

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 05, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The City Council of Newton, Iowa met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. on the above date in the Council Chambers at 101 West 4th Street South. Mayor Hansen presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Stonner, George, Chapé, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: None.

Mayor Hansen asked everyone present to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no citizen participation.

Denice Fischer, Director, and Donita Huegel, Assistant, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) gave council an update on some of their services including volunteers that read to students, the medical transportation program, and tax assistance.

Tanya Michener, Vice President, Jasper County GEMS, presented on the program which is a member society of adult females residing in Jasper County, that gathers donations and determines as a group, the non-profit project to which the funds will be awarded.

Moved by Chapé, seconded by Hallam to approve consent agenda items 6-16.

6. July 10, 2019 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
7. July 15, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
8. July 29, 2019 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
9. Approve Liquor License for the following: Approve Okoboji Grill, LC0033422, 1425 W. 19th St. S., Class C Liquor License, Catering Privilege, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; La Cabana, LC0029523, 2617 1st Ave. E., Suite 5&6, Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales.
10. Resolution appointing Rebecca Decker to serve on the Newton Building Trades Board for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2021. Resolution 2019-148 adopted.
11. Resolution Fixing the Amounts to be assessed against individual private property for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 19-04). Resolution 2019-149 adopted.
12. Resolution approving the donation of pool passes for the Community Pool Party on August 16, 2019 Resolution 2019-150 adopted.
13. Resolution Setting Date for a Public Hearing on Designation of the 2019 Sports Entertainment Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan and Project. Resolution 2019-151 adopted.
14. Resolution Authorizing Fund Transfers in FY 19/20. Resolution 2019-152 adopted.
15. Resolution Approving 28E Project Agreement Reimbursement #7 to the Des Moines Area Community College Relating to the DMACC Newton Campus Expansion Project. Resolution 2019-153 adopted.
16. Approve Bills

AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Consent agenda items approved.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution awarding contract for the 2019 Parking Lot Reconstruction Project. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Chapé, seconded by George to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-154 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to pass the Second consideration of an ordinance repealing Newton, Iowa Code of Ordinances 2011 Title 5, Chapter 43, Article 2 - Electric Franchise; and adding Title 11, Chapter 118 - Electric Franchise to Newton Code of Ordinances 2016, granting to Interstate Power and Light Company, its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive twenty-five year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain, and operate an electric system in the City of Newton, Iowa and to furnish and sell electric energy to the city and its inhabitants. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second consideration passed.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to pass the First consideration of an Ordinance Deleting Property From the Tax Increment Financing District for the Speedway-Prairie Fire Economic Development Urban Renewal Area of the City of Newton, Iowa, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First consideration passed.

Moved by George, seconded by Stonner to pass the First consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title XV, Chapter 150, "Building Regulations" and Chapter 151, "Minimum Housing Code" AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First consideration passed.

Moved by Chapé, seconded by Trotter to pass the First consideration of an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title XV, Chapter 151, "Minimum Housing Code" AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First consideration passed.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution selecting Iowa Inspections, LLC to serve as the inspection service provider for the Newton Rental Housing Program. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-155 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to adopt Resolution approving the acquisition of real estate at 416 North 7th Avenue East in Newton for the D&D Program. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-156 adopted.

Moved by Chapé, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution authorizing the filing of a 657A.10A petition for ownership of property at 1224 South 9th Avenue East in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-157 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam to adopt a Resolution Deleting Property From the Speedway-Prairie Fire Economic Development Urban Renewal Area. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-158 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Fire Department to contract for repair of a ladder truck. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-159 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by George to adopt a Resolution to enter into a Vehicle Loan Agreement with the City of Grinnell for the Use of a Reserve Ladder Truck. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-160 adopted

There were no staff reports.

During Mayor/Council Comments spoke about friends camping at KOA campground that were impressed with the community. Mayor Hansen indicated that he would like to create a task force to review the Business Property Code.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk