

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6TH, 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 via an electronic meeting (pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8) because a meeting in person is impossible or impractical due to concerns for the health and safety of council members, staff, and the public due to COVID-19. Mayor Hansen presided. Present Council Members: Hallam, Stonner, George, Ervin, Trotter, Mullan. Absent: None.

Mayor Hansen proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month.

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

There was no citizen participation.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by George to approve consent agenda items 4-15.

4. March 16, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
5. Approve liquor license for the following: Git-n-Go #14, Renewal, BC0023153, 800 1st Ave. W., Class C Beer Permit (BC), Sunday Sales; Americrown, 5-day license effective 6/7/20, LCV91366, Iowa Speedway-3333 Rusty Wallace Drive, Class C liquor license (LC) (Commercial), Class B Native Wine Permit, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; Americrown, 5-day license effective 6/12/20, LCV91368, Iowa Speedway-3333 Rusty Wallace Drive, Class C liquor license (LC) (Commercial), Class B Native Wine Permit, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; Americrown, 5-day license effective 7/13/20, LCV91371, Iowa Speedway-3333 Rusty Wallace Drive, Class C liquor license (LC) (Commercial), Class B Native Wine Permit, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; Americrown, 5-day license effective 7/18/20, LCV91373, Iowa Speedway-3333 Rusty Wallace Drive, Class C liquor license (LC) (Commercial), Class B Native Wine Permit, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; Americrown, 5-day license effective 7/27/20, LCV91374, Iowa Speedway-3333 Rusty Wallace Drive, Class C liquor license (LC) (Commercial), Class B Native Wine Permit, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales; Americrown, 5-day license effective 8/1/20, LCV91376, Iowa Speedway-3333 Rusty Wallace Drive, Class C liquor license (LC) (Commercial), Class B Native Wine Permit, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales.
6. Resolution Levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement and providing for the payment thereof. (Schedule No. 20-01). Resolution 2020-069 adopted.
7. Resolution accepting completion of the Newton parks tree removal 2019 project. Resolution 2020-070 adopted.
8. Resolution approving the purchase of two (2) ¾-ton pickups for Public Works. Resolution 2020-071 adopted.
9. Resolution awarding the purchase of firefighter's protective equipment. Resolution 2020-072 adopted.
10. Resolution awarding the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus bottles. Resolution 2020-073 adopted.
11. Resolution setting the date for public hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$150,000. Resolution 2020-074 adopted.
12. Resolution setting the Date for Public Hearing to amend the Development Agreement with Hotel Maytag regarding loan. Resolution 2020-075 adopted.
13. Resolution Approving an Extension of the Payment Schedule for the Iowa Speedway from September 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Resolution 2020-076 adopted.
14. Resolutions directing the City Administrator to send a letter of correspondence to the Des Moines Area Community College Board of Directors regarding financial capacity in the North Central TIF District. Resolution 2020-077 adopted.
15. Approve Bills.

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

Moved by Ervin, seconded by Stonner to approve the Second Consideration of an Ordinance designating the name "John Jenkins CFLA Drive" for existing roadway in the City of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration was approved.

Moved by Stonner, seconded by Trotter to approve the Second Consideration of an Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title V Public Works, By Adding Chapter 53 Stormwater Utility. Council expressed concerns with implementing the Stormwater Utility during the Covid-19 hardship. Moved by Ervin, seconded by Mullan, to place the ordinance on hold for at least 90 days. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Motion to hold the ordinance for 90 days passed.

Moved by George, seconded by Hallam to approve the Second Consideration of an Ordinance amending and updating the Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 158, Zoning, Towers and Wind Energy Conversion Systems. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration was approved.

Moved by Trotter, seconded by Mullan to approve the Second Consideration of an Ordinance amending and updating The Code of Ordinances, City of Newton, Iowa, 2016, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 158: Zoning. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration was approved.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Hallam to approve the Second 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 300 block of East Second Street North and the 200 block of North Fourth Avenue East. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration was approved.

Moved by George, seconded by Stonner to approve the Second 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 on N 2nd Ave W 400-500 blocks. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Second Consideration was approved.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders, and ordering clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for receiving same, and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of costs for the Demolition 2020-02 Project. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-078 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Hallam to adopt a Resolution approving the D&D Grant Application for Acquisition and Demolition of 900 West 3rd Street South in Newton to FNNB Development Company. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-079 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for Iowa airport improvement program and certifying eligibility requirements. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-080 adopted.

Moved by Mullan, seconded by Stonner to adopt a Resolution approving an Engineering Services Agreement for the platting of new section V-3 in Newton Union Cemetery. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-081 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Hallam to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City of Newton dba Newton Fire Department to pay the State Share for the Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) Supplemental Reimbursement program to the Iowa Department of Human Services. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-082 adopted.

Moved by Hallam, seconded by George to adopt a Resolution approving Bond Purchase Agreement for the sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2020A thereunder. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-083 adopted.

Moved by George, seconded by Trotter to adopt a Resolution approving Bond Purchase Agreement for the sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2020B thereunder. AYES: Six. NAYS: None. Resolution 2020-084 adopted.

During Mayor/Council Comments Mayor Hansen indicated that the Governor continues to update the Public Health Emergency Proclamation and the City appreciates everyone's cooperation with social distancing and honoring the proclamation. The Mayor also enjoyed the Scoop the Loop activity. It was heart warming to see people coming out and enjoying the event. The Mayor addressed a recent news release on the Iowa Speedway. All professional sports have been affected by COVID-19 including the Speedway. He can respect their management decision. They have incorporated the Iowa Speedway under the management of the Kansas Speedway. The Mayor also updated the public on the status of Project Fastpitch. Like other businesses caught up in the pandemic, they are working to shore up their funding. George thanked citizens for finding creative ways to connect while social distancing and to continue supporting our businesses.

It was moved by Trotter, seconded by Hallam to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 P.M. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Michael L. Hansen, Mayor

Katrina Davis, City Clerk