2025 at \$1,585 per each mowing of all seven lots.**

**Ayes: Wright, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac**

**Nays: None**

### 10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consider and act on Dumpster Reimbursement application for 205 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
**Motion was made by Lindemann, seconded by Harris, authorize the Dumpster Reimbursement application for 205 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to Chelsea Glosser for \$404.65.**  
**Ayes: Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Wright**  
**Nays: None**
- b. Consider and act on an agreement with SCIRPDC to write an Energy Transition Community Grant via DCEO'S FY-2023 funding.  
**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, authorize the agreement with SCIRPDC to write an Energy Transition Community Grant via DCEO'S FY-2023 funding.**  
**Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Wright, Lindemann**  
**Nays: None**
- c. Consider and act on two City employees attending Pesticide Safety Education Program January 31 and February 1 for \$70 per person plus allowable expenses.  
**Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Glumac, authorize two City employees attending Pesticide Safety Education Program January 31 and February 1 for \$70 per person plus allowable expenses.**  
**Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Lindemann, Harris**  
**Nays: None**

### 11. STATEMENTS BY:

Glumac: No Comment

Wright: No Comment

Lindemann: Thank you to David Brown. Welcome to Kaleb Wright. Explained to the council that he has reviewed and approved the billing adjustment report.

Harris: Welcome to Kaleb Wright.

City Attorney: No comment

City Treasurer: Welcome to Kaleb Wright.

City Clerk: Electric Department PO # 00011-30

**Motion was made by Glumac, seconded by Wright, to authorize Electric Department purchase order # 00011-30 for \$59,005.00 for two 25 KVA pad mount transformers, one 100 KVA pad mount transformer, two 300 KVA pad mount transformers, three 75 KVA pole mount transformers and three pole mount 100 KVA transformers.**

**Ayes: Wright, Lindemann, Harris, Glumac**

**Nays: None**

Mayor: Welcome to Kaleb Wright.

### 12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Public Hearing on Feb 7, 2023 at 5:45 PM for the vacation of an alley.

### 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel and potential litigation

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

**Ayes: Lindemann, Harris, Glumac, Wright**

**Nays: None**

Open session suspended at 6:31 PM



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

**Ayes: Harris, Glumac, Wright, Lindemann**

**Nays: None**

**Open session resumed at 6:52 PM.**

Josh Kuhl announced that during closed session the council discussed personnel and potential litigation.

### 14. ADJOURNMENT

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

**Ayes: Glumac, Wright, Lindemann, Harris**

**Nays: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.**

**Submitted by Rosetta M. York**