

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 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 (via telephone), Trotter, Wade. Absent: None.

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

Steve Burnett, MCG General Manager, and Jason Hewitt, MCG Engineering & Construction Manager, presented on the Mahaska Communication Group (MCG) Fiber Installation Project.

Dr. Joe DeHart, Provost, DMACC Newton Campus, presented an update on projects and activities for the Newton Campus.

Ethan Nasalroad, President, Johnson Aviation, Inc., presented the annual Newton Municipal Airport – Earl Johnson Field Update.

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Wade, seconded by Dalton to approve consent agenda items 6-21.

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7. Approve Liquor Licenses for the following: West End, 1325 1st Ave W, Class C Beer Permit, Sunday Sales
8. Resolution appointing Candace Streeter as Deputy City Clerk. Resolution 2022-068 adopted.
9. Resolution fixing the amounts to be assessed against individual private properties for the abatement of nuisance violations (Schedule No. 22-03). Resolution 2022-069 adopted.
10. Resolution approving compensation package for interim supervision of Newton Waterworks Distribution. Resolution 2022-070 adopted.
11. Resolution repealing the 2020 City of Newton Supplemental Specifications to the 2020 editions of SUDAS Standard Specifications and the SUDAS Design Manual; and adopting the 2022 editions of both the SUDAS Standard Specifications and SUDAS Design Manual along with the 2022 City of Newton Supplemental Specifications to said 2022 editions of the SUDAS Standard Specifications and SUDAS Design Manual. Resolution 2022-071 adopted.
12. Resolution accepting completion of the City of Newton Parks Roof Repairs Project. Resolution 2022-072 adopted.
13. Resolution Approving a Contract with Midwest Lawn Services for 2022 Lawn Care at the City Hall Facility. Resolution 2022-073 adopted.
14. Resolution closing out the D&D 2.0 Grant for 500 1st Avenue West. Resolution 2022-074 adopted.
15. Resolution approving the purchase of in-car police computers from Telrepcos for \$23,145. Resolution 2022-075 adopted.
16. Resolution awarding the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus harnesses and bottles. Resolution 2022-076 adopted.
17. Resolution awarding contract for the 2022-01 PCC Patching Project. Resolution 2022-077 adopted.
18. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a dual cylinder underbody scraper for a snowplow truck for the Public Works Department. Resolution 2022-078 adopted.
19. Resolution approving an underground electric line for Interstate Power and Light Company (Alliant Energy). Resolution 2022-079 adopted.
20. Resolution setting a public hearing for the sale of City-owned property at 619 South 3rd Avenue East. Resolution 2022-080 adopted.
21. 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 accepting the purchase and redevelopment agreement for real property at 1117 North 3rd Avenue East, 211 East 12th Street North, 115 East 4th Street North, 124 East 4th Street North, and 411 North 2nd Avenue East, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. There were no written comments. Willis Mann with MVAH Partners spoke regarding the timeline and types of townhomes. Moved by Hallam, seconded by George, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adopt the resolution. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-081 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution approving the final plat for Casey's Addition to Newton in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. There were no written comments. Moved by Trotter, 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 2022-082 adopted

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public hearing on an Ordinance amending and updating the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XI: Business Regulations, Chapter 111, "Peddlers, Solicitors, Transient Merchants, and Mobile Food Units." There were no written comments. Erin Chambers, Community Development Director, verified that the change allows for food trucks in city parks based on park rules and in the downtown area. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Trotter, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Hallam, seconded by Dalton, to approve the First consideration of the ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration was approved. Moved by Wade, seconded by Ervin, to suspend the rules and waive the Second and Third considerations of the ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second & Third Considerations were waived. Moved by Trotter, seconded by George, to adopt the ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2409 adopted.

Mayor Hansen stated that this is the time and place for a Public hearing on an Ordinance vacating and disposing of the east portion of east-west alley right-of-way located in the 500 block of East 5th Street North and between East 5th Street North and East 4th Street North, City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. A written comment was received from Selina McKinney with Peck Daycare asking to waive the 2nd and 3rd considerations in order for Peck to move ahead with their project. A written comment was received from Jerry Whyllie, an abutting property owner, stating that he supports the alley vacation. Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam, to close the public hearing. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. The public hearing was closed. Moved by Trotter, seconded by George, to approve the First consideration of the ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. First Consideration was approved. Moved by George, seconded by Trotter, to suspend the rules and waive the Second and Third considerations of the ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second & Third Considerations were waived. Moved by Wade, seconded by Hallam, to adopt the ordinance. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Ordinance 2410 adopted.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Wade, to approve the Second consideration of the Ordinance amending and updating the code of ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 155: Site Plan Control and Chapter 158: Zoning, to amend residential development standards and increase transparency in administrative procedures. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration was passed.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to adopt the Resolution approving an agreement between the City of Newton and the Newton WaterWorks Board of Trustees. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-083 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution approving a contract for traffic control services for the 2022 Iowa Speedway event season. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-084 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution approving Bond Purchase Agreement for the sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds, Series 2022A. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-085 adopted.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution approving Bond Purchase Agreement for the sale of Taxable General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds, Series 2022B. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-086 adopted.

Moved by Wade, seconded by Dalton to adopt the Resolution declaring that Newton stands with the people of Smila. Hallam moved to amend the Resolution to strike "condemn Russian aggression and" based on separating local municipal government and foreign policy which is under the purview of Federal Government. It was seconded by Wade. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-087 adopted as amended.

Moved by George, seconded by Hallam to adopt the Resolution accepting completion of public improvements of the Casey's addition to Newton subdivision. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2022-088 adopted.

Police Chief Rob Burdess presented on the Annual Crime Report.

During Mayor/Council comments Mayor Hansen stated that the closed session scheduled for tonight will be tabled to the April 4, 2022 meeting. Fire Chief Wellik stated that Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 21-25, 2022 and the sirens will be tested on March 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Hansen thanked all the staff and volunteers for their assistance in the cleanup from the tornado.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk