

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 18, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street South. Mayor Hansen presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Stonner, George, Trotter, Mullan, Chapé. Absent: None.

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

During citizen participation Jessica Lowe Vokes, Friends of Newton Parks informed council of the upcoming events regarding holiday lights. It is free to register your holiday displays for the Jasper County Light Fight 2019. The Maytag Park Holiday Lights will be open during the Thanksgiving holiday with the Grand Opening on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Jerry Chandler Jr, of NW Newton and Andrew Vandusseldorp spoke in concern of drug issues in Newton.

Moved by Chapé, seconded by Trotter to approve consent agenda items 3-17.

3. November 4, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Approve liquor license for the following: Sombbrero, for renewal, LC0038865, 1130 1st Ave. E., Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial), Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; Courtney's Bohemian Tea Parlour, new, WCNV88453, 517 1st Ave. W., Class C Native Wine (WCN), Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales.
5. Certify Police Officer List
6. Approve Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019
7. Approval of FY18/19 Annual Urban Renewal Report
8. Resolution authorizing urban renewal area activities to be certified and decertified as TIF indebtedness. Resolution 2019-230 adopted.
9. Resolution adopting 2019 S10 supplement to the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Newton, Iowa, 2016", and approving distribution of the same to code subscribers. Resolution 2019-231 adopted.
10. Resolution reappointing Jeremy Berndt to the City of Newton Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2024. (Resolution 2019-232 adopted.
11. Resolution Fixing the Amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 19-07). Resolution 2019-233 adopted.
12. Resolution claiming less than the maximum allowable revenue from the Maytag Plant 2 Tax Increment Financing District for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Resolution 2019-234 adopted.
13. Resolution approving a 3-year agreement for the Independence Day Fireworks Display. Resolution 2019-235 adopted.
14. Resolution accepting completion of the Demolition 2019-02 Project. Resolution 2019-236 adopted.
15. Resolution awarding a contract for the Water Pollution Control Plant Clarifier Coating Project. Resolution 2019-237 adopted.
16. Resolution approving a 28E agreement with the State of Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division Supporting the I-Pledge Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine and Vapor Product Enforcement Program for FY2020. Resolution 2019-238 adopted.
17. 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 Approving Development Agreement with Newton Housing Development Corporation, Authorizing Tax Increment Payments and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues to the Payment of the Agreement. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Stonner, seconded by George to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-239 adopted.

Moved by Chapé, seconded by George to approve the third consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title VII, Chapter 70, Section 70.15, "Traffic and Parking Schedules Adopted by Reference" to make changes to street parking in the 400 block of W 12<sup>th</sup> St S. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration Passed. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adopt the Ordinance. Ordinance 2367 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to approve the third consideration of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa Adopted by City Council, 2016 Title VII, Chapter 72, Section 14 "Traffic and Parking Schedules adopted by reference", to Make Changes to Snow Removal. Hallam had conversations with the Capital II Theater and they are in agreement with the changes. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration Passed. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Stonner to adopt the Ordinance. Ordinance 2368 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt a Resolution relating to the financing of a proposed project to be undertaken by the City of Newton, Iowa; establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code. Dixie Cassidy, 815 W 6<sup>th</sup> St S; Mark Vickroy, 404 E 12th St PI N; Shawn James, 5672 S 9th Ave E; and Jerry Chandler of NW Newton spoke in concern for the price of purchasing the Newton Inn. Fire Chief Wellik stated they receive approximately 20 calls a year for the location. The state of the facility is only getting worse and many rooms are now off line. Police Chief Burdess stated there were 139 calls for service in 2019 with 45 man hours not including proactive patrol hours. Mel Duncan, Building Inspector, reiterated that the current owner would only invest the minimum amount to pass inspections and would not sell the property for less. Discussion ensued. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-240 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution approving the acquisition of real estate at 2000 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street South, Newton, known as the Newton Inn, from BJM Hotels, Inc for the Commercial D&D Program. Dixie Cassidy, 815 W 6<sup>th</sup> St S; Teresa Meyer, AmericInn General Manager; Jerry Chandler of NW Newton, Todd Meyer, John Dunwell, 912 S 11<sup>th</sup> Ave W; and Randy Ervin 1620 spoke in concern for the price of purchasing the Newton Inn. Fire Chief Wellik stated they receive approximately 20 calls a year at the location. The state of the facility is only getting worse and many rooms are now off line. Police Chief Burdess stated there were 139 calls for service in 2019 with 45 man hours not including proactive patrol hours. Mel Duncan, Building Inspector, reiterated that the current owner would only invest the minimum amount to pass inspections and would not sell the property for less. Discussion ensued. AYES: Four. NAYS: Hallam, Chapé. Resolution 2019-241 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution Approving Amendment to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Cardinal Ridge Subdivision. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-242 adopted.

Moved by Chapé, seconded by Hallam to adopt a Resolution approving change order #1 for the Downtown Traffic Signal Improvements Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-243 adopted.

Moved by Chapé, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution approving an Electrical Engineering Services Agreement for the City's Downtown Wiring LED Upgrade Street Lighting Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2019-244 adopted.

Lisa Frasier, Finance Officer & Michele Heisdorffer, Financial Analyst gave a finance update. The budget schedule has been updated. Residential rollback is expected to decline to 54.5%. It is unknown what the residential reassessment numbers will be.

During Mayor/Council Comments Hallam thanked staff for having a discussion with business owners regarding snow removal in the downtown. Chapé appreciates the direct face to face conversations.

It was moved by Chapé, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

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Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

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Katrina Davis, City Clerk