

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2022, 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, Dalton, George, Ervin, Trotter, Wade. Absent: None.

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

Bobby Shomo, President of Shomo-Madsen Insurance and Tim Kirgan, Marketing Manager, Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association (IMWCA) presented a Workers' Compensation Update. Staff has been working hard to send employees home safe every day. Safety efforts have saved the amount of an employee salary by taking safety seriously.

Larry Hurto, Newton Historic Preservation Commission Member, presented on the HPC Annual Report.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by George, seconded by Ervin to approve consent agenda items 5-19.

5. February 7, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
6. February 7, 2022 Budget Workshop Minutes
7. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: Dollar General Store #3032, 1803 1st Ave E, (BC0029879) Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit, Sunday Sales
8. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 22-02). Resolution 2022-034 adopted.
9. Resolution approving the 2021 Certified Local Government Annual Report for the Newton Historic Preservation Commission. Resolution 2022-035 adopted.
10. Resolution amending a previous agreement for professional services on the Union Dr. Reconstruction Project. Resolution 2022-036 adopted.
11. Resolution approving the purchase of materials for the Woodland Park Small Shelters Replacement Project. Resolution 2022-037 adopted.
12. Resolution approving a contract from Midwest Inflatables, LLC for Newton Fest activities. Resolution 2022-038 adopted.
13. Resolution authorizing the submittal of the final application for the Iowa Reinvestment District for the City of Newton, Iowa. Resolution 2022-039 adopted.
14. Resolution approving a contract for professional services with the Newton Housing Development Corporation beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025. Resolution 2022-040 adopted.
15. Resolution Authorizing the City of Newton Fire Department to enter into a Transportation Agreement with Jasper County Sheriff's Office Emergency Medical Services. Resolution 2022-041 adopted.
16. Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications, form of contract, notice to bidders, ordering clerk to publish notice, fixing a date for receiving same, for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the Newton City Hall Parking Lot Reconstruction Project. Resolution 2022-042 adopted.
17. Resolution ordering Clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for a Public Hearing on the FY23 - FY27 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Resolution 2022-043 adopted.
18. Resolution setting the date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into General Obligation Loan Agreements and to borrow money thereunder. Resolution 2022-044 adopted.
19. 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 the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Ervin, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-045 adopted.

Moved by Wade, seconded by Trotter to adopt the Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date to Approve the 2022-23 Operating Budget for the City of Newton. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-046 adopted.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution Approving the Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-047 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution temporarily amending the administrative license fee for the utilization of public right-of-ways for installation, operation and maintenance of underground telecommunications and fiber optic lines. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-048 adopted.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution Approving a Funding Request of \$10,000 to the First Annual Wild Cat Country Fest Event. AYES: Five (Wade abstained-On Committee). NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-049 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Ervin to adopt the Resolution calling an election on the proposition of entering into a General Obligation Loan Agreement and borrowing money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,600,000. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-050 adopted.

Fire Chief Jarrod Wellik introduced the proposal for the Special Event Street Closure Policy.

There was Council discussion regarding a contribution to the Des Moines International Airport Terminal Project that was requested at the February 7th meeting. George indicated that we continue to be a part of the Greater Des Moines Partnerships and this is another example of partnering in order to continue to attract visitors and business to Newton. There was Council consensus to bring back a resolution to contribute \$15,000 for five years.

During Mayor/Council comments Mayor Hansen was proud to announce an \$11 million increase in home sales from calendar year 2020 to 2021.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk