

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 2ND, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street South. Mayor Pro-Tem Trotter presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Stonner, George, Ervin, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: None.

Mayor Pro-Tem Trotter asked everyone present to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

During citizen participation Dixie Cassidy 815 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. S. stated she was pleased to see so many people in attendance. Fran Henderson, 1101 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. asked Council to reconsider proposed cuts to the library budget, stating proposed cuts would not allow adopted goals to be reached. Fran questioned the feasibility in cuts to the library while making improvements to the golf course, as well as how proposed cuts would affect employee morale.

Guest speaker Bruce Showalter, Director of Newton Housing Development Corporation (NHDC) gave an update on NHDC activities. Stating that over the past 29 years NHDC has had a lot of activity in Newton.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by George to approve consent agenda items 4-14.

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5. Approve liquor license for the following: Newton KOA, BC0030734, Renewal, 1601 E. 36<sup>th</sup> St. S., Class C Beer Permit (BC), Class B Native Wine Permit, Sunday Sales; West End, BC0023868, Renewal, 1321 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W., Class C Beer Permit (BC), Sunday Sales.
6. Certify Police Officer List
7. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date to Approve the 2020-21 Operating Budget for the City of Newton. Resolution 2020-046 Adopted.
8. Resolution approving a Telecommunications Licensing Agreement with Unite Private Networks – 800 Block of E 5th St N. Resolution 2020-047 Adopted.
9. Resolution to provide free pool and golf passes to the Jasper County Conservation Board for their Environmental Education Center fundraising event. Resolution 2020-048 Adopted.
10. Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant on the development of outdoor recreation facilities as part of the Arbor Estates project. Resolution 2020-049 Adopted.
11. Resolution setting a Public Hearing on the proposed Stormwater Utility. Resolution 2020-050 Adopted.
12. Resolution accepting completion of the Newton Sanitary Landfill Electrical Improvement Project. Resolution 2020-051 Adopted.
13. Resolution revising the financial assistance amount for prohibited sanitary sewer discharge removal work at 222 E 24th St N included in the 2020 Out-of-District Improvements – Bid Package No. 1. Resolution 2020-052 Adopted.
14. Approve Bills

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Trotter stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving the FY21 through FY25 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). There were no written comments. Moved by George, seconded by Mullan to close the public hearing. Fran Henderson, 1101 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. stated she is not convinced a club house at the golf course will increase revenue and suggested making renovations instead. Brain Laube, Community Services Manager specified the CIP is just a plan and not an approval. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Stonner, seconded by Ervin to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-053 adopted.

Mayor Pro-Tem Trotter stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution taking additional action to enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Loan Agreement and authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement in connection therewith. There were no written comments. Moved by Hallam, seconded by George, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Hallam, seconded by George to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-054 adopted.

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Moved by Mullan, seconded by Ervin to approve the Third Consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title IX, Chapter 94: Public Nuisances, Revisions and/or additions related to roll-off dumpsters, outdoor furniture, shipping and storage containers, trailer and commercial vehicle parking, serving of nuisance violations, emergency abatements, and installment payment amounts. . AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Third Consideration passed. Moved by Stonner, seconded by Ervin to adopt the ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2370 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Hallam to adopt a Resolution approving a temporary 10% reduction to the prices for 2020 season pool passes. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-056 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam to adopt a Resolution accepting completion of the Demolition 2019-03 Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-057 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution awarding contract for the Demolition 2020-01 Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-058 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Ervin to adopt a Resolution approving the Newton Sanitary Landfill fee schedule. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-059 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Hallam to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City of Newton dba Newton Fire Department to enter into an Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement for the Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) Supplemental Reimbursement program with the Iowa Department of Human Services. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-060 adopted.

During the staff report Police Chief Rob Burdess and Community Development Director Erin Chambers spoke on homelessness, substance abuse, mental health, and property crimes.

During Mayor/Council Comments former council person Lin Chape spoke on the need for a homeless shelter in Newton. Council person Mullan state he attended the Zone 4 Cops and Neighborhoods meeting. He learned a great deal and encourages more people to attend.

It was moved by Hallam, seconded by Mullan to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

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Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

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Shawnda Nine, Deputy City Clerk