

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2020, 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, George, Ervin, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: Stonner.

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

Mayor Hansen proclaimed the 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration

There was no citizen participation.

Organization Promoting Everlasting Neighbors (OPEN) - Jane Ann Cotton, Chair; Jody Rhone, Public Works Director; and Brian Dunkelberger, City Planner presented on their recent trip Newton's Sister City Smila, Ukraine. Jane Ann presented the City with several gifts including a book about Smila, a picture, and a Smila Girl statue.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to approve consent agenda items 5-11.

5. January 6, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. January 6, 2020 Budget Workshop Minutes
7. Approve liquor license for the following: Dollar General #3032, Renewal, BC0029879, 2617 1st Ave. E., Class C Beer Permit (BC), Class B Wine Permit (Carryout Wine – Includes Native Wine), Sunday Sales; Newton 66, Renewal, BC0028230, 1806 S. 12th Ave. W., Class C Beer Permit (BC), Sunday Sales.
8. Resolution Levying Assessments for costs of Nuisance Abatement and providing for the payment thereof (schedule 19-08) Resolution 2020-015 adopted.
9. Resolution Adjusting the Fee Schedule for the Newton Fire Department Ambulance Service. Resolution 2020-016 adopted.
10. Resolution accepting completion of the Southwest Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project. Resolution 2020-017 adopted.
11. Approve Bills

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

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution accepting purchase proposal(s) for property at 2000 West 18th Street South in Newton. There were no written comments. Tanya Michener, Associate Director Newton Development Corporation read a statement from NDC Director Frank Liebl asking council to allow more time to market this property before accepting the bid. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter, to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Council agreed to allow 90 days to encourage development. The resolution failed for lack of a motion.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution accepting purchase proposal(s) for property at 323 East 4th Street North in Newton. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan, to close the public hearing. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adopt the resolution. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-018 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to approve the First 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 200-400 blocks of West Ninth Street South. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. The First Consideration passed.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution establishing the Approved Set of Unit Prices for financial assistance payments and designating an approved contractor for prohibited sanitary sewer discharge removal work specified in the 2020 Out-of-District Improvements – Bid Package No. 1. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-019 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Mullan to adopt a Resolution appointing members to the Newton Complete Count Committee for the US Census 2020. AYES: Five. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-020 adopted.

During Mayor/Council Comments Mayor Hansen stated appreciation for the Public Works Department and their efforts in getting the streets cleaned off.

It was moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk